

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 2, 1996**

**GLYNN CARVER  
CHAIRMAN**

**THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 2, 1996

Chairman Glynn Carver presiding.

Daniel Babin  
Jerald Hanchey  
Edmund McIlhenny  
Jeff Schneider  
Perry Gisclair  
Joseph Cormier

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Carver called for a motion for approval of the **April 11, 1996 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Gisclair and seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. The motion passed with no opposition.

**Safari Club Donation for Eagle Project** began with Secretary Jenkins stating the Club has been very generous in the past and then he introduced Mr. Lloyd Songe. Mr. Songe stated they were donating \$2,500 to continue an eagle nest project that was begun last year. Hopefully, next year an observation tower could be erected so the public could view the birds in their natural habitat. Chairman Carver thanked Mr. Songe for the contribution.

**The Presentation of Data and Declaration of Emergency to Set 1996 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season** was handled by Mr. Corky Perret. He expressed his appreciation to Nichols State University for allowing the meeting to be held in Peltier Auditorium free of charge. The discussion began with overheads of production landings from 1980 through 1995; production by month for 1995 as compared with 1994 production and a mean for years 1987 through 1995; catch of shrimp taken in Louisiana waters but landed anywhere; and shrimp gear license sales for 1975 through 1995.

Next, Mr. Perret presented hydrological information that impacts the spring shrimp crop. Graphs showed rainfall for southeast Louisiana; amount of discharge for the Mississippi River system; monthly and daily salinity for the northern and southern Barataria Bay system; water temperatures by month and by day during March and April for the southern Barataria Bay system; tidal range for March and April; brown shrimp nursery acreage for April; and a map showing the monitoring sampling stations. Mr. Perret kept stating the salinity from the Mississippi River west was better than that on the eastern side of the River. The next set of graphs pertained to the catch of shrimp in test samples such as postlarval

catch taken with a small mesh plankton net. For the beginning months of 1996, there was an increase in recruitment over last year, but with cold fronts moving in and low tides during March the increase has not continued. Data from 6' trawl tests by numbers and mean size were shown as well as catch per effort in a ten minute test from across the state. A map showing the three shrimp zones was shown. Then a chart for each zone and a statewide chart was shown displaying when marketable size shrimp (100 count) would cross the 50 percent criteria line. The final graph shown was on the predicted tidal range for Barataria Pass. After discussing the data with the staff, Mr. Perret stated they recommended May 29, 1996, at 6 a.m. as opening date for all three zones. Mr. Perret thanked the staff on behalf of Mr. Jenkins and himself for the good job they did compiling the data. Chairman Carver then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. George Barisich asked Mr. Perret if they expected an increase in the shrimp if the weather conditions changed. Mr. Perret stated the weather had to stabilize and the shrimp would increase in size and then he hoped with southeast winds, additional recruitment would come into the areas. Mr. Barisich concluded by agreeing with the May 29, 1996, opening as long as it was a statewide opening.

Mr. Charlie Sanable, a commercial fisherman, asked if the fishermen would have their 50 days of fishing the inside waters or would they close July 1. Mr. Perret answered there was no law that required any number of days for shrimping. Mr. Sanable then stated the shrimpers could not make a living in just a couple of weeks. Mr. Perret explained the different circumstances that could occur with an earlier opening.

Mr. Gary Muke, representing the Gulf Coast Commercial Coalition, stated they were originally going to ask for an earlier opening date, but with the information presented and the economic hardships from Act 1316, he was now requesting the season to open on May 27 for Zone 2. Then Mr. Muke spoke about a previous law of opening the shrimp season no later than May 25 and then he asked the Commissioners to think about the economic hardships that has been placed on the industry.

Mr. Richard Cheramie, a commercial fisherman, stated he knew of an instance when the season opened late and there was only three-quarters of the shrimp population left. If the fronts do not continue to move into the state, Mr. Cheramie felt the shrimp would get bigger faster than predicted. He requested opening the season on May 27.

Mr. Donald Cheramie, a commercial fisherman, stated their biggest problem was the few shrimp that have come inshore were being eaten by the redfish and speckled trout. He asked Mr. Perret where shrimp lay their postlarvae eggs. Mr. Perret stated the

shrimp are spawning offshore and the larvae are coming inshore to grow. Then Mr. Cheramie asked if the 78 to 80 percent escapement rate on redfish from state waters to federal waters could be harming the shrimp population. He asked if a quota on redfish would help the shrimp and would the Commission look into giving the fishermen a redfish quota.

Mr. George Terrebonne, The Seafood Shed, stated every year they buy shrimp larger than the 80 to 100 count at the opening of the season. He recommended opening the season on May 20.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, asked for his section of Zone 1 (Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain area) to open as late as possible so the shrimp would be marketable and at the right price.

Mr. Ronald Adams, Delta Commercial Fishermen's Association, stated that with a late opening, the first crop had already left and the fishermen lost the best part of the season. Then he reminded the Commissioners of a late opening one year and how it was changed when the Passes started producing larger shrimp. He asked the Commission to consider opening on May 20 or May 22 in Zone 2.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, asked Mr. Perret if the predicted size was based on the basic 1 1/2 mm of growth per day and the average temperature and salinity. Mr. Perret answered yes. In Zone 1, there would only be 3 to 5 percent of the shrimp that would be at least 100 count during the last week of May. His organization's recommendation was to open no earlier than June 3rd. But if there was a statewide opening, make sure the whole state was ready. Mr. Dekemel then explained why the May 25th required opening date was removed from the law books. He concluded stating if the Commission wanted a statewide opening, go with the Department's recommendation of May 29th.

Mrs. Marilyn Rotolo, Louisiana Seafood Management Council, recommended a split opening with Zone 2 opening no later than May 22. If the date is later than the 22nd, they felt the first crop of shrimp would be offshore and the fishermen would suffer. Then she asked if the embargo went into effect on imported shrimp. Mr. Perret assumed it went into effect and then he explained the embargo for the Commissioners information.

Mr. Timmy Cheramie, a commercial fisherman, stated he felt the larger boats were not worried about the size of the shrimp and that the shrimp would be moving offshore.

Mr. Donald Lirette, Terrebonne Fisherman's Organization, stated their organization will be pushing legislation next year for a Gulf-wide closure of the shrimp season during the winter months.

The reason was to protect the brown and white shrimp when they are laying eggs, to protect the white shrimp when they are recruiting into the marsh and because of the controversy over opening and closing the May season. He felt May 20 or May 22 would be a fair opening date for everyone.

An unidentified commercial fisherman recommended opening the season on May 20.

Concluding the public comments, Chairman Carver stated it was difficult and impossible to please everyone. Commissioner Gisclair noted that Zone 1 jumps from 5 percent to 63 percent in just one week. He asked, does the percentage increase as you get closer to the end of the week? Then he asked, in comparing Zone 2 with 81 percent on June 3 and Zone 3 with 93 percent on June 3, was this because of the projected conditions? After hearing no further discussion, Commissioner McIlhenny made a motion to accept the Department's recommendation to open the shrimp season statewide at 6 a.m. on May 29, 1996. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Mr. Perret read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50 percent or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

**WHEREAS,** current biological data show that at least 50 percent of the 1996 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 29, 1996; in Zone 2 by May 29, 1996; and in Zone 3 by May 29, 1996, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996, Zone 2 at 6 a.m.; May 29, 1996 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp.

Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries  
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1996 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi state line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996; and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, to open at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996; and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas state line, to open at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any zone or portion of the State's water to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

Notice of Intent on the Oyster Lease Moratorium was the next item handled by Mr. Phil Bowman. Mr. Bowman reminded everyone of a presentation made by the Departments of Wildlife and Fisheries and Natural Resources at the April Commission Meeting on coastal restoration and how it affects oyster leasing. A moratorium on the taking of new oyster lease applications was recommended to the Commission. Since the April meeting, additional information was supplied to the Commissioners and Mr. Bowman was once again asking for approval of a resolution by the Commission. Chairman Carver complemented everyone involved that supplied the additional

information and felt they understood the situation better. Commissioner Babin stated he appreciated receiving the additional information also and after talking with a number of people in the industry, the majority of those people were in favor of the resolution. Mr. Bowman read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. Commissioner Cormier asked if the Agreement would be voted on at the same time. Chairman Carver stated that was in the packets for information only. Mr. Bowman asked the Commission when they do accept the Resolution that it also include the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Schneider accepted the motion to include the Resolution and Notice of Intent. Commissioner McIlhenny seconded the motion. Before voting on this motion, Chairman Carver asked for public comments.

Mr. Ralph Pausina, Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, stated they met with the interested parties and worked out some confusing information. So, in an effort to proceed with timely coastal restoration, they supported the resolution.

Mr. George Barisich, United Commercial Fisherman's Association, supported the resolution in the new form. But he did ask if fishermen that made application within the past two years and already had their grounds surveyed would see an increase in the timetable of getting their leases to them. Mr. Bowman stated the resolution does not impact those applications that have already been accepted by the Survey Section.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 2, 1996

#### Moratorium on New Oyster Lease Applications, For New Acreage

**WHEREAS,** the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries pursuant to R.S. 56:425 has the authority to lease state waterbottoms to residents of the state for the purpose of oyster cultivation, and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Natural Resources is in the process of constructing coastal restoration projects to conserve and restore coastal vegetated wetlands, and

**WHEREAS,** the restoration of these vegetated wetlands will benefit the fish and wildlife resources of the state, and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of saltwater intrusion, the areas of optimum oyster production have shifted northward, and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of these coastal restoration projects the area of optimum oyster production may change, and

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to develop a mechanism to value areas as to their suitability for oyster production, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Natural Resources hosted a workshop that was attended by representatives of the Louisiana Oyster Industry as well as representatives of academia and private industry, and

**WHEREAS,** one of the consensus recommendations of the workshop was to have a moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications for new acreage through January 1, 1997, and

**WHEREAS,** in order to set up the relocation areas, mitigation methodologies and recommend legislative changes that may be necessary, it will be necessary to extend the moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications through January 4, 1998,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a moratorium on the taking of new oyster lease applications for new acreage through January 4, 1998, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission directs the Secretary to immediately cease the acceptance and processing of new oyster lease applications for new acreage.

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Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend LAC 76:VII.500 relative to the oyster lease moratorium.

**Title 76**

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§500. Oyster Lease Moratorium

A. A moratorium on the taking of new oyster lease applications for new acreage is established and will extend through January 4, 1998.

B. The moratorium for the taking of oyster lease applications established by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in 1996 will be lifted on January 5, 1998. At that time, applications for oyster leases will be accepted in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations and the procedures set out below. One week prior to the date the moratorium is lifted, the date, time and place where applications are to be taken will be publicly advertised. For the purpose of and only for the purpose of this lifting of the moratorium, the New Orleans Canal Street Office will not be the site for taking applications.

C. On the date for taking of applications only one applicant at a time will be allowed in to the office and this applicant will be allowed to take only one application. Each applicant will have 15 minutes to designate the area he wishes to apply for.

D. After the applicant pays the application and survey fees, he may return to the end of the line for another application.

E. Applications will be taken 24 hours a day (on a first come basis) until the Department feels the influx of people can be handled during regular office hours at the New Orleans Office, at which time anyone will be able to take an application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:808 (August 1991); amended LR 22:

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amended rule to Mr. Philip Bowman, Programs Manager, Marine Fisheries

Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 1996.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

After taking a break, **Rule Ratification for Eagle Lake Black Bass Regulations** was handled by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. The request was to extend the requirement of a 14 inch minimum size on black bass in Eagle Lake. Eagle Lake, a border lake between Mississippi and Louisiana, was in a rehabilitation process and in order to get the bass to a quality size, the minimum size needed to be extended until December 31, 1998. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adopt the rule and was seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. Hearing no discussion or public comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

**RULE**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby amends the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

**Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing**

**§169. Black Bass Regulations, Eagle Lake**

The size regulation for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana is as follows:

It shall be unlawful to take or possess, while on the water or while fishing in the water, black bass less than 14 inches total length on Eagle Lake, located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana. This rule will expire at midnight, December 31, 1998.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), 325(C), 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:909 (July 1993), amended LR 21:477 (May 1995), LR 22: (May 1996).

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

A **Catfish Task Force Report** began with Mr. Arthur Williams reminding the Commission that in August 1994 they directed the Department to form this Task Force. The resolution directed the Department to address channel catfish, establish a management plan for channel and blue catfish and to conduct a social and economic study on channel catfish. The first meeting held was on March 23, 1995, and developed an objective to design an optimum yield. The task force was divided into four subcommittees, namely aquaculture, common market, unique market and recreational. Six motions were adopted by the Catfish Task Force.

1. Create a special catfish management zone that would take in the Lake Des Allemands area;
2. Obtain written commitments from appropriate District Attorneys that they would enforce any special stipulations that the Task Force would recommend;
3. If a dealer did business in the special management zone, they must process their fish in that area;
4. Request legislature to require issuance of numbered tags with recreational hoop net and slat trap licenses;
5. Department of Health certification number must be included in all invoices involved in catfish transactions; and
6. Sportfish cannot be in the possession of an individual that possesses commercial or recreational nets.

Mr. Williams then commented the only action the Commission can take would be on the special catfish management zone. However, he let it be known the Task Force was adamant that if the commitments were not received from the District Attorneys, they would not make a recommendation. Mr. Williams stated he only received a commitment from three, and no correspondence from the other three. Commissioner Schneider asked if they have contacted the other District Attorneys to see if they would help? Mr. Williams stated he was not going to seek out the District Attorneys, what they planned to do was to provide a copy of the action from the Task Force to the Commission and ask the pleasure of the Commission. Commissioner Schneider stated he knows the Task Force did a lot of work and he would like to see their work carried through. Chairman Carver stated it would be good to receive the information from the Task Force, let the Commission study it and then put the item back

on the agenda to find out the pleasure of the Commission. Commissioner Babin asked if the information would be available before the June Commission Meeting? Chairman Carver stated the item would be placed on the agenda for June.

**Review of Grass Carp Benefits at Caney Lake** was placed on the agenda by Commissioner Schneider and he asked for someone to explain how grass carp were doing. Mr. Bennie Fontenot stated grass carp did too good of a job. Commissioner Schneider then asked if the Department was real conservative about stocking them. Mr. Fontenot then explained that in July 1989 the Department treated about 40 acres of hydrilla and felt it was under control. But in June 1990, there was another 395 acres and this acreage was treated. In June 1992, the hydrilla had spread to 500 acres and by October 1993, it spread to 1,500 acres. The lake could not be drawn down to control the hydrilla due to the watershed, so they developed a management plan to stock grass carp. In February 1994, 8 fish per vegetative acre of grass carp was stocked and results were seen within 1 year and 5 months. The staff and other scientists felt there was more to this tremendous decline in hydrilla besides just the grass carp. There were several tests done on the hydrilla to determine what type it was and the type of fungi on them. One year there was a plankton bloom that stopped light penetration that the Department felt slowed the growth of the hydrilla. The last sample was taken the week prior to the Commission Meeting and there was still no submergent vegetation. Mr. Fontenot stated the staff wanted to continue sampling through June 30 and then they would probably start removing the grass carp from the lake. He then explained the tremendous problems that could result from hydrilla. Commissioner McIlhenny asked how would the grass carp be caught. Mr. Fontenot explained several methods and stated he would keep the Commission informed of what goes on. Then Commissioner McIlhenny asked if these fish would be sold to Chinese restaurants. Chairman Carver asked Mr. Fontenot to explain what monocious and diecious fish meant. Then Chairman Carver stated he has read the management plan and discussed the lake with Mr. Fontenot and he too felt there were other factors that are influencing the disappearance of hydrilla. Chairman Carver then asked how large were the grass carp now, how was it determined how many grass carp were stocked per grass acre and would eventually some of the grass carp have to be removed. Mr. Fontenot admitted the staff had a lot to learn about grass carp.

**Special Disabled Hunter Season** was presented by Mr. Tommy Prickett. He reminded the Commissioners he presented a Notice of Intent last month on special rules for handicapped hunters. A statewide handicapped season was part of the Notice of Intent and Mr. Prickett asked the Commissioners to include this season of October 12 and October 13 in with the hunting season recommendations. This season would occur on private lands statewide. Also, handicapped hunters would have a separate season for the Wildlife Management Areas and Kisatchie National Forest.

The department's role would be to act as a go between with the DMAP Clubs and the handicapped hunters. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to add this new season to the hunting recommendations and seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. This motion passed with no opposition.

Chairman Carver stated the **Adjustments in Proposals for 1996-97 Deer Hunting Seasons** was an item he has worked with Mr. Hugh Bateman on and he appreciated Mr. Bateman's patience and understanding. These adjustments have been made as a result of public comments. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated that on April 23 a memorandum was sent to the Commissioners listing several options to adjust the deer hunting seasons. He asked the Commission to notify the public of the following changes: readjust the special muzzleloader season in Area 1 to November 9 through November 15, still hunt would be November 16 through December 1 and January 4 through January 19, with or without dogs from December 7 through January 3; Area 2 muzzleloader season would be October 19 through October 25, still hunt would be October 26 through December 6, and with or without dogs from December 7 through January 5; Area 3, muzzleloader season would be from October 12 through October 18, still hunt from October 19 through December 6 and December 7 through January 5; Area 4, muzzleloader season November 16 through November 22, and still hunt from November 23 through January 5; Area 5, muzzleloader season from November 16 through November 22 for bucks only, and still hunt of November 23 through December 1; Area 6, muzzleloader season will be from November 9 through November 15, with or without dogs from December 7 through January 19; Area 7, muzzleloader season will be from October 12 through October 18; still hunt from October 19 through November 3 and November 16 through December 1 and with or without dogs from December 14 through January 19. One other change that will occur would be moving the boundary line of Area 1 further west to include portions of Caldwell, Catahoula, LaSalle, Grant, Rapides and Avoyelles Parishes. He then requested the Commission to adopt these changes. Commissioner McIlhenny asked if these changes took care of opening the deer season on a Saturday. Commissioner Hanchey asked if Area 1 would open for with or without dogs on January 7 or December 7. Mr. Bateman answered it was December 7. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the changes as read and it was seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. This motion passed with no opposition.

**Results of 1996 Spring Turkey Hunting Season** began with Mr. Hugh Bateman stating he has great respect for the turkey season and it was one of the fastest growing sports in Louisiana. The cold spring affected the turkey hunting by delaying the birds activity as much as two weeks. Hunting success was probably down this year and more information would be presented at the June Commission Meeting. A list of 20 Wildlife Management Areas and the turkeys harvested was presented to the Commissioners for their information. A total of 227 male turkeys were taken this spring from

approximately 7,000 hunters. Commissioner McIlhenny asked what was the biggest turkey taken. Some drastic changes occurred with this spring season in how the public lands were managed, stated Mr. Bateman. Total kill from the Wildlife Management Areas was down about 30 percent partly because of the bag limit being reduced from 3 birds to 1 bird. Mr. Bateman concluded noting the Department would continue working on this resource on the public areas to make them as good as any area in the southeast.

Mr. Hugh Bateman began the **Public Comments, 1996-97 Resident Game Hunting Season Proposals** stating the Department has received 60 letters regarding these proposals. A package would be compiled for the Commissioners and sent to them prior to the June Commission Meeting.

A **Notice of Intent on the Timken Wildlife Management Area Regulations** was presented by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. Timken WMA is an island of about 4,000 acres of freshwater marsh adjacent to Salvador WMA. This area is heavily utilized by the public especially for freshwater fishing as well as duck and deer hunting. These rules for which Mr. Tarver was requesting approval are similar to the rules in place for Salvador WMA. Chairman Carver asked if a motion was needed to accept the rules. Commissioner McIlhenny made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

#### NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses its intent to adopt a rule establishing visitor regulations for Timken Wildlife Management Area.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

#### Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

#### §327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

#### A. Visitors Regulations

1. Morning hunting only on all game (closed 12 noon). All nighttime activities prohibited (including frogging) from 30 minutes after official sunset to one and one-half hours before sunrise.

2. Basic resident and non-resident hunting licenses will serve as season permits on Timken Wildlife Management Area (hereinafter "Timken"). If daily permits are required, they may be obtained from permit stations located on or near Timken. Hunters must check out daily one-half hour after the end of the legal shooting hours.

3. All hunting seasons are set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the department in emergency situations (floods, disease outbreaks or other critical circumstances).

4. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in boats under motor power on Timken. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours. Bows and arrows are not permitted on Timken except during regular archery season or except as permitted for bowfishing. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists. Loaded firearms are not permitted near check stations or headquarters facility. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on Timken.

5. Construction of and hunting from permanent blinds on Timken is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be destroyed. A permanent blind or stand is defined as any structure and/or material, including vegetation, used for concealment while hunting, that is not completely dismantled or removed from the wildlife management area daily. All waterfowl hunters must dismantle blinds and remove decoys within 30 minutes after close of shooting hours. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (hereinafter "Department") and disposed of by the Department.

6. Except for bird hunting, duck hunting, and rabbit hunting when allowed, having or using dogs on Timken is prohibited. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on Timken during experimental rabbit season.

7. Commercial fishing is prohibited.

8. Recreational Fishing

a. Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season 10 pounds per boat per day, heads on may be taken for bait.

b. Oysters may be taken from natural reefs and opened at the site. A maximum of one gallon per boat is permitted and all shell must be thrown back onto the reef. Possession of unshucked oysters is not permitted. Taking of oysters on the reef is dependent upon Department of Health and Hospitals' approval and may be closed at any time by the Department.

c. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

d. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

e. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

f. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, oysters, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

9. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches are prohibited.

10. Pulling boats over levees, dams, or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

11. The use of airboats, aircraft, hover craft, all-terrain vehicles and all-terrain cycles and motorcycles are prohibited except as specifically authorized by Department personnel.

12. Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited. Possession of controlled dangerous substances (drugs) onto the wildlife management area is prohibited. All boats and vehicles are subject to search by authorized employees of the Department at anytime.

13. Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Department.

14. Burning of the marshes is prohibited. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department at anytime. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs and wild plants on Timken without prior approval is prohibited.

15. No littering allowed.

16. Violation of any part of this section constitutes a class two violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to James Manning, Assistant Administrator, Fur & Refuge Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 1996.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

The presentation of a **Notice of Intent for the Waddill Wildlife Refuge** was also handled by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. Waddill Refuge is located in the northeast section of East Baton Rouge Parish and is comprised of 237 acres. A history of the area was given by Mr. Tarver. The Department took over the area and decided to develop a series of nature trails and a nature center to house educational type classes. Improvements made and those that are continuing to be made were explained by Mr. Tarver. These rules requested by Mr. Tarver to be adopted are the first to be implemented for this area and are necessary to properly enforce the activities that may occur on the area. Commissioner McIlhenny made a motion to adopt the regulations as provided. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey and also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses its intent to adopt a rule establishing visitor regulations for Waddill Wildlife Refuge.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

§325. Waddill Wildlife Refuge

A. Purpose. Waddill Wildlife Refuge will be actively managed as a wildlife educational and learning area for youth groups, nonconsumptive users, and as a hunter safety and aquatic education training center. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and utilization of this refuge have been adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the refuge.

B. General

1. Access to the refuge will only be allowed through the front entrance bordering Flannery Road. All visitors will sign the register at the front office. A group of individuals may have a representative sign for the group by indicating the number in the group. Individuals less than 16 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by a person 18 years of age or older.

2. Vehicles are allowed only in designated areas and must park in provided spaces. ATV's, trail bikes, horses and mules are strictly prohibited. Restricted areas will be established for specific activities and visitors will not enter these areas unless they are part of the specific activity allowing access to that area.

3. All dogs are prohibited unless participating in a Department-sponsored activity, such as a retriever demonstration during an educational activity. All dogs running at large are prohibited; and the owner or handler of said dogs will be held

liable for any personal injury or property damage, and will be subject to criminal citation.

4. Citizens are cautioned that by entering the refuge they or their vehicles may be subject to license checks, inspections and searches. Wildlife Officers will have the duty and right to restrict access to the refuge as necessary.

5. Refuge hours will be set by the Fur & Refuge Division (hereinafter "Division") and will be posted at the entrance. All visitors will abide by the posted hours. Educational activities may be held outside the normal open hours of the refuge by prior arrangement and permission of the Division. All participants of these activities will confine their use of the refuge to the designated area of the activity.

6. Hunting, pursuing, killing, molesting, or intentionally disturbing any type of wildlife is prohibited; provided that the Department may conduct activities necessary to properly manage wildlife on the area.

7. Camping is prohibited; provided that the Division is authorized to establish and maintain specific camping areas for use by organized groups under policy established by the Division. If areas are established, they will not be used by the public.

8. Littering is prohibited. Visitors must remove their litter or place litter in appropriate litter disposal containers.

9. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, flowers, or wild plants is strictly prohibited.

10. The possession of firearms, bows, liquor and controlled dangerous substances by the public on the refuge is prohibited; provided that the Division is authorized to construct, maintain and operate ranges, in which case, shotguns and bows will be permitted under guidelines developed by the Division.

11. Access to all nature trails is limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATV's, trail bikes, horses or mules are allowed. Individuals utilizing the nature trails must remain on the designated trail. No picnicking is allowed on the trails. All trash must be disposed of in designated litter containers.

12. Individual groups may submit written requests to reserve a specific part of the refuge for a special group event. The remaining unreserved portion of the refuge shall be open to the public.

13. Violation of any part of this section constitutes a class two violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

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Glynn Carver  
Chairman

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for April was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of April.

Region I - Minden - 70 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 102 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 150 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 67 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 158 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 162 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 169 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 182 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 175 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 68 citations.

Special Investigation Section - 28 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 29 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 48 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of April was 1,240.

An Enforcement Aviation Report was also given by Col. Winton Vidrine. He stated for April 1996, Enforcement Division flew three airplanes for a total of 138.1 hours and a total of 187 citations were issued. Commissioner Gisclair asked Col. Vidrine if the residents of Louisiana were benefiting from the commercial fishery of mussel, are the majority of fishermen non-residents coming into Louisiana, and if citations were issued to both residents and non-residents.

Having no **Division Reports**, Chairman Carver went on to the next agenda item.

**Reschedule June 1996 Commission Meeting** began with Chairman Carver explaining why the meeting, originally set for Toledo Bend, was being moved. Two reasons were the facilities not being complete and the lake being down at the present time. The Commissioners then agreed to hold the meeting on June 6, 1996, in the Baton Rouge office.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **September 1996 Meeting** on Thursday, September 5, 1996 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge office.

Chairman Carver then asked for **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Babin made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Schneider.

  
James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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### OUTDOORS/FINE POINTS/RACING

# LWFC alters dates for state's deer hunting season

**BY JOE MACALUSO**  
Advocate outdoors writer

**THIBODAUX** — Responding to public criticism about season dates announced in March, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Wildlife Division has changed several dates for the 1996-97 gun season for whitetail deer.

The changes, which affect Baton Rouge-area hunters, were approved at Thursday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

Virtually all the muzzleloader-only dates for the state's seven deer-hunting areas were altered, changes that should please the state's growing number of primitive-weapon hunters. In all cases, muzzleloader hunters will, by purchasing a special license, get a one-week headstart on gun hunters.

Hunters in Areas 1 and 6, which hunt in Areas 1 and 6, which

take in lands in and around Baton Rouge, have had their season dates changed, too. It affects only those hunters who use dogs to hunt deer.

Instead of the originally-proposed Monday, Dec. 9 start of the "dog" season, Wildlife Division biologists offered a Saturday, Dec. 7 opening day. This change was made possible by acceding to the wishes of the muzzleload hunters, who asked for a special seven-day season before the start of the gun season.

In Areas 1 and 6, the muzzleloader-only season was moved from the first week in December to Nov. 9-15. The still-hunt only gun season opens in both areas on Nov. 16.

The division stuck with the Dec. 2-8 muzzleloader season on selected state wildlife management areas, on the Kisatchie National Forest, and preserves and on federal refuges in the state.

Also included was a special handicapped-deer hunt weekend on private land for Oct. 12-13.

The LWFC voted in the changes, though no dates on resident game — deer, squirrels, rabbits and quail — will be finalized until the commission meets on July 9 in Baton Rouge.

"We wanted to get these changes on the record in time so that hunters could take a look at the new dates and have time to draw up comments," said Wildlife Division administrator Hugh Bateman. "We took a look at several options and we believe we came up with good solutions for all concerned."

In other action, the commission's 7-0 vote ordered LDWF secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. and the department to stop taking applications for new oyster leases on state-owned waterbottoms.

The resolution stems from an agreement worked out by the LDWF, the state Department of Natural Resources and oyster fishermen that will ban new oyster grounds leases until data can be compiled on new oyster-producing grounds in areas where the state is using freshwater diversion projects to restore Louisiana's vanishing coastline. The new-license moratorium will run through Jan. 4, 1998.

In other LWFC action, the Safari Club presented the LDWF with \$2,500 to continue funding the state's eagle nest project; voted to continue a 14-inch limit on Eagle Lake; approved Notices of Intent for rules on the new Timkin and Waddell wildlife management areas; learned that enforcement agents wrote 1,240 citations in April, including apprehension of two men agents allege were trying to sell two stolen white

alligators; and, changed the site of its June 6 meeting from Toledo Bend to Baton Rouge, where it will also hold its Sept. 5 meeting.

## 1996-97 DEER DATES

THIBODAUX — Revised proposed whitetail deer hunting dates for the 1996-97 season in Louisiana's seven deer hunting areas. Public comment will be accepted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries through June. The season will come up for a final Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission vote in July.

### STATEWIDE

Archery season, Oct. 1-Jan. 31; Special Handicapped Hunters season on private land, Oct. 12-13; Special Muzzleloader Season, Dec. 26 on state wildlife management areas, the Kisatchie National Forest and preserves and federal refuges.

### GUN SEASONS

AREA 1 — Nov. 9-15 (muzzleloader/hunt only, either-sex hunting); Nov. 16-Dec. 1 (still-hunt only); Dec. 7-Jan. 3 (with or without dogs); Jan. 4-19 (still-hunt only).

AREA 2 — Oct. 19-25 (muzzleloader/hunt only, either-sex hunting); Oct. 26-Dec. 6 (still-hunt only); Dec. 7-Jan. 5 (with or without dogs).

AREA 3 — Oct. 12-18 (muzzleloader-hunt only, either-sex hunting); Nov. 23-Jan. 5 (still-hunt only).

AREA 4 — Nov. 16-22 (muzzleloader-hunt only, bucks-only hunting); Nov. 23-Dec. 1 (still-hunt only).

AREA 5 — Nov. 8-15 (muzzleloader-hunt only, either-sex hunting); Nov. 16-Dec. 1 (still-hunt only); Dec. 7-Jan. 19 (with or without dogs).

AREA 6 — Oct. 12-18 (muzzleloader-hunt only, either-sex hunting); Oct. 19-Nov. 3 (still-hunt only); Nov. 16-Dec. 1 (still-hunt only); Dec. 14-Jan. 19 (with or without dogs).

NOTE: Special Youth & Handicapped Hunters hunts, Oct. 12-13 on Kisatchie National Forest preserves; Oct. 19-26 & Nov. 9-10 on selected state wildlife management areas.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, May 2, 1996

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INFORMATION &  
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Chairman Glynn Carver presiding.

Daniel Babin  
Jerald Hanchey  
Edmund McIlhenny  
Jeff Schneider  
Perry Gisclair  
Joseph Cormier

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Carver called for a motion for approval of the **April 11, 1996 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Gisclair and seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. The motion passed with no opposition.

**Safari Club Donation for Eagle Project** began with Secretary Jenkins stating the Club has been very generous in the past and then he introduced Mr. Lloyd Songe. Mr. Songe stated they were donating \$2,500 to continue an eagle nest project that was begun last year. Hopefully, next year an observation tower could be erected so the public could view the birds in their natural habitat. Chairman Carver thanked Mr. Songe for the contribution.

The **Presentation of Data and Declaration of Emergency to Set 1996 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season** was handled by Mr. Corky Perret. He expressed his appreciation to Nichols State University for allowing the meeting to be held in Peltier Auditorium free of charge. The discussion began with overheads of production landings from 1980 through 1995; production by month for 1995 as compared with 1994 production and a mean for years 1987 through 1995; catch of shrimp taken in Louisiana waters but landed anywhere; and shrimp gear license sales for 1975 through 1995.

Next, Mr. Perret presented hydrological information that impacts the spring shrimp crop. Graphs showed rainfall for southeast Louisiana; amount of discharge for the Mississippi River system; monthly and daily salinity for the northern and southern Barataria Bay system; water temperatures ~~by month and daily~~ *by day* during March and April for the southern Barataria Bay system; tidal range for March and April; brown shrimp nursery acreage for April; and a map showing the monitoring sampling stations. Mr. Perret kept stating the salinity from the Mississippi River west was better than that on the eastern side of the River. The next set of graphs pertained to the catch of shrimp in test samples such as postlarval

catch taken with a small mesh plankton net. For the beginning months of 1996, there was an increase in recruitment over last year, but with cold fronts moving in and low tides during March the increase has not continued. Data from 6' trawl tests by numbers and mean size were shown as well as catch per effort in a ten minute test from across the state. A map showing the three shrimp zones was shown. Then a chart for each zone and a statewide chart was shown displaying when marketable size shrimp (100 count) would cross the 50 percent criteria line. The final graph shown was on the predicted tidal range for Baratataria Pass. After discussing the data with the staff, Mr. Perret stated they recommended May 29, 1996 at 6 a.m. as opening date for all three zones. Mr. Perret thanked the staff on behalf of Mr. Jenkins and himself for the good job they did compiling the data. Chairman Carver then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. George Barisich asked Mr. Perret if they expected an increase in the shrimp if the weather conditions changed? Mr. Perret stated the weather had to stabilize and the shrimp would increase in size and then he hoped with southeast winds, additional recruitment would come into the areas. Mr. Barisich concluded agreeing with the May 29, 1996 opening as long as it was a statewide opening.

Mr. Charlie Sanable, a commercial fisherman, asked if the fishermen would have their 50 days of fishing the inside waters or would they close July? Mr. Perret answered there was no law that required any number of days for shrimping. Mr. Sanable then stated the shrimpers could not make a living in just a couple of weeks. Mr. Perret explained the different circumstances that could occur with an earlier opening.

Mr. Gary Muke, representing the Gulf Coast Commercial Coalition, stated they were originally going to ask for an earlier opening date, but with the information presented and the economic hardships from Act 1316, he was now requesting the season to open on May 27 for Zone 2. Then Mr. Muke spoke about a previous law of opening the shrimp season no later than May 25 and then he asked the Commissioners to think about the economic hardships that has been placed on the industry.

Mr. Richard Cheramie, a commercial fisherman, stated he knew of an instance when the season opened late and there was only three-quarters of the shrimp population left. If the fronts do not continue to move into the state, Mr. Cheramie felt the shrimp would get bigger faster than predicted. He requested opening the season on May 27.

Mr. Donald Cheramie, a commercial fisherman, stated their biggest problem was the few shrimp that have come inshore were being eaten by the redfish and speckled trout. He asked Mr. Perret where do shrimp lay their postlarvae eggs? Mr. Perret stated the

shrimp are spawning offshore and the larvae are going inshore to grow. Then Mr. Cheramie asked <sup>if</sup> with the 78 to 80% <sup>percent</sup> escapement rate on redfish from state waters to federal waters, could this be harming the shrimp population. He asked if a quota on redfish would help the shrimp and would the Commission look into giving the fishermen a redfish quota.

Mr. George Terrebonne, The Seafood Shed, stated every year they buy shrimp larger than the 80 to 100 count at the opening of the season. He recommended opening the season on May 20.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, asked for his section of Zone 1 (Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain area) to open as late as possible so the shrimp would be marketable and at the right price.

<sup>chat</sup> Mr. Ronald Adams, Delta Commercial Fishermen's Association, stated with a late opening, the first crop had already left and the fishermen have lost the best part of the season. Then he reminded the Commissioners of a late opening one year, and how it was changed when the Passes started producing larger shrimp. He asked the Commission to consider opening on May 20 or May 22 in Zone 2.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, asked Mr. Perret if the predicted size was based on the basic 1 1/2 mm of growth per day and the average temperature and salinity? Mr. Perret answered yes. In Zone 1, there would only be 3 to 5 percent of the shrimp that would be at least 100 count during the last week of May. His organization's recommendation was to open no earlier than June 3rd. But if there was a statewide opening, make sure the whole state was ready. Mr. Dekemel then explained why the May 25th required opening date was removed from the law books. He concluded stating if the Commission wanted a statewide opening, go with the Department's recommendation of May 29th.

Mrs. Marilyn Rotolo, Louisiana Seafood Management Council, recommended a split opening with Zone 2 opening no later than May 22. If the date is later than the 22nd, they felt the first crop of shrimp would be offshore and the fishermen would suffer. Then she asked if the embargo went into effect on imported shrimp? Mr. Perret assumed it went into effect and then he explained the embargo for the Commissioners information.

Mr. Timmy Cheramie, a commercial fisherman, stated he felt the larger boats were not worried about the size of the shrimp and that the shrimp would be moving offshore.

Mr. Donald Lirette, Terrebonne Fisherman's Organization, stated their organization will be pushing legislation next year for a gulfwide closure of the shrimp season during the winter months.

The reason was to protect the brown and white shrimp when they are laying eggs, to protect the white shrimp when they are recruiting into the marsh and because of the controversy over opening and closing the May season. He felt May 20 or May 22 would be a fair opening date for everyone.

An unidentified commercial fisherman recommended opening the season on May 20.

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Concluding the public comments, Chairman Carver stated it was difficult and impossible to please everyone. Commissioner Gisclair ~~was in~~ Zone 1 ~~was~~ jumps from 5 percent to 63 percent in just one week. *percent* Does the percentage increase as you get closer to the end of the week? Then he asked, in comparing Zone 2 with 81% on June 3 and Zone 3 with 97% on June 3, was this because of the projected conditions? After hearing no further discussion, Commissioner McIlhenny made a motion to accept the Department's recommendation to open the shrimp season statewide at 6 a.m. on May 29, 1996. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. Mr. Perret read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50 percent or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

**WHEREAS,** current biological data show that at least 50 percent of the 1996 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 29, 1996; in Zone 2 by May 29, 1996; and in Zone 3 by May 29, 1996, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996, Zone 2 at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp.

Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries  
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1996 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi state line to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996; and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, to open at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996; and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas state line, to open at 6 a.m., May 29, 1996.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any zone or portion of the State's water to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

**Notice of Intent on the Oyster Lease Moratorium** was the next item handled by Mr. Phil Bowman. Mr. Bowman reminded everyone of a presentation made by the Departments of Wildlife and Fisheries and Natural Resources at the April Commission Meeting on coastal restoration and how it affects oyster leasing. A moratorium on the taking of new oyster lease applications was recommended to the Commission. Since the April meeting, additional information was supplied to the Commissioners and Mr. Bowman was once again asking for approval of a resolution by the Commission. Chairman Carver complemented everyone involved that supplied the additional information and felt they understood the situation better.

Commissioner Babin stated he appreciated receiving the additional information also and after talking with a number of people in the industry, the majority of those people were in favor of the resolution. Mr. Bowman read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. Commissioner Cormier asked if the Agreement would be voted on at the same time. Chairman Carver stated that was in the packets for information only. Mr. Bowman asked the Commission when they do accept the Resolution that it also include the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Schneider accepted the motion to include the Resolution and Notice of Intent. Commissioner McIlhenny seconded the motion. Before voting on this motion, Chairman Carver asked for public comments.

Mr. Ralph Pausina, Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, stated they met with the interested parties and worked out some confusing information. So, in an effort to proceed with timely coastal restoration, they supported the resolution.

Mr. George Barisich, United Commercial Fisherman's Association, supported the resolution in the new form. But he did ask if fishermen that made application within the past two years and already had their grounds surveyed, would there be an increase in the timetable of getting their leases to them. Mr. Bowman stated the resolution does not impact those applications that have already been accepted by the Survey Section.

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Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 2, 1996

Moratorium on New Oyster Lease Applications, For New Acreage

**WHEREAS,** the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries pursuant to R.S. 56:425 has the authority to lease state waterbottoms to residents of the state for the purpose of oyster cultivation, and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Natural Resources is in the process of constructing coastal restoration projects to conserve and restore coastal vegetated wetlands, and

**WHEREAS,** the restoration of these vegetated wetlands will benefit the fish and wildlife resources of the state, and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of saltwater intrusion, the areas of optimum oyster production have shifted northward, and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of these coastal restoration projects the area of optimum oyster production may change, and

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to develop a mechanism to value areas as to their suitability for oyster production, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Natural Resources hosted a workshop that was attended by representatives of the Louisiana Oyster Industry as well as representatives of academia and private industry, and

**WHEREAS,** one of the consensus recommendations of the workshop was to have a moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications for new acreage through January 1, 1997, and

**WHEREAS,** in order to set up the relocation areas, mitigation methodologies and recommend legislative changes that may be necessary, it will be necessary to extend the moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications through January 4, 1998,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a moratorium on the taking of new oyster lease applications for new acreage through January 4, 1998, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission directs the Secretary to immediately cease the acceptance and processing of new oyster lease applications for new acreage.

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Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend LAC 76:VII.500 relative to the oyster lease moratorium.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

**Chapter 5. Oyster**

**§500. Oyster Lease Moratorium**

A. A moratorium on the taking of new oyster lease applications for new acreage is established and will extend through January 4, 1998.

B. The moratorium for the taking of oyster lease applications established by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in 1996 will be lifted on January 5, 1998. At that time, applications for oyster leases will be accepted in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations and the procedures set out below. One week prior to the date the moratorium is lifted, the date, time and place where applications are to be taken will be publicly advertised. For the purpose of and only for the purpose of this lifting of the moratorium, the New Orleans Canal Street Office will not be the site for taking applications.

C. On the date for taking of applications only one applicant at a time will be allowed in to the office and this applicant will be allowed to take only one application. Each applicant will have 15 minutes to designate the area he wishes to apply for.

D. After the applicant pays the application and survey fees, he may return to the end of the line for another application.

E. Applications will be taken 24 hours a day (on a first come basis) until the Department feels the influx of people can be handled during regular office hours at the New Orleans Office, at which time anyone will be able to take an application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:808 (August 1991); amended LR 22:

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amended rule to Mr. Philip Bowman, Programs Manager, Marine Fisheries

Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 1996.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

After taking a break, **Rule Ratification for Eagle Lake Black Bass Regulations** was handled by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. The request was to extend the requirement of a 14 inch minimum size on black bass in Eagle Lake. Eagle Lake, a border lake between Mississippi and Louisiana, was in a rehabilitation process and ~~to get the bass~~ <sup>in</sup> <sub>order</sub> to a quality size, the minimum size needed to be extended until December 31, 1998. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adopt the rule and was seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. Hearing no discussion or public comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

#### RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby amends the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

#### Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

#### §169. Black Bass Regulations, Eagle Lake

The size regulation for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana is as follows:

It shall be unlawful to take or possess, while on the water or while fishing in the water, black bass less than 14 inches total length on Eagle Lake, located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana. This rule will expire at midnight, December 31, 1998.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), 325(C), 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:909 (July 1993), amended LR 21:477 (May 1995), LR 22: (May 1996).

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

A **Catfish Task Force Report** began with Mr. Arthur Williams reminding the Commission that in August 1994 they directed the Department to form this Task Force. The resolution directed the Department to address channel catfish, establish a management plan for channel and blue catfish and to conduct a social and economic study on channel catfish. The first meeting held was on March 23, 1995 and developed an objective to design an optimum yield. The task force was divided into four subcommittees, namely aquaculture, common market, unique market and recreational. Six motions were adopted by the Catfish Task Force, and these included:

1. create a special catfish management zone that would take in the Lake Des Allemands area;
2. obtain written commitments from appropriate District Attorneys that they would enforce any special stipulations that the Task Force would recommend;
3. if a dealer did business in the special management zone, they must process their fish in that area;
4. request legislature to require issuance of numbered tags with recreational hoop net and slat trap licenses;
5. Department of Health certification number must be included in all invoices involved in catfish transactions; and
6. sportfish cannot be in the possession of an individual that possesses commercial or recreational nets.

Mr. Williams then commented the only action the Commission can take would be on the special catfish management zone. However, he let it be known the Task Force was adamant that if the commitments were not received from the District Attorneys, they would not make a recommendation. Mr. Williams stated he only received a commitment from three, and no correspondence from the other three. Commissioner Schneider asked if they have contacted the other District Attorneys to see if they would help? Mr. Williams stated he was not going to seek out the District Attorneys, what they planned to do was to provide a copy of the action from the Task Force to the Commission and ask the pleasure of the Commission. Commissioner Schneider stated he knows the Task Force did a lot of work and he would like to see their work carried through. Chairman Carver stated it would be good to receive the information from the Task Force, let the Commission study it and then put the item back

on the agenda to find out the pleasure of the Commission. Commissioner Babin asked if the information would be available before the June Commission Meeting? Chairman Carver stated the item would be placed on the agenda for June.

**Review of Grass Carp Benefits at Caney Lake** was placed on the agenda by Commissioner Schneider and he asked for someone to explain how the grass carp were doing. Mr. Bennie Fontenot stated the grass carp did too good of a job. Commissioner Schneider then asked if the Department was real conservative about stocking them. Mr. Fontenot then explained that in July 1989 the Department treated about 40 acres of hydrilla and felt it was under control. But in June 1990, there was another 395 acres and this acreage was treated. In June 1992, the hydrilla had spread to 500 acres and by October 1993, it spread to 1,500 acres. The lake could not be drawn down to control the hydrilla due to the watershed, so they developed a management plan to stock grass carp. In February 1994, 8 fish per vegetative acre of grass carp was stocked and results were seen within 1 year and 5 months. The staff and other scientists felt there was more to this tremendous decline in hydrilla besides just the grass carp. There were several tests done on the hydrilla to determine what type it was and the type of fungi on them. One year there was a plankton bloom that stopped light penetration that the Department felt slowed the growth of the hydrilla. The last sample was taken the week prior to the Commission Meeting and there was still no submergent vegetation. Mr. Fontenot stated the staff wanted to continue sampling through June 30 and then they would probably start removing the grass carp from the lake. He then explained the tremendous problems that could result from ~~the~~ hydrilla. Commissioner McIlhenny asked how would the grass carp be caught? Mr. Fontenot explained several methods and stated he would keep the Commission informed of what goes on. Then Commissioner McIlhenny asked if these fish would be sold to Chinese restaurants? Chairman Carver asked Mr. Fontenot to explain what monoecious and dioecious fish meant. Then Chairman Carver stated he has read the management plan and discussed the lake with Mr. Fontenot and he too felt there were other factors that are influencing the disappearance of hydrilla. Chairman Carver then asked how large were the grass carp now, how was it determined how many grass carp were stocked per grass acre and would eventually some of the grass carp have to be removed. Mr. Fontenot admitted the staff had a lot to learn about grass carp.

**Special Disabled Hunter Season** was presented by Mr. Tommy Prickett. He reminded the Commissioners he presented a Notice of Intent last month on special rules for handicapped hunters. A statewide handicapped season was part of the Notice of Intent and Mr. Prickett asked the Commissioners to include this season of October 12 and October 13 in with the hunting season recommendations. This season would occur on private lands statewide. Also, handicapped hunters would have a separate season for the Wildlife Management Areas and Kisatchie National Forest.

The department's role would be to act as a go between with the DMAP Clubs and the handicapped hunters. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to add this new season to the hunting recommendations and seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. This motion passed with no opposition.

Chairman Carver stated the **Adjustments in Proposals for 1996-97 Deer Hunting Seasons** was an item he has worked with Mr. Hugh Bateman on and he appreciated Mr. Bateman's patience and understanding. These adjustments have been made as a result of public comments. Mr. Hugh Bateman stated on April 23, a memorandum was sent to the Commissioners listing several options to adjust the deer hunting seasons. He asked the Commission to notify the public of the following changes: readjust the special muzzleloader season in Area 1 to November 9 through November 15, still hunt would be November 16 through December 1 and January 4 through January 19, with or without dogs from December 7 through January 3; Area 2 muzzleloader season would be October 19 through October 25, still hunt would be October 26 through December 6, and with or without dogs from December 7 through January 5; Area 3, muzzleloader season would be from October 12 through October 18, still hunt from October 19 through December 6 and December 7 through January 5; Area 4, muzzleloader season November 16 through November 22, and still hunt from November 23 through January 5; Area 5, muzzleloader season from November 16 through November 22 for bucks only, and still hunt of November 23 through December 1; Area 6, muzzleloader season will be from November 9 through November 15, with or without dogs from December 7 through January 19; Area 7, muzzleloader season will be from October 12 through October 18; still hunt from October 19 through November 3 and November 16 through December 1 and with or without dogs from December 14 through January 19. One other change that will occur would be moving the boundary line of Area 1 further west to include portions of Caldwell, Catahoula, LaSalle, Grant, Rapides and Avoyelles Parishes. He then requested the Commission to adopt these changes. Commissioner McIlhenny asked if these changes took care of opening the deer season on a Saturday? Commissioner Hanchey asked if Area 1 would open for with or without dogs on January 7 or December 7? Mr. Bateman answered it was December 7. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the changes as read and it was seconded by Commissioner McIlhenny. This motion passed with no opposition.

**Results of 1996 Spring Turkey Hunting Season** began with Mr. Hugh Bateman stating he has great respect for the turkey season and it was one of the fastest growing sports in Louisiana. The cold spring affected the turkey hunting by delaying the birds activity as much as two weeks. Hunting success was probably down this year and more information would be presented at the June Commission Meeting. A list of 20 Wildlife Management Areas and the turkeys harvested was presented to the Commissioners for their information. A total of 227 male turkeys were taken this spring from approximately 7,000 hunters. Commissioner McIlhenny asked what was

the biggest turkey taken? Some drastic changes occurred with this spring season in how the public lands were managed, stated Mr. Bateman. Total kill from the Wildlife Management Areas was down about 30 percent partly because of the bag limit being reduced from 3 birds to 1 bird. Mr. Bateman concluded noting the Department would continue working on this resource on the public areas to make them as good as any area in the southeast.

Mr. Hugh Bateman began the **Public Comments, 1996-97 Resident Game Hunting Season Proposals** stating the Department has received 60 letters regarding these proposals. A package would be compiled for the Commissioners and sent to them prior to the June Commission Meeting.

A **Notice of Intent on the Timken Wildlife Management Area Regulations** was presented by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. Timken WMA is an island of about 4,000 acres of freshwater marsh adjacent to Salvador WMA. This area is heavily utilized by the public especially for freshwater fishing as well as duck and deer hunting. These rules, in which Mr. Tarver was requesting approval, are similar to the rules in place for Salvador WMA. Chairman Carver asked if a motion was needed to accept the rules? Commissioner McIlhenny made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. Hearing no further discussion, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

#### NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses its intent to adopt a rule establishing visitor regulations for Timken Wildlife Management Area.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

#### Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

#### §327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

#### A. Visitors Regulations

1. Morning hunting only on all game (closed 12 noon). All nighttime activities prohibited (including frogging) from 30 minutes after official sunset to one and one-half hours before sunrise.

2. Basic resident and non-resident hunting licenses will serve as season permits on Timken Wildlife Management Area (hereinafter "Timken"). If daily permits are required, they may be obtained from permit stations located on or near Timken. Hunters must check out daily one-half hour after the end of the legal shooting hours.

3. All hunting seasons are set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the department in emergency situations (floods, disease outbreaks or other critical circumstances).

4. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in boats under motor power on Timken. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours. Bows and arrows are not permitted on Timken except during regular archery season or except as permitted for bowfishing. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists. Loaded firearms are not permitted near check stations or headquarters facility. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on Timken.

5. Construction of and hunting from permanent blinds on Timken is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be destroyed. A permanent blind or stand is defined as any structure and/or material, including vegetation, used for concealment while hunting, that is not completely dismantled or removed from the wildlife management area daily. All waterfowl hunters must dismantle blinds and remove decoys within 30 minutes after close of shooting hours. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (hereinafter "Department") and disposed of by the Department.

6. Except for bird hunting, duck hunting, and rabbit hunting when allowed, having or using dogs on Timken is prohibited. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on Timken during experimental rabbit season.

7. Commercial fishing is prohibited.

8. Recreational Fishing

a. Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season 10 pounds per boat per day, heads on may be taken for bait.

b. Oysters may be taken from natural reefs and opened at the site. A maximum of one gallon per boat is permitted and all shell must be thrown back onto the reef. Possession of unshucked oysters is not permitted. Taking of oysters on the reef is dependent upon Department of Health and Hospitals' approval and may be closed at any time by the Department.

c. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

d. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

e. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

f. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, oysters, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

9. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches are prohibited.

10. Pulling boats over levees, dams, or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

11. The use of airboats, aircraft, hover craft, all-terrain vehicles and all-terrain cycles and motorcycles are prohibited except as specifically authorized by Department personnel.

12. Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited. Possession of controlled dangerous substances (drugs) onto the wildlife management area is prohibited. All boats and vehicles are subject to search by authorized employees of the Department at anytime.

13. Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Department.

14. Burning of the marshes is prohibited. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department at anytime. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs and wild plants on Timken without prior approval is prohibited.

15. No littering allowed.

16. Violation of any part of this section constitutes a class two violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to James Manning, Assistant Administrator, Fur & Refuge Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 1996.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

The presentation of a **Notice of Intent for the Waddill Wildlife Refuge** was also handled by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. Waddill Refuge is located in the northeast section of East Baton Rouge Parish and is comprised of 237 acres. A history of the area was given by Mr. Tarver. The Department took over the area and decided to develop a series of nature trails and a nature center to house educational type classes. Improvements made and those that are continuing to be made were explained by Mr. Tarver. These rules requested by Mr. Tarver to be adopted ~~are the first to be implemented for this area and are necessary to properly enforce the activities that may occur on the area.~~ Commissioner McIlhenny made a motion to adopt the regulations as provided. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey and also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses its intent to adopt a rule establishing visitor regulations for Waddill Wildlife Refuge.

## Title 76

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

#### Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

#### §325. Waddill Wildlife Refuge

A. Purpose. Waddill Wildlife Refuge will be actively managed as a wildlife educational and learning area for youth groups, nonconsumptive users, and as a hunter safety and aquatic education training center. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and utilization of this refuge have been adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the refuge.

#### B. General

1. Access to the refuge will only be allowed through the front entrance bordering Flannery Road. All visitors will sign the register at the front office. A group of individuals may have a representative sign for the group by indicating the number in the group. Individuals less than 16 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by a person 18 years of age or older.

2. Vehicles are allowed only in designated areas and must park in provided spaces. ATV's, trail bikes, horses and mules are strictly prohibited. Restricted areas will be established for specific activities and visitors will not enter these areas unless they are part of the specific activity allowing access to that area.

3. All dogs are prohibited unless participating in a Department-sponsored activity, such as a retriever demonstration during an educational activity. All dogs running at large are prohibited; and the owner or handler of said dogs will be held

liable for any personal injury or property damage, and will be subject to criminal citation.

4. Citizens are cautioned that by entering the refuge they or their vehicles may be subject to license checks, inspections and searches. Wildlife Officers will have the duty and right to restrict access to the refuge as necessary.

5. Refuge hours will be set by the Fur & Refuge Division (hereinafter "Division") and will be posted at the entrance. All visitors will abide by the posted hours. Educational activities may be held outside the normal open hours of the refuge by prior arrangement and permission of the Division. All participants of these activities will confine their use of the refuge to the designated area of the activity.

6. Hunting, pursuing, killing, molesting, or intentionally disturbing any type of wildlife is prohibited; provided that the Department may conduct activities necessary to properly manage wildlife on the area.

7. Camping is prohibited; provided that the Division is authorized to establish and maintain specific camping areas for use by organized groups under policy established by the Division. If areas are established, they will not be used by the public.

8. Littering is prohibited. Visitors must remove their litter or place litter in appropriate litter disposal containers.

9. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, flowers, or wild plants is strictly prohibited.

10. The possession of firearms, bows, liquor and controlled dangerous substances by the public on the refuge is prohibited; provided that the Division is authorized to construct, maintain and operate ranges, in which case, shotguns and bows will be permitted under guidelines developed by the Division.

11. Access to all nature trails is limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATV's, trail bikes, horses or mules are allowed. Individuals utilizing the nature trails must remain on the designated trail. No picnicking is allowed on the trails. All trash must be disposed of in designated litter containers.

12. Individual groups may submit written requests to reserve a specific part of the refuge for a special group event. The remaining unreserved portion of the refuge shall be open to the public.

13. Violation of any part of this section constitutes a class two violation.

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The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for April** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of April.

Region I - Minden - 70 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 102 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 150 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 67 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 158 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 162 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 169 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 182 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 175 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 68 citations.

Special Investigation Section - 28 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 29 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 48 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of April was 1,240.

An Enforcement Aviation Report was also given by Col. Winton Vidrine. He stated for April 1996, Enforcement Division flew three airplanes for a total of 138.1 hours and a total of 187 citations were issued. Commissioner Gisclair asked Col. Vidrine if the residents of Louisiana were benefiting from the commercial fishery of mussel, are the majority of fishermen non-residents coming into Louisiana, and were the citations issued to both residents and non-residents. *if*

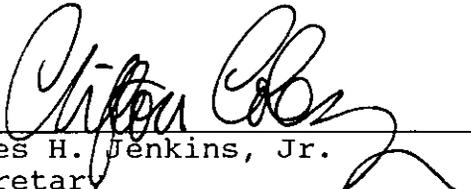
Having no **Division Reports**, Chairman Carver went on to the next agenda item.

**Reschedule June 1996 Commission Meeting** began with Chairman Carver explaining why the meeting, originally set for Toledo Bend, was being moved. Two reasons were the facilities not being complete and the lake being down at the present time. The Commissioners then agreed to hold the meeting on June 6, 1996 in the Baton Rouge office. *in*

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **September 1996 Meeting** on Thursday, September 5, 1996 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Baton Rouge office.

Chairman Carver then asked for **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Babin made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Schneider.

  
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James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Secretary

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COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, May 2, 1996  
Thibodaux, LA

	Attended	Absent
Glynn Carver (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	—
Perry Gisclair	<u>✓</u>	—
Jeff Schneider	<u>✓</u>	—
Daniel Babin	<u>✓</u>	—
Joseph Cormier	<u>✓</u>	—
Jerald Hanchey	<u>✓</u>	—
Edmund McIlhenny	<u>✓</u>	—

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.  
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the traditional management criteria used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in recommending the opening dates for the spring inshore shrimp season are based on the population of shrimp in each zone reaching such a size that 50% or more of the shrimp are 100 count per pound or larger, and

WHEREAS, current biological data show that at least 50% of the 1996 brown shrimp crop will meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 1 by May 29, 1996, in Zone 2 by May 29, 1996 and in Zone 3 by May 29, 1996, and

~~WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a general policy sets the season to open on a Monday,~~

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 1 at 6 a.m. MAY 29, 1996, Zone 2 at 6 a.m. MAY 29, 1996 and in Zone 3 at 6 a.m. MAY 29, 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the authority to close any portion of Louisiana's inshore waters to protect small white shrimp.



Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission



James H. Jenkins Jr., Secretary  
La. Dept. of Wildlife and  
Fisheries

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedures Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and shall have the authority to open or close outside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1996 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line to the eastern shore of South pass of the Mississippi River, to open at 6 a.m. MAY 29, 1996, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, to open at 6 a.m. MAY 29, 1996, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line, to open at 6 a.m. MAY 29, 1996.

The Commission also hereby grants to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to close any zone or portion of the State's waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop.

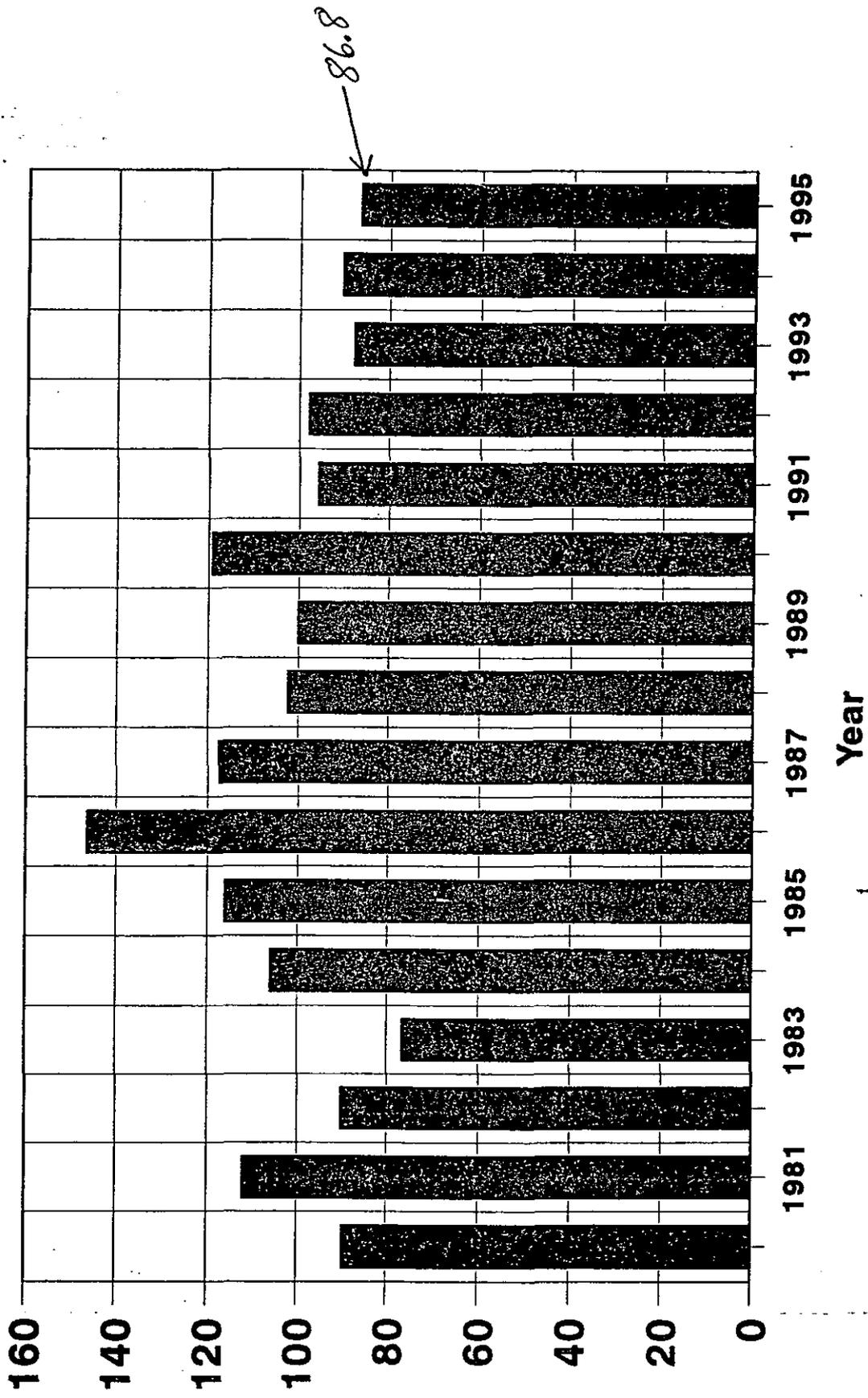
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**ANNUAL SPRING SHRIMP PRESENTATION**  
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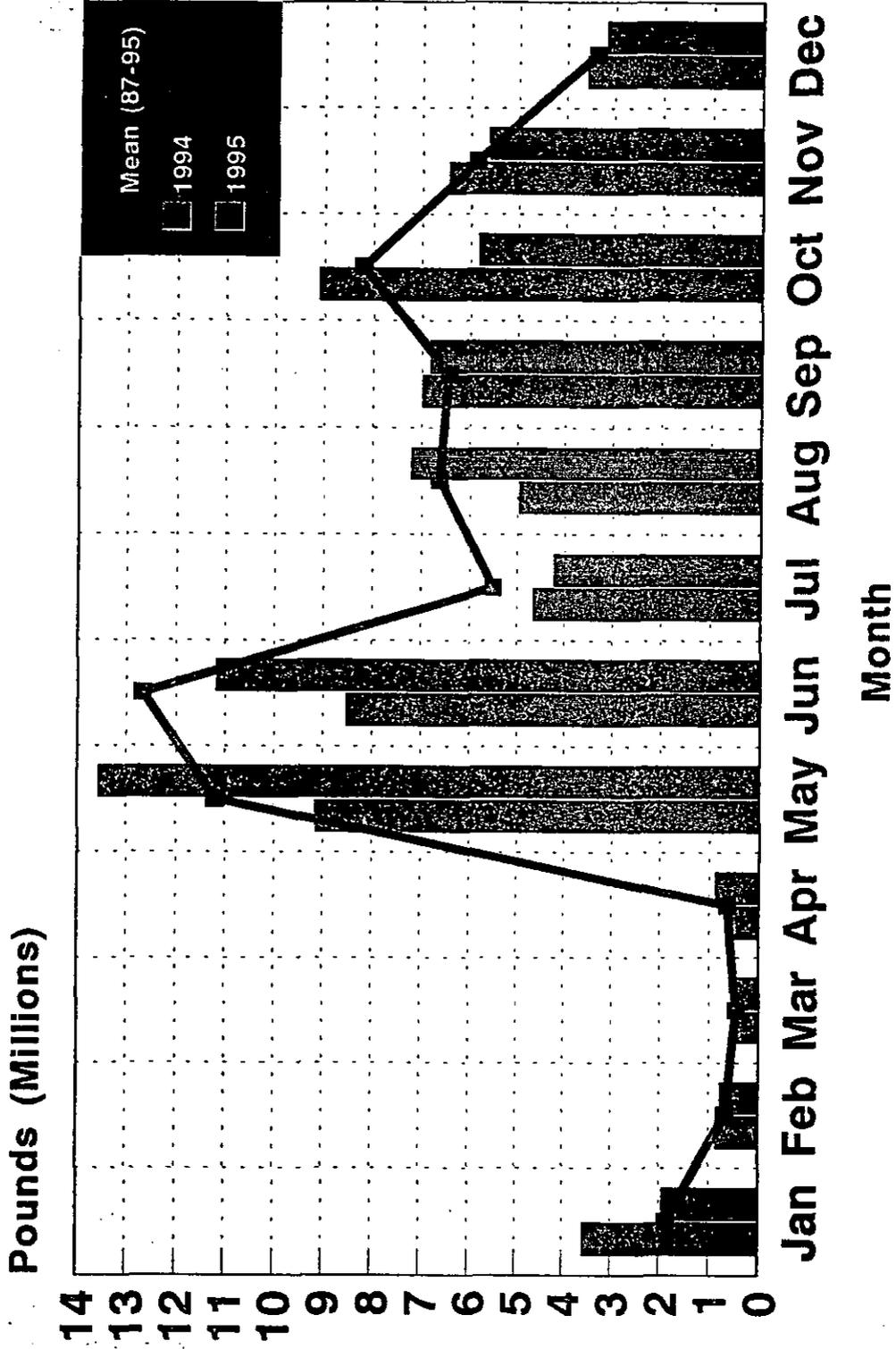
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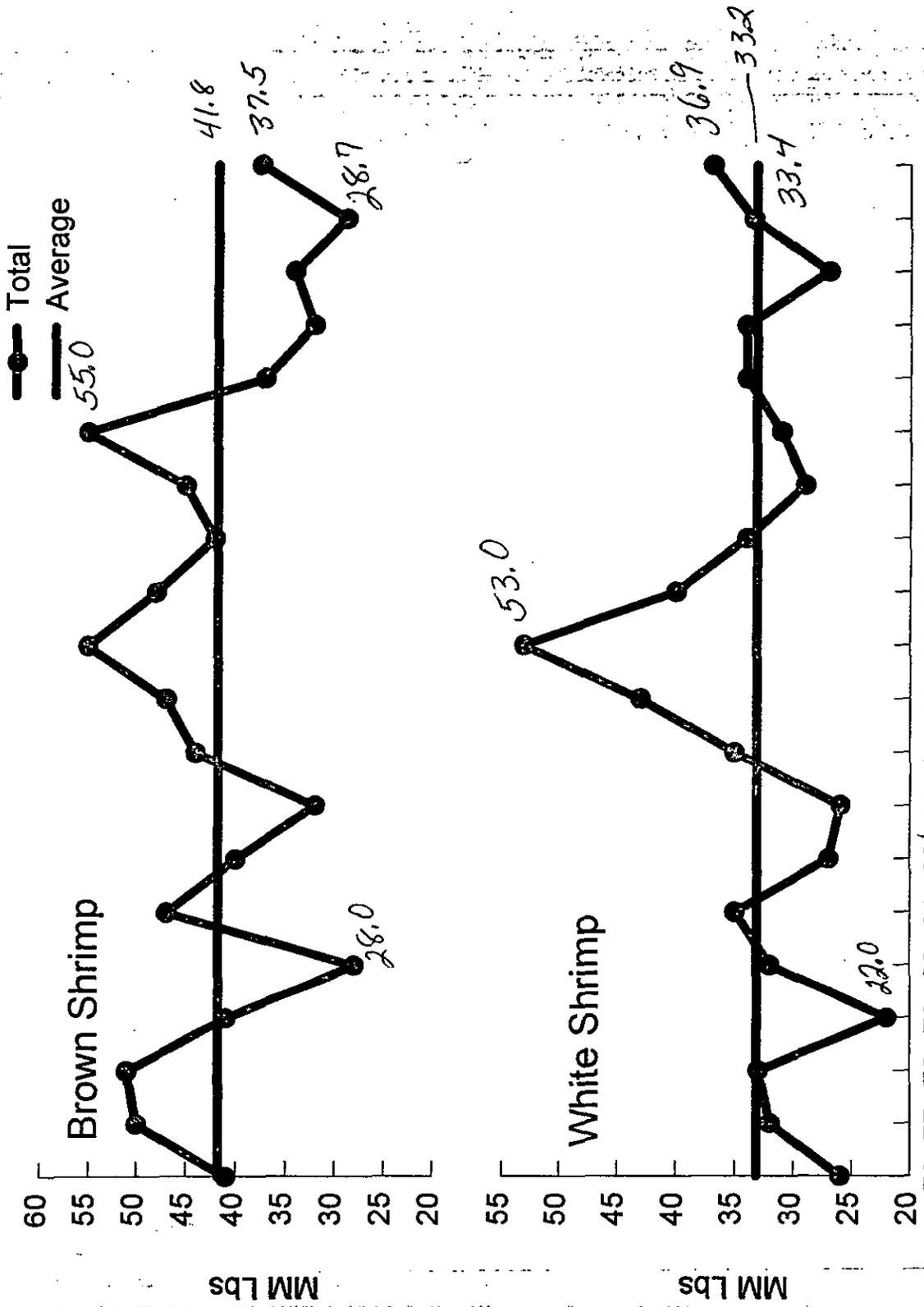
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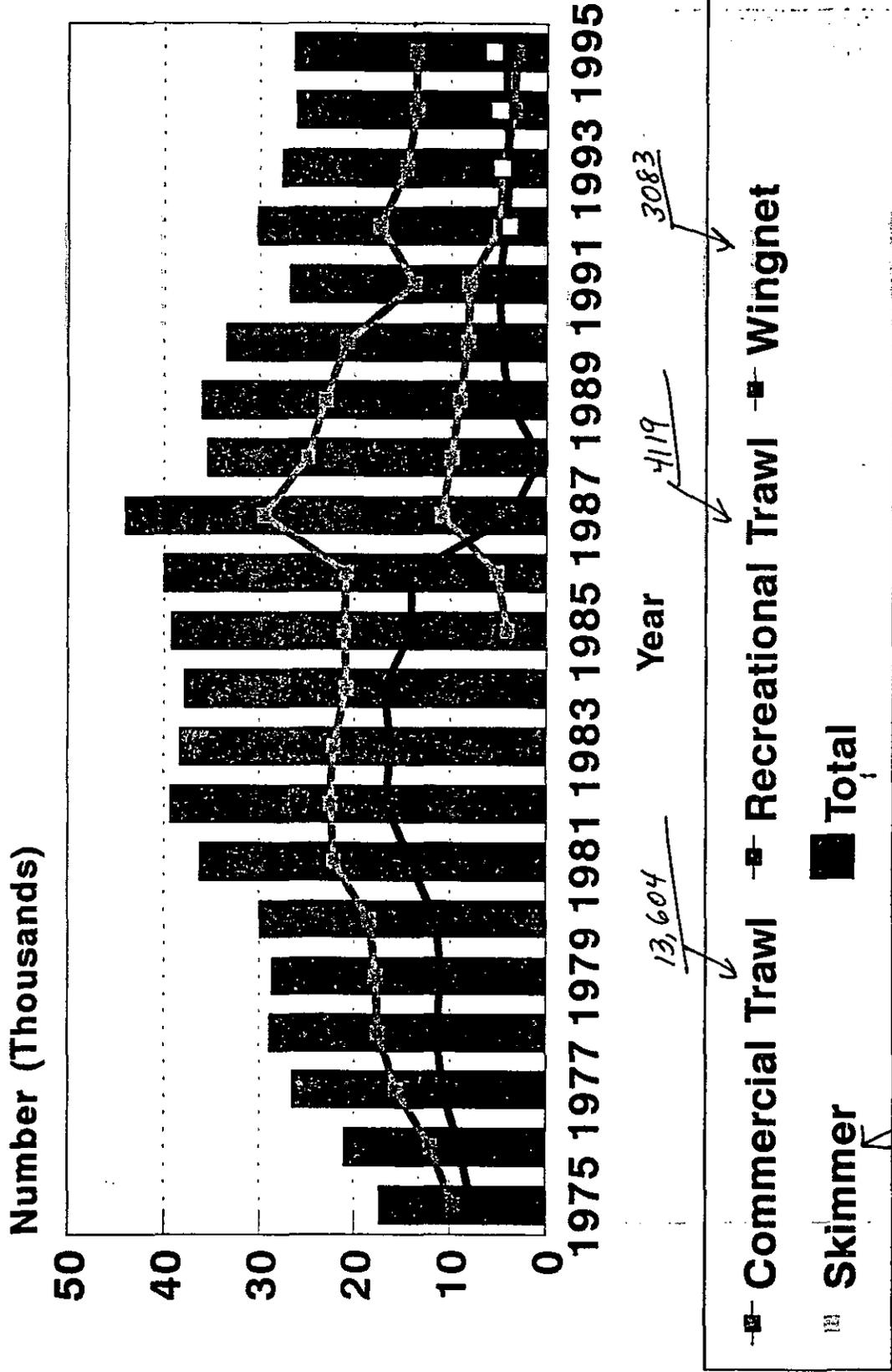


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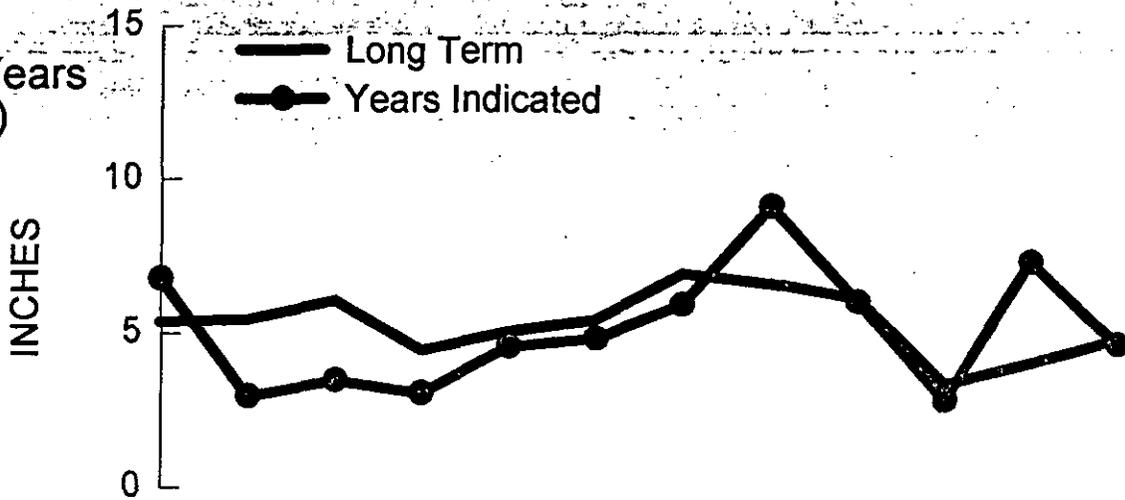
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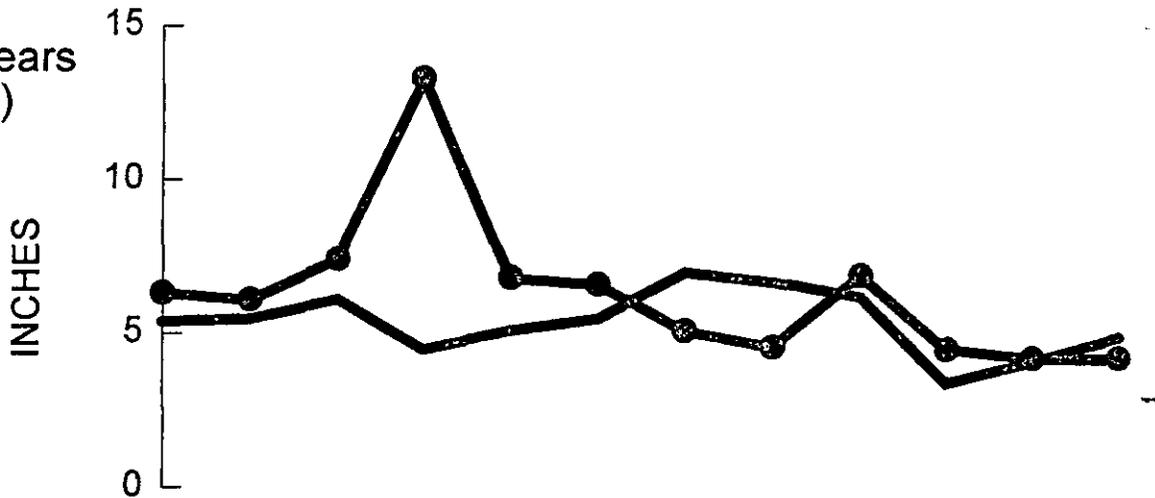
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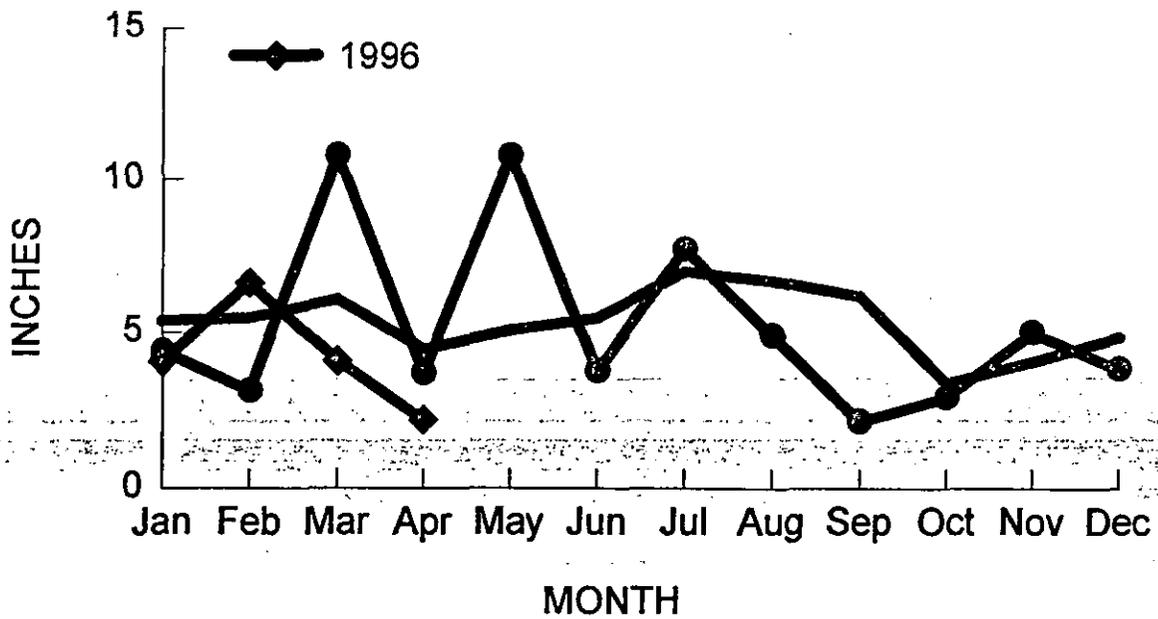
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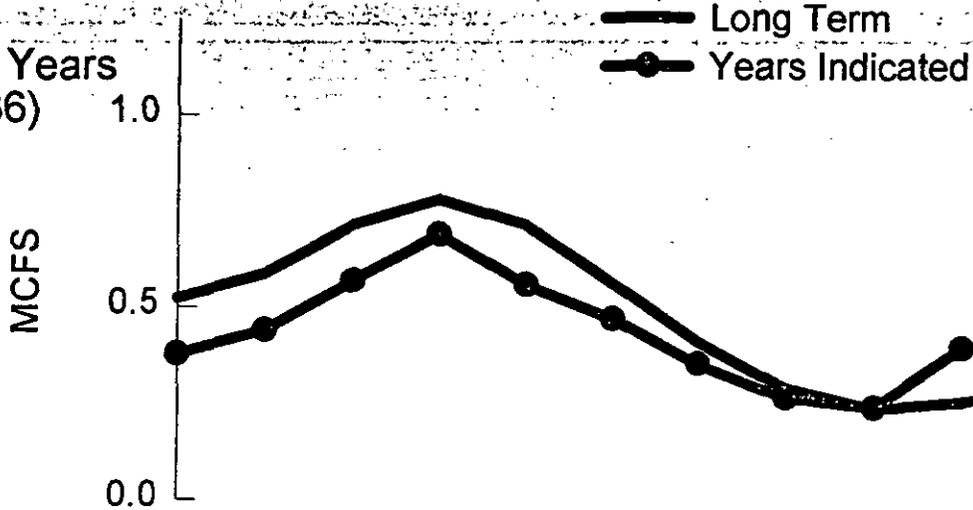


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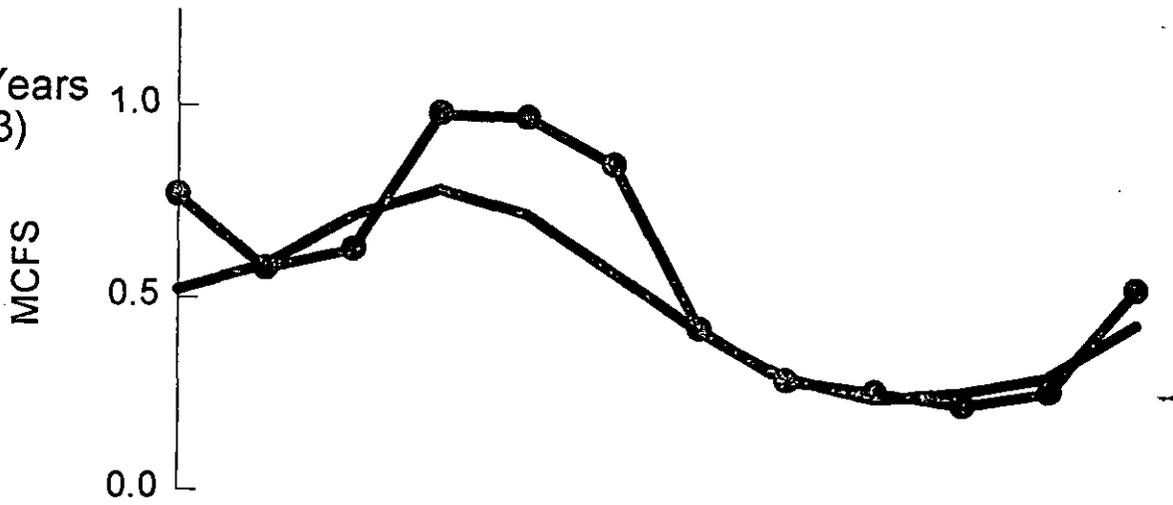


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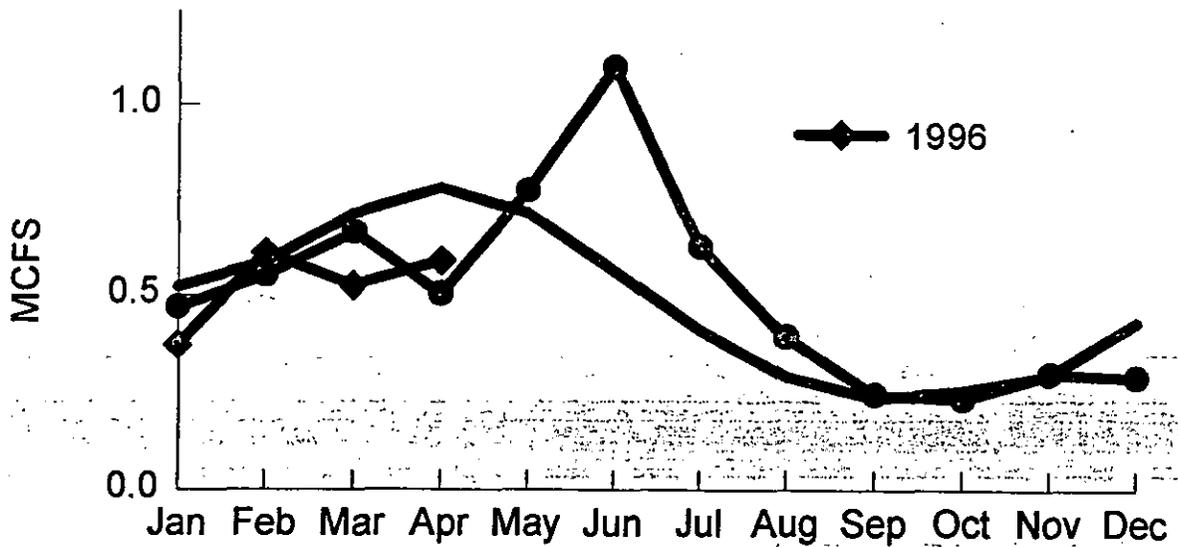
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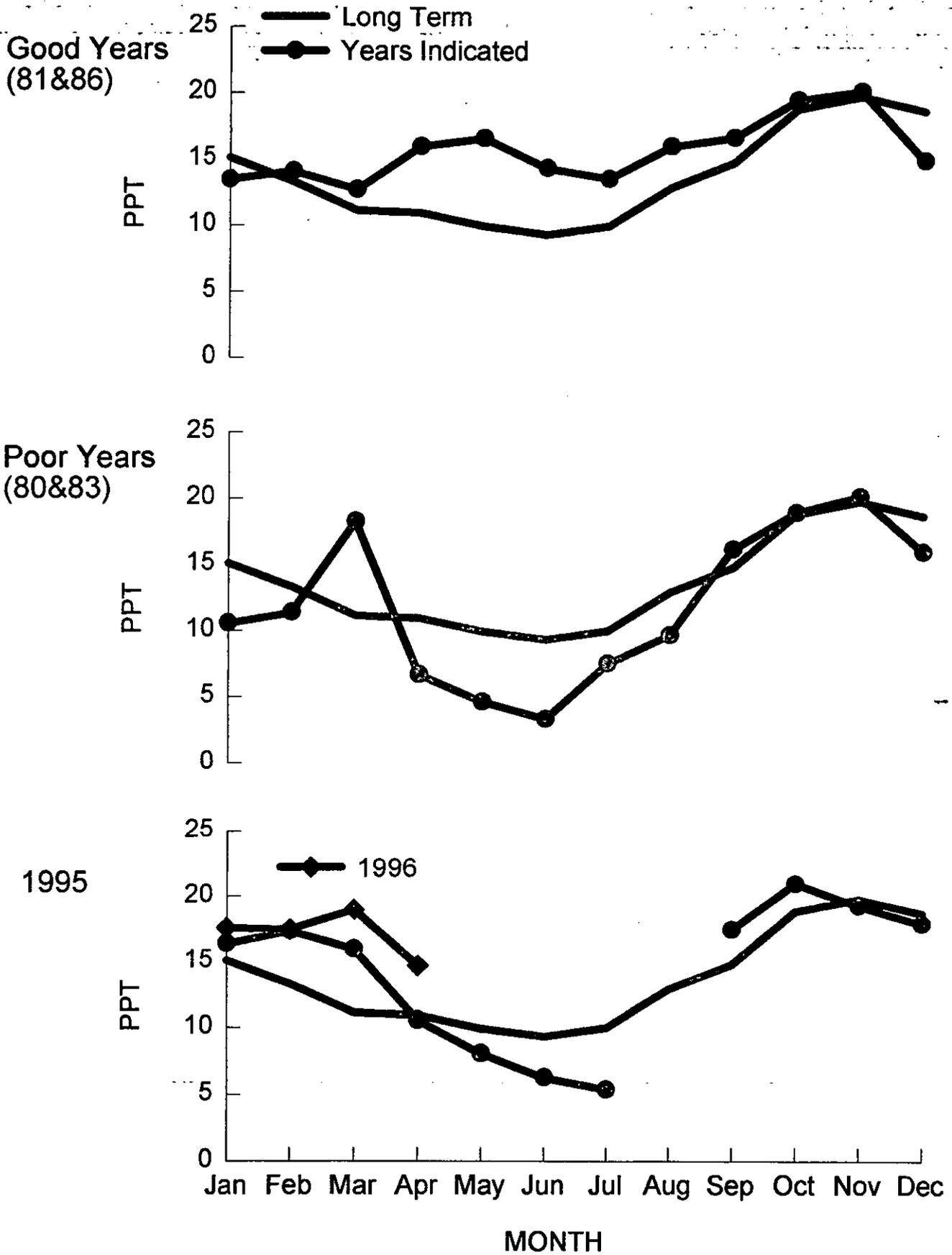


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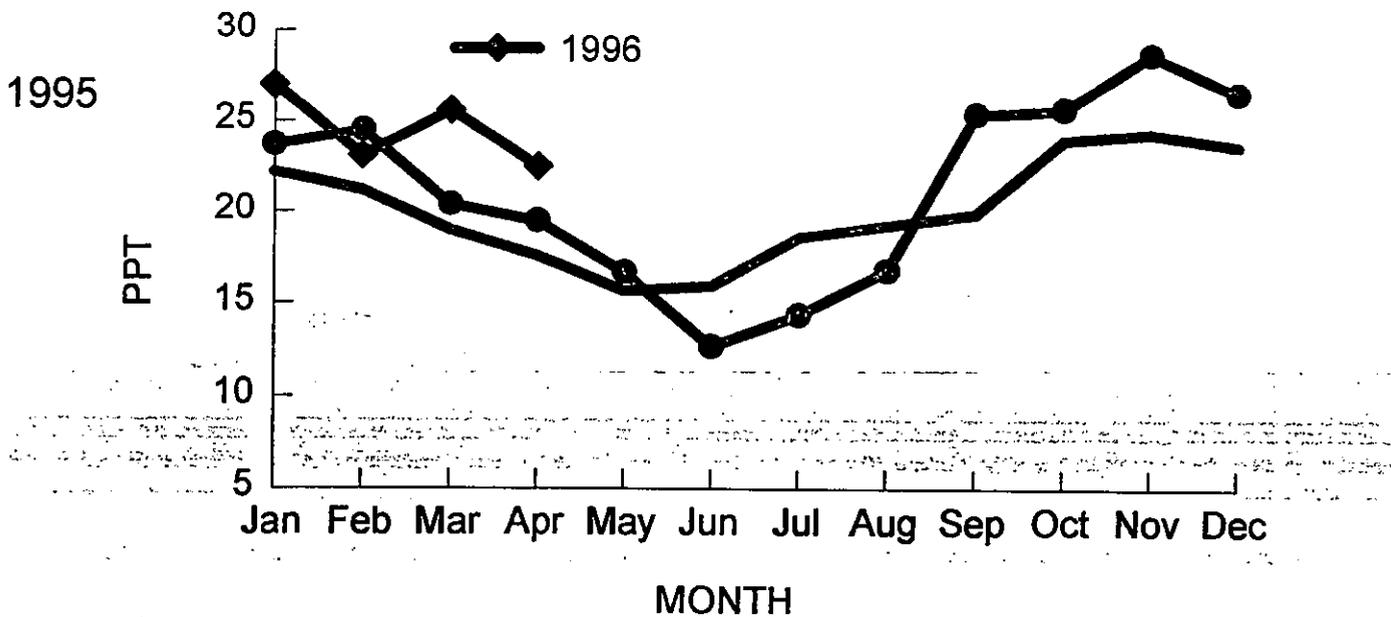
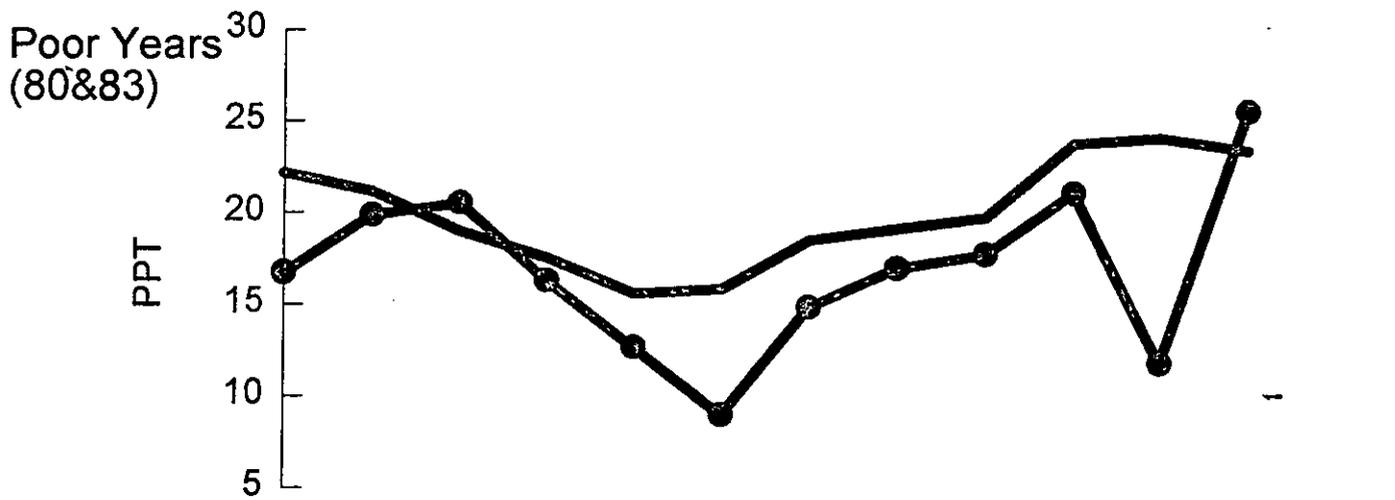
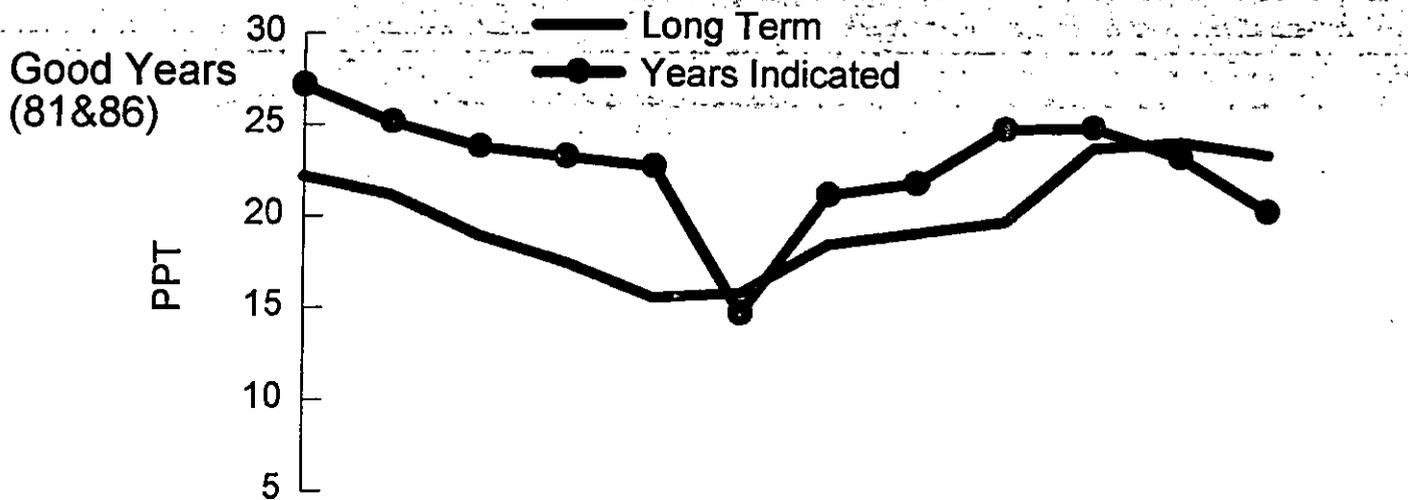


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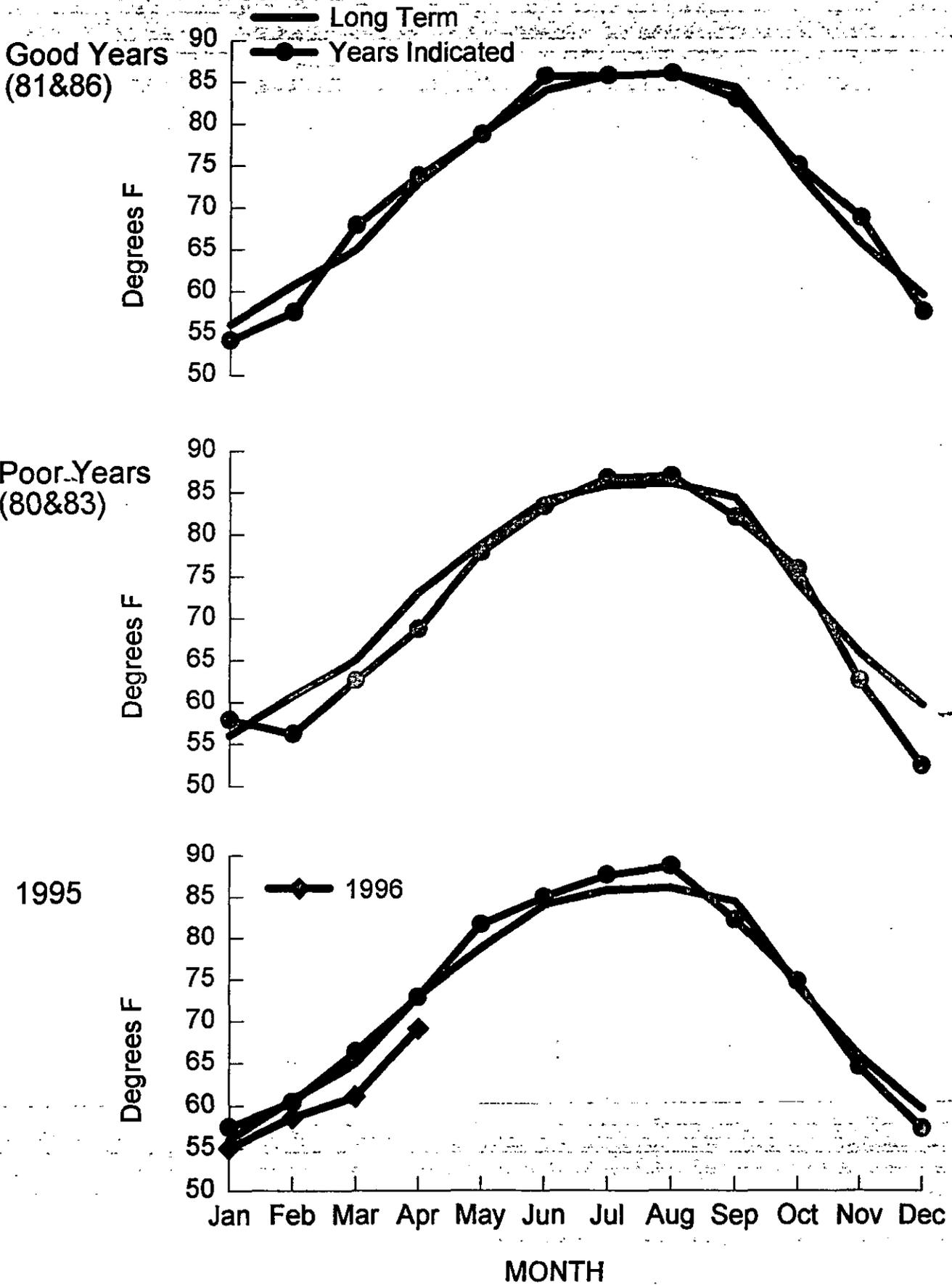
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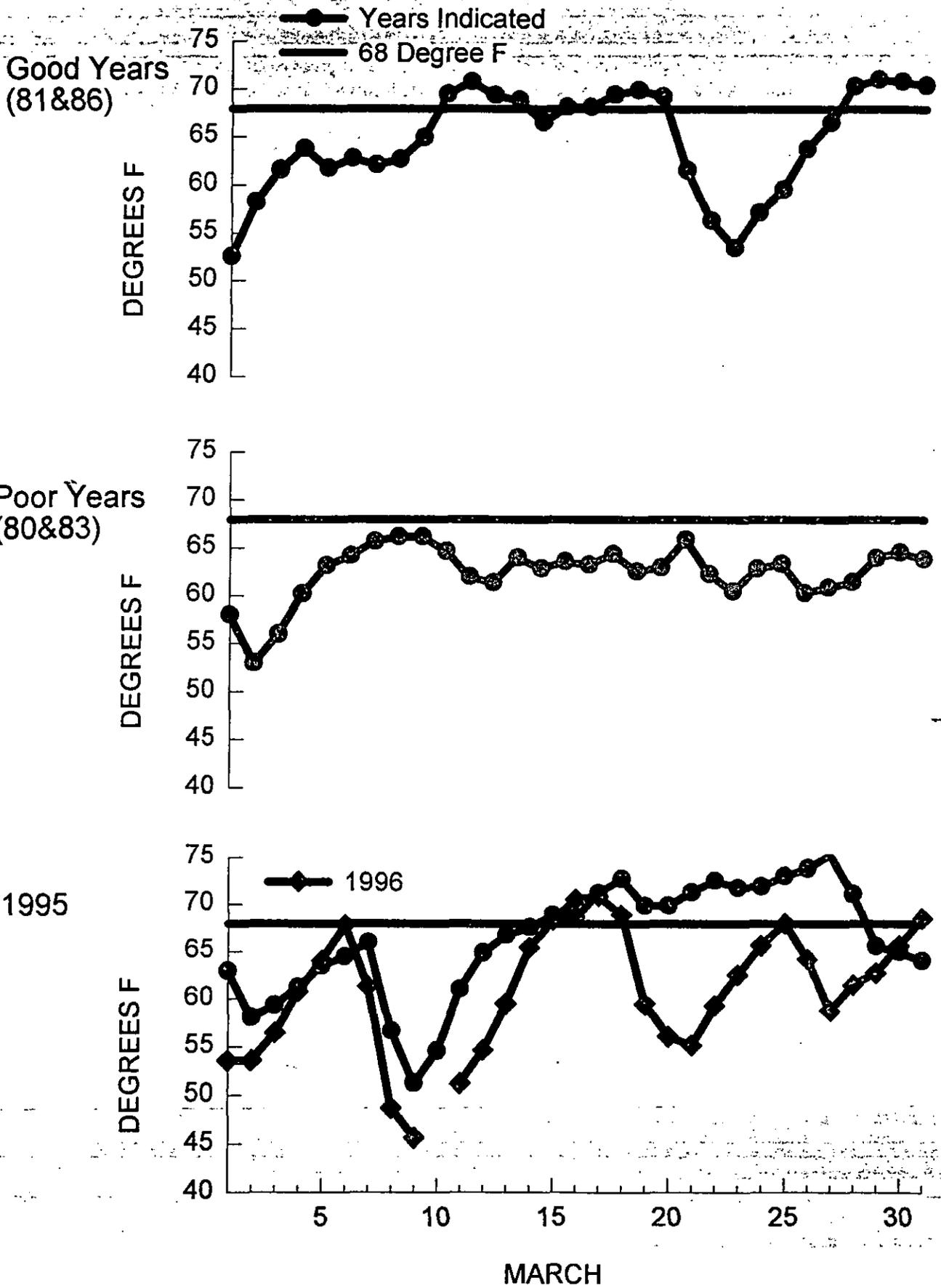
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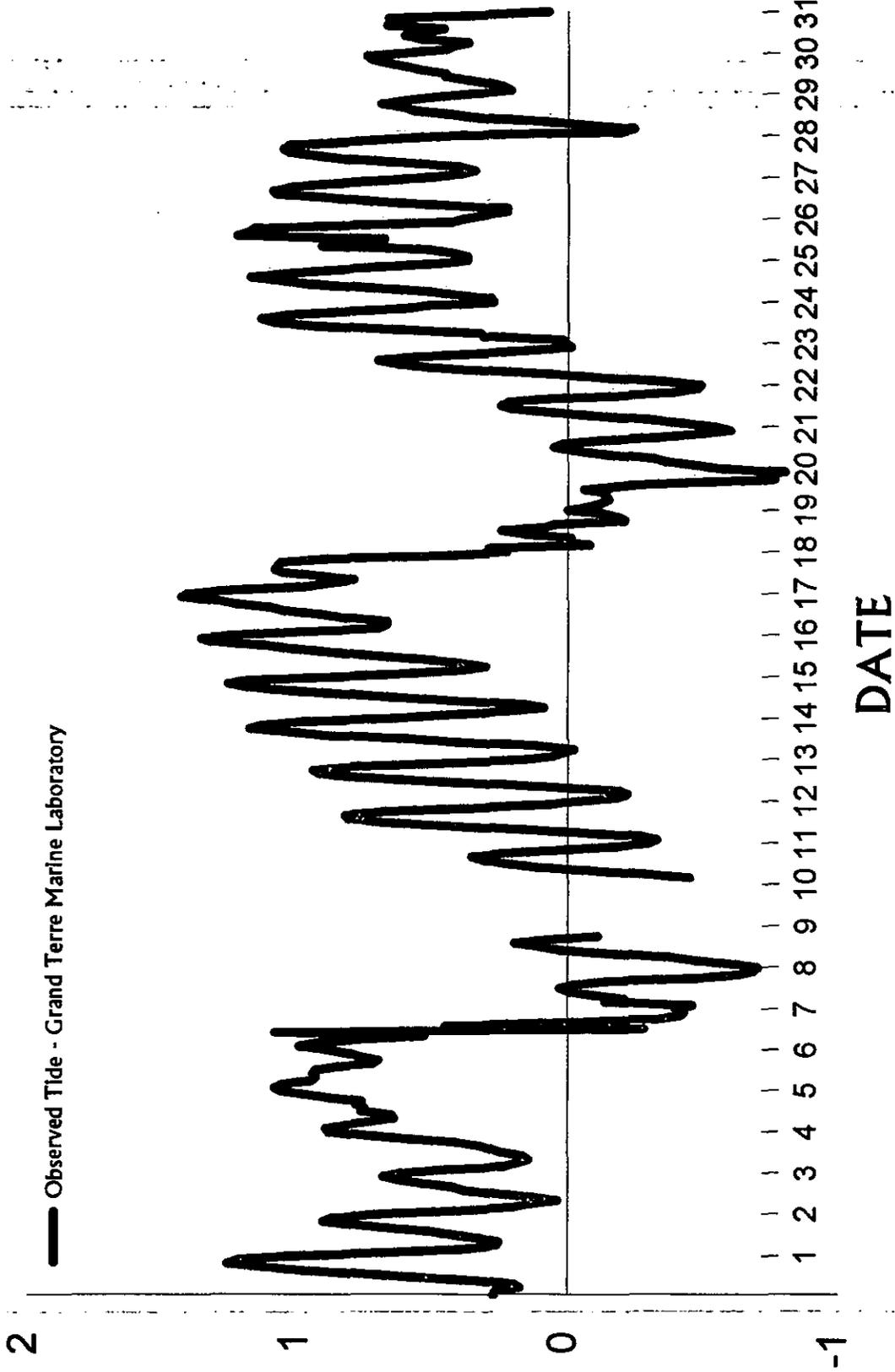
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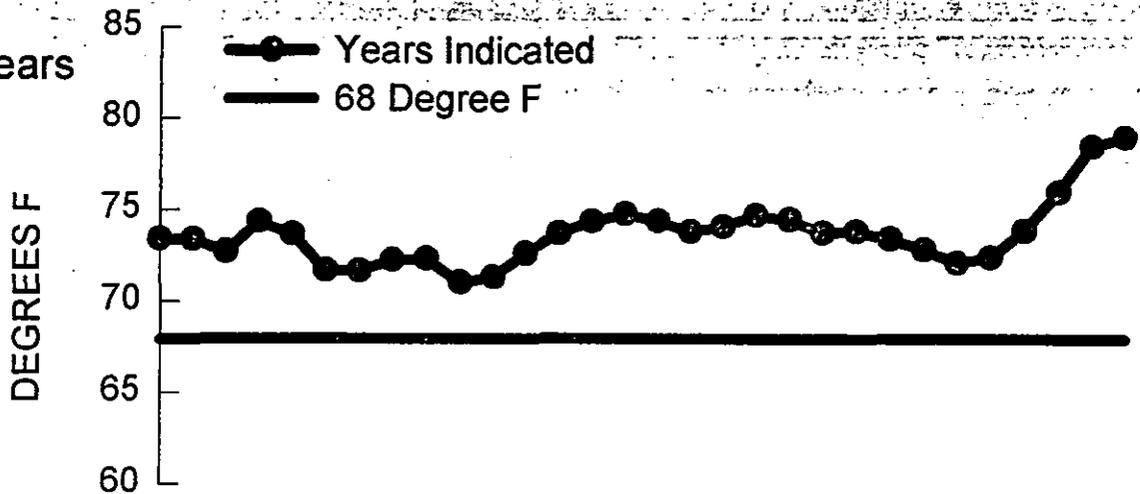


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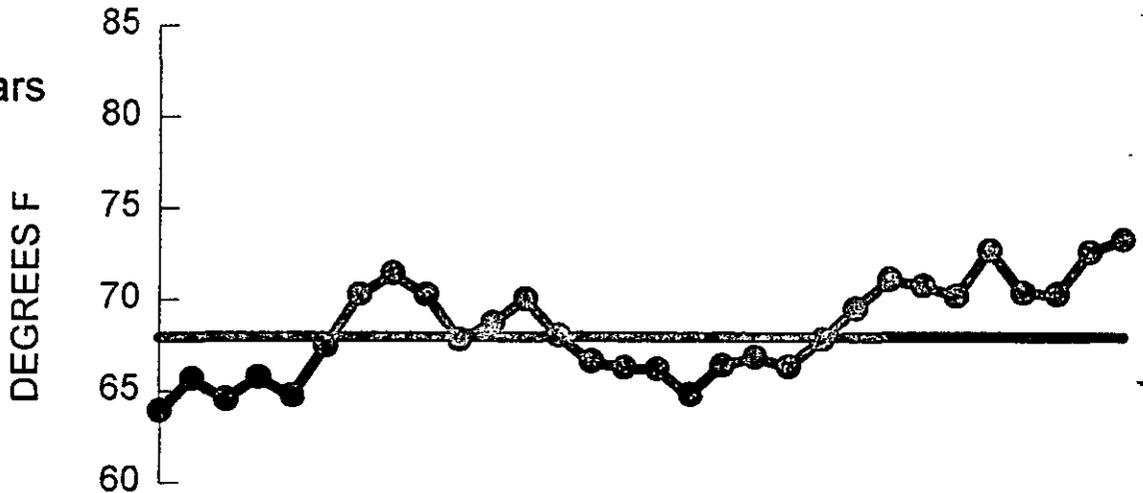


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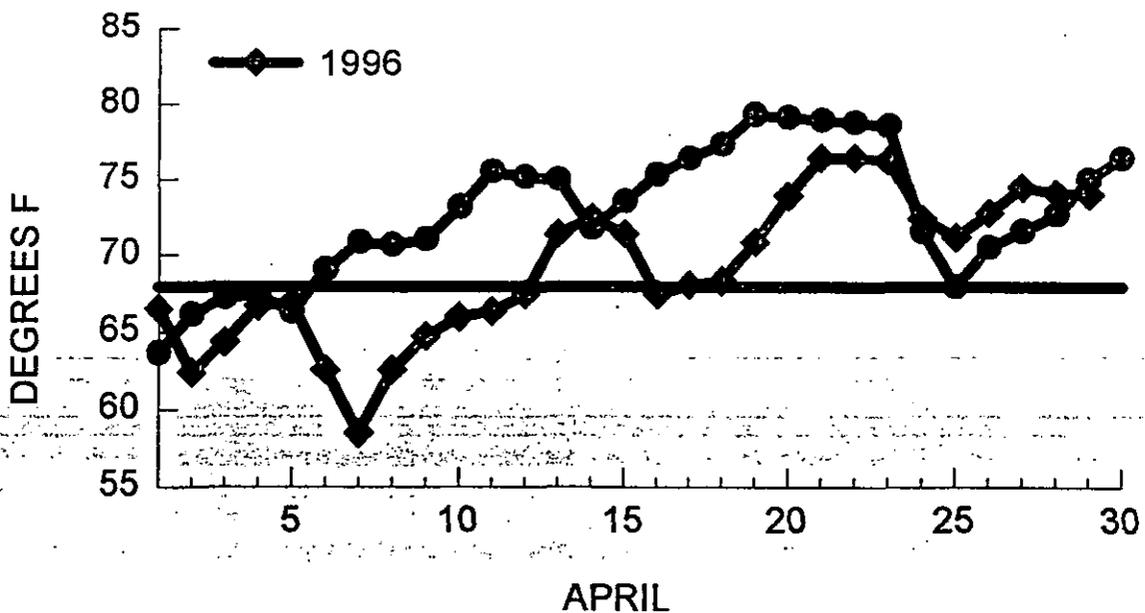
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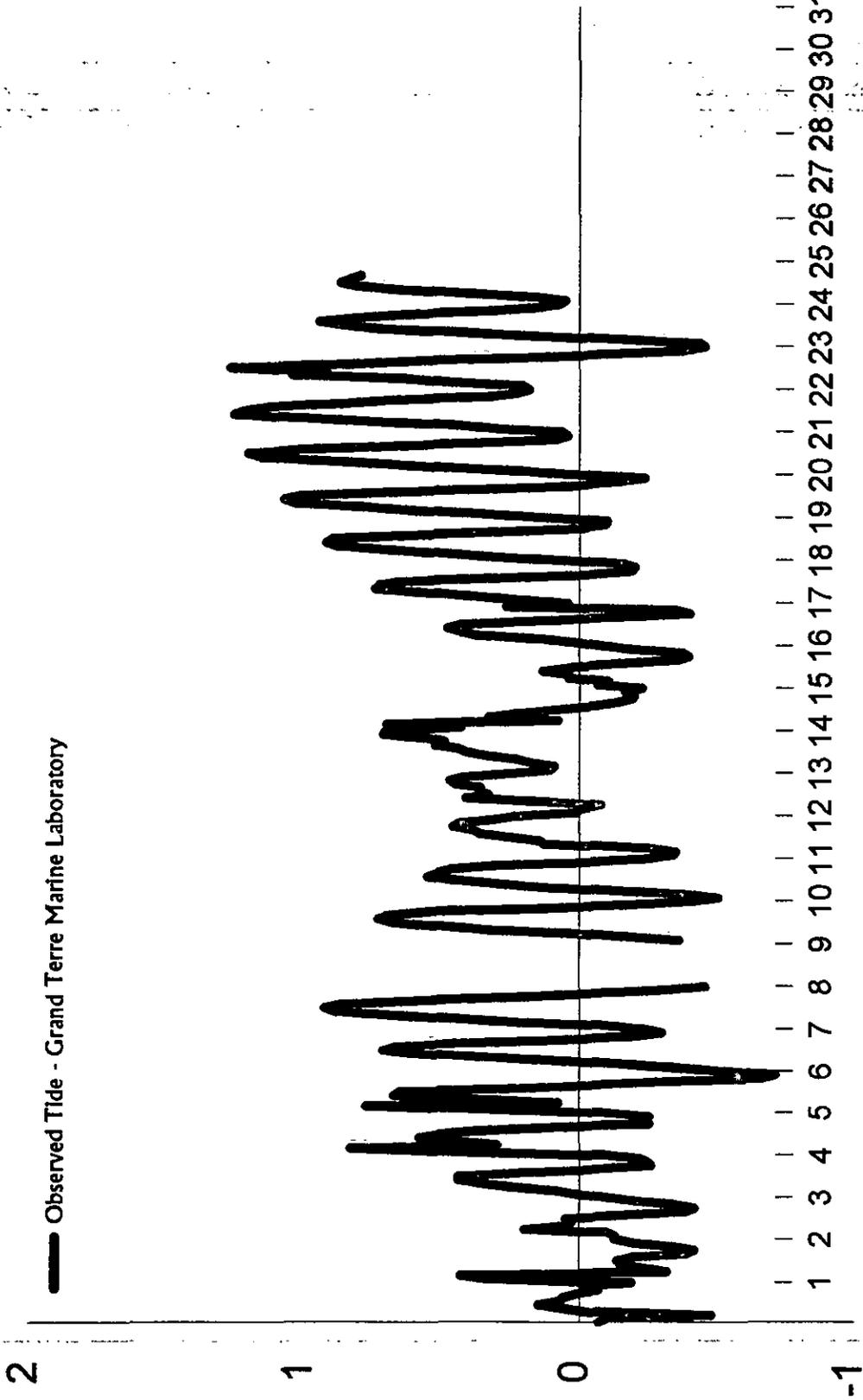
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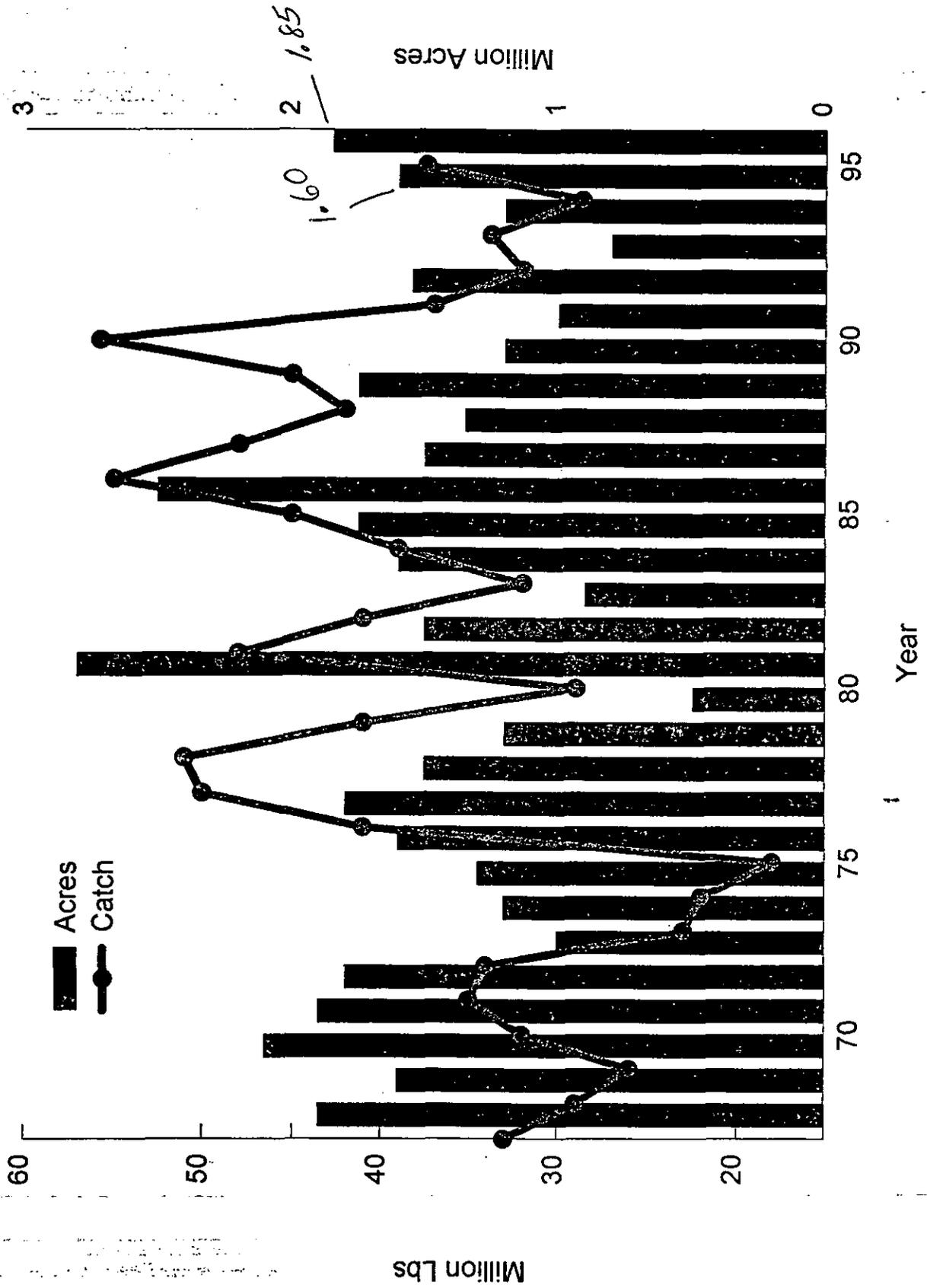


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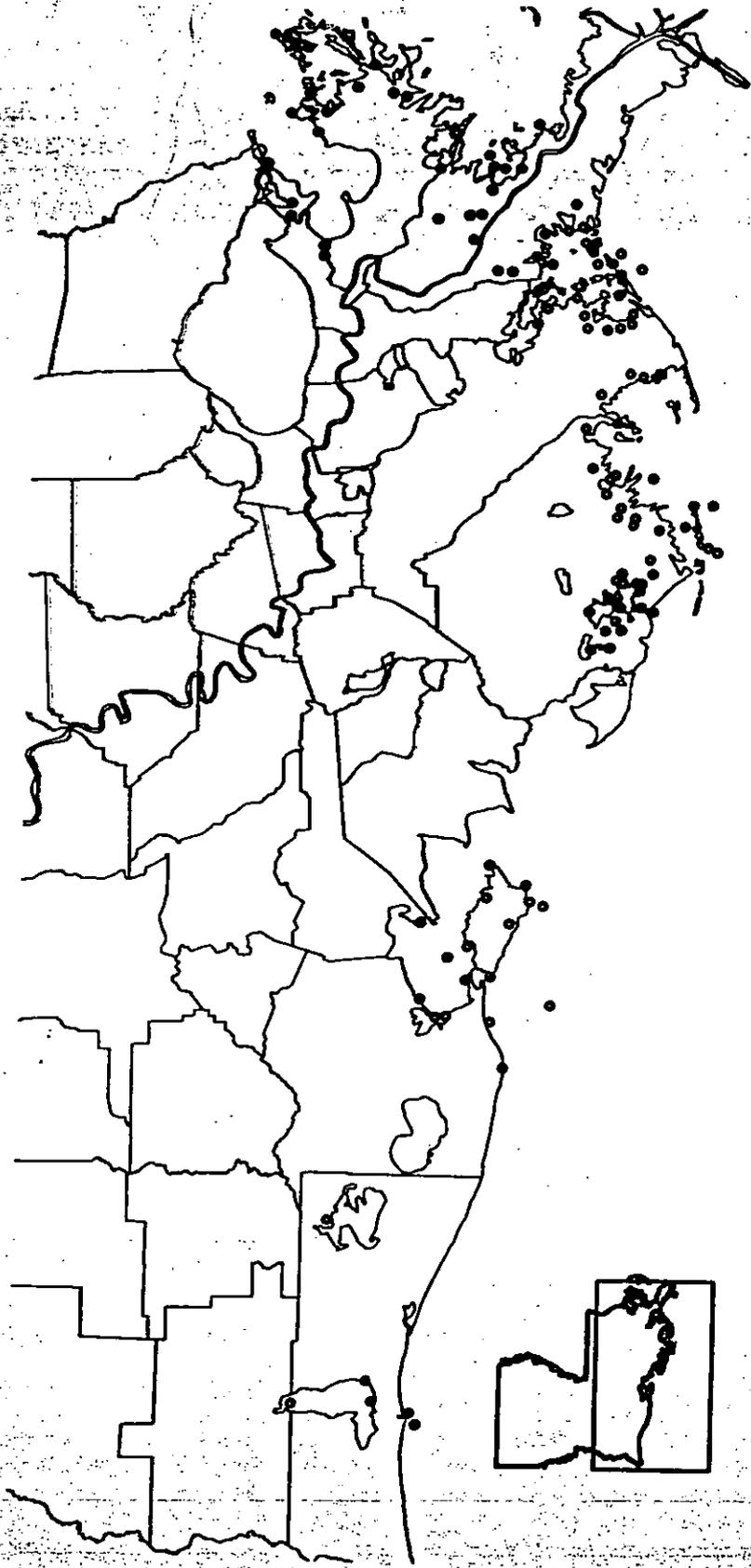


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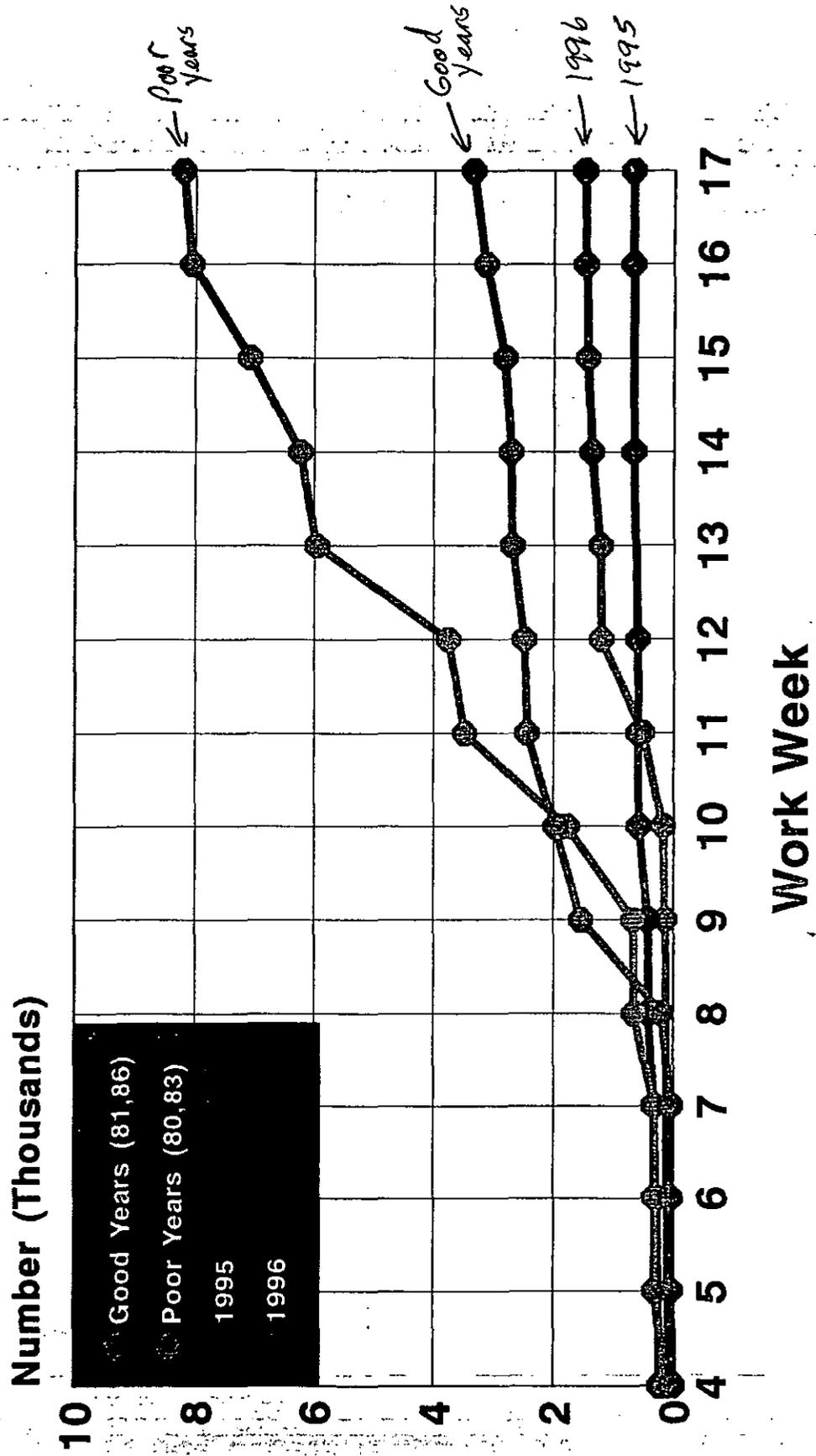


LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES  
SHRIMP PROGRAM MONITORING STATIONS

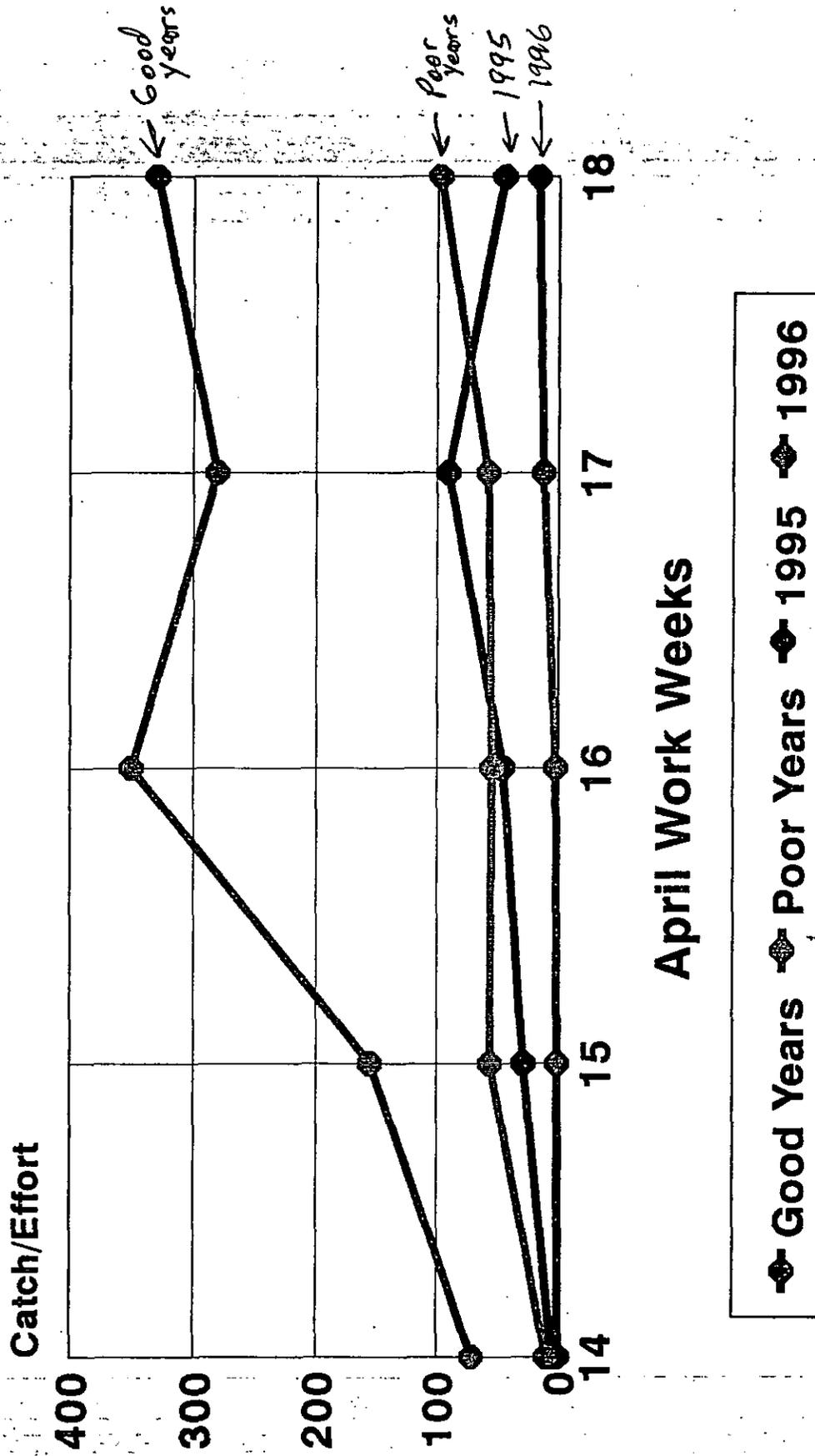


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# Cumulative Postlarval Catch Barataria Bay

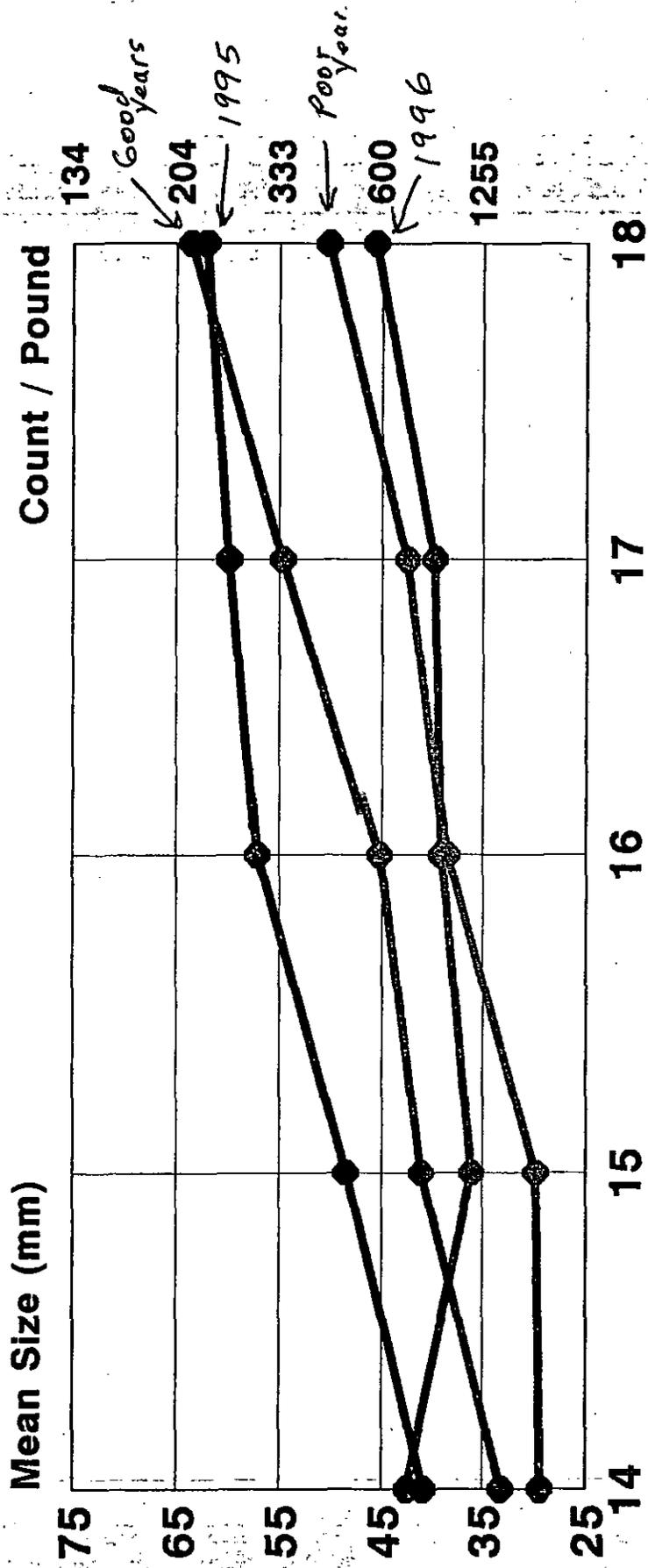


# Brown Shrimp in 6' Trawls Barataria Bay



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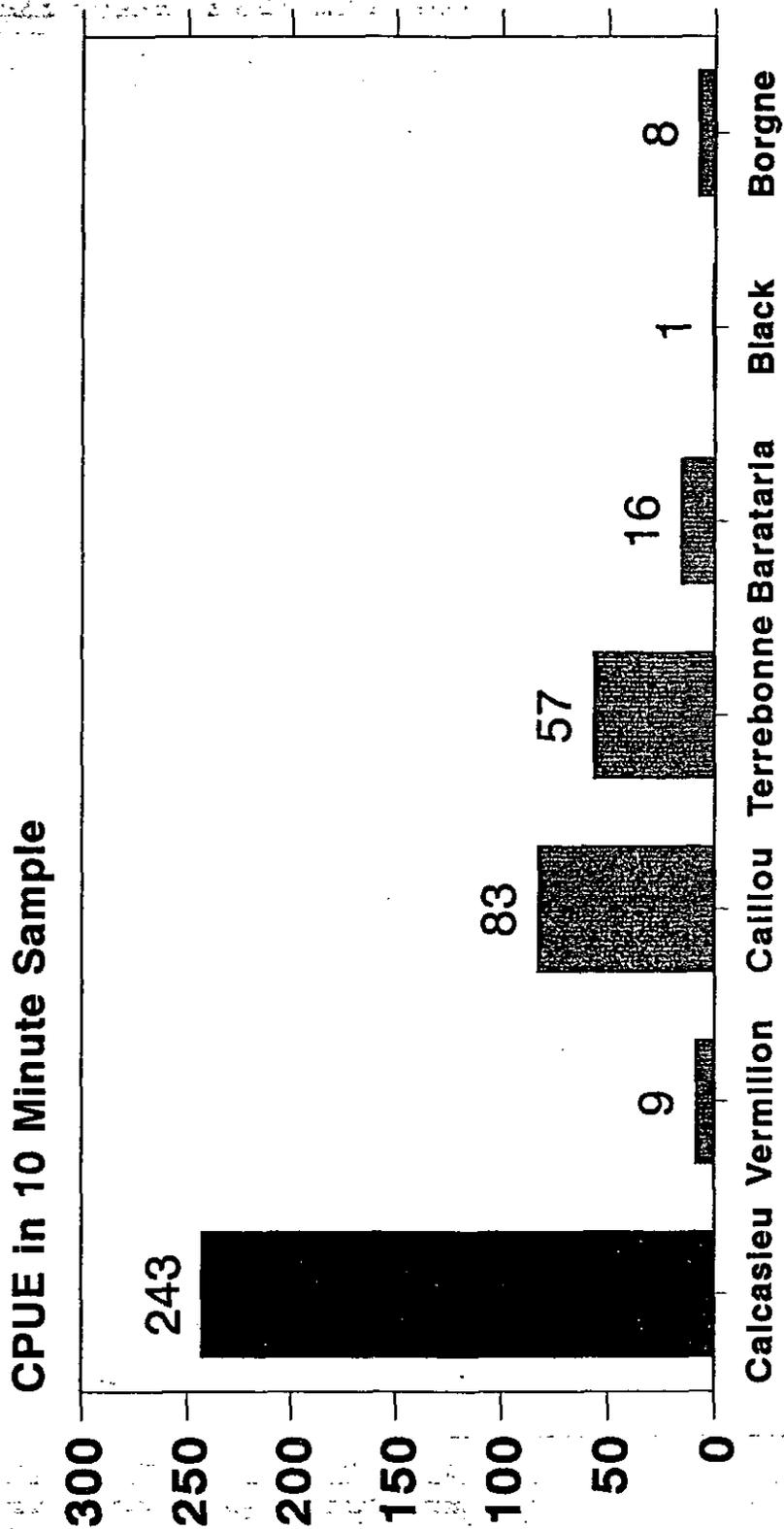
## Barataria Bay



Good Years
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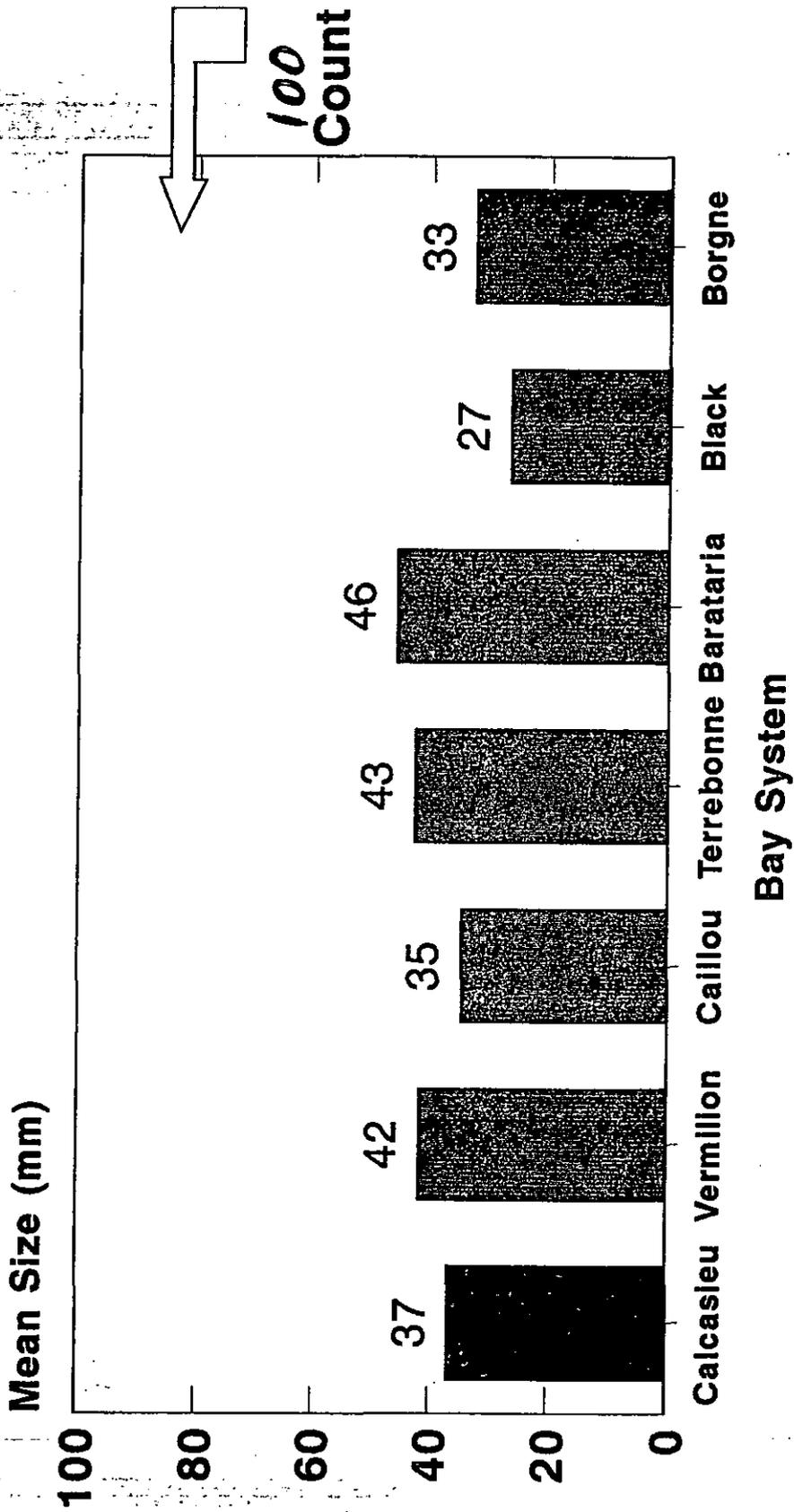


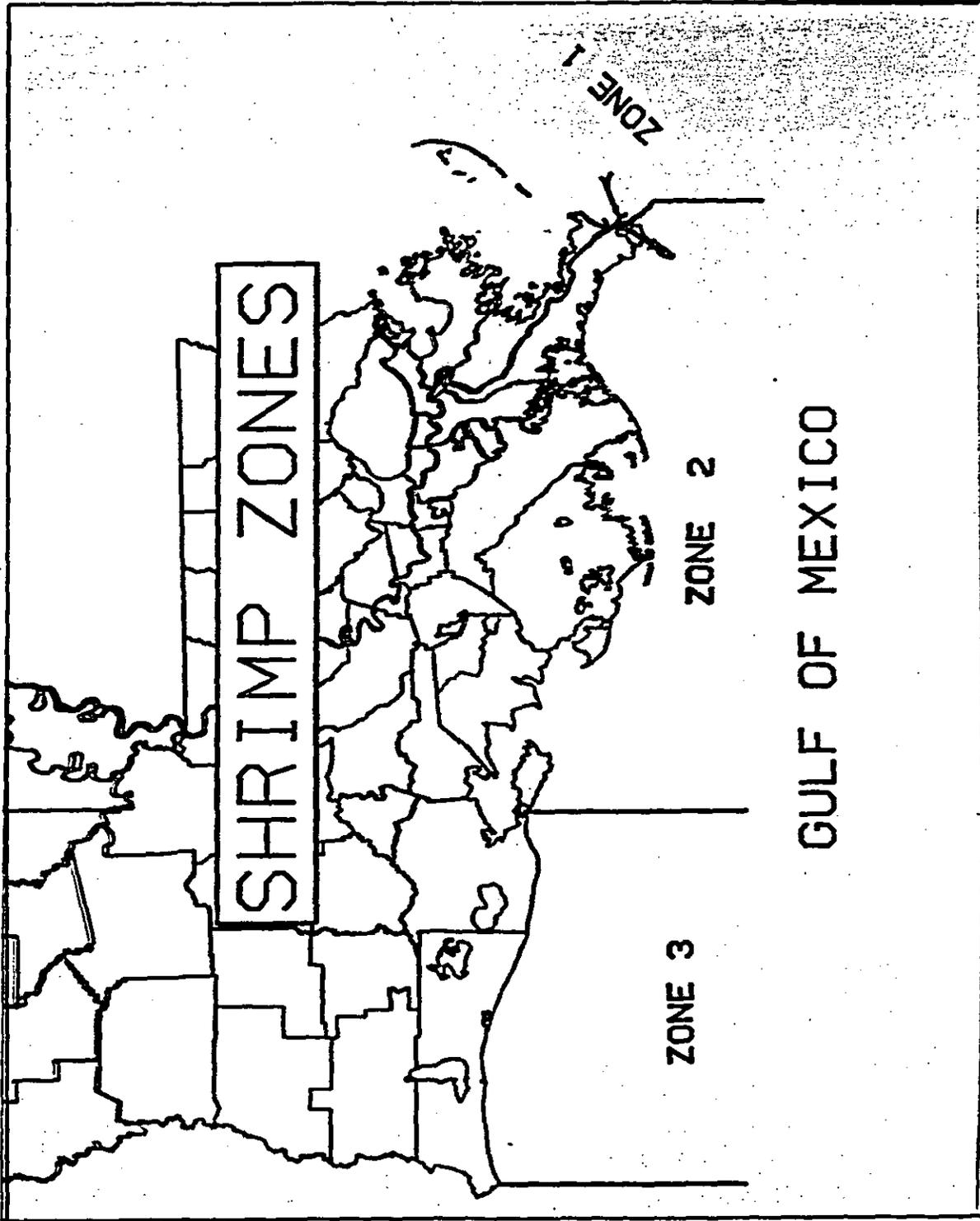
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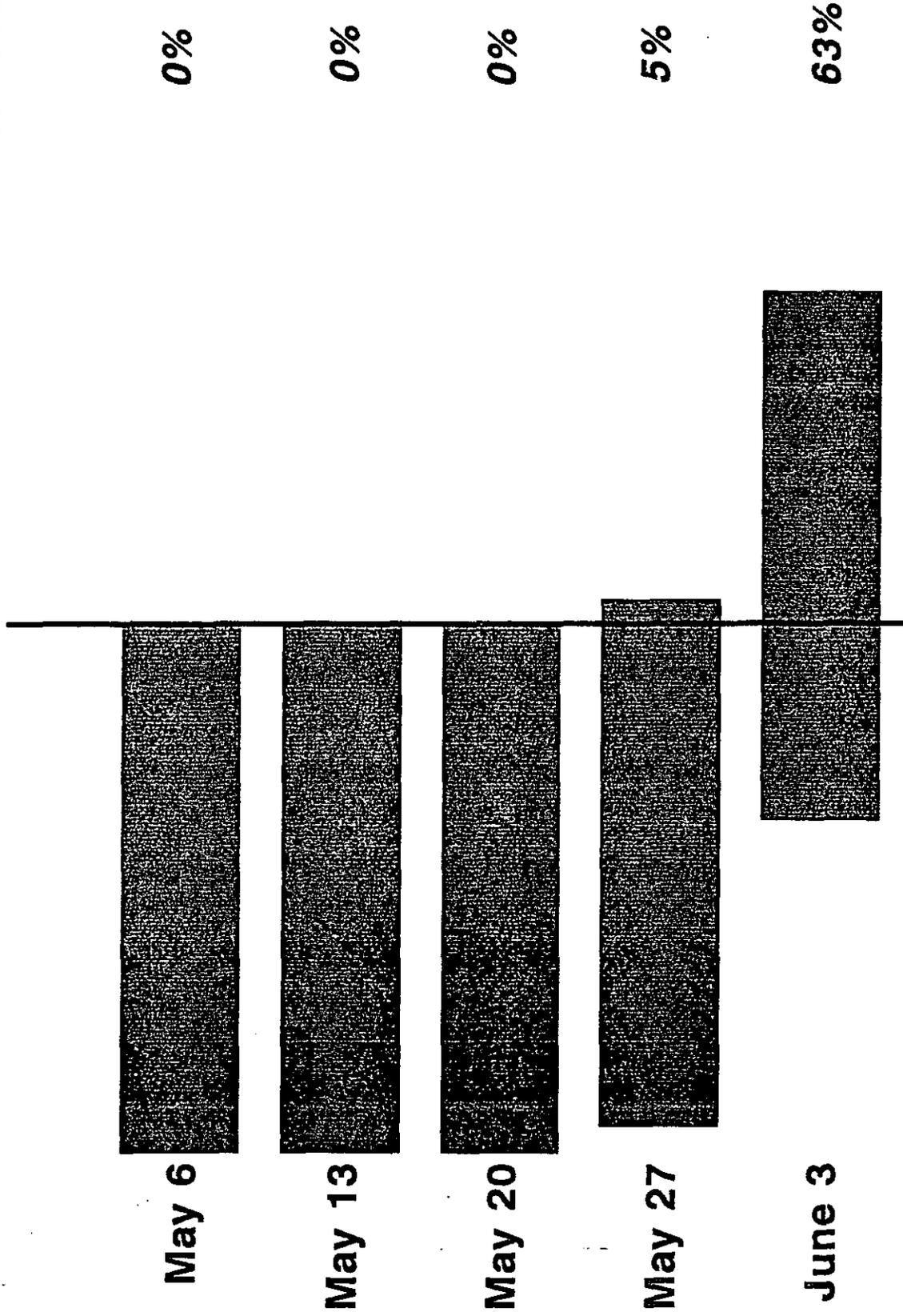
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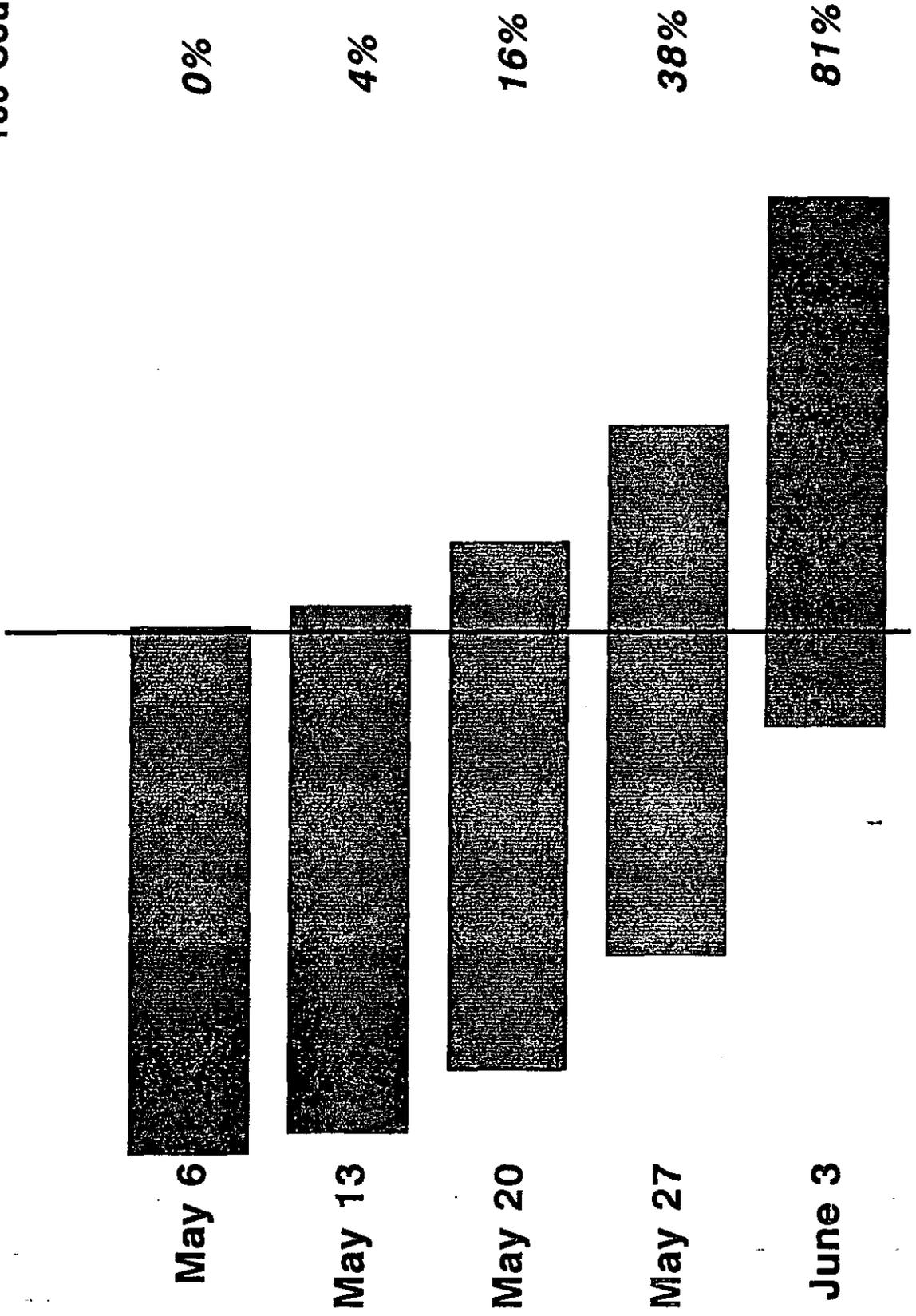
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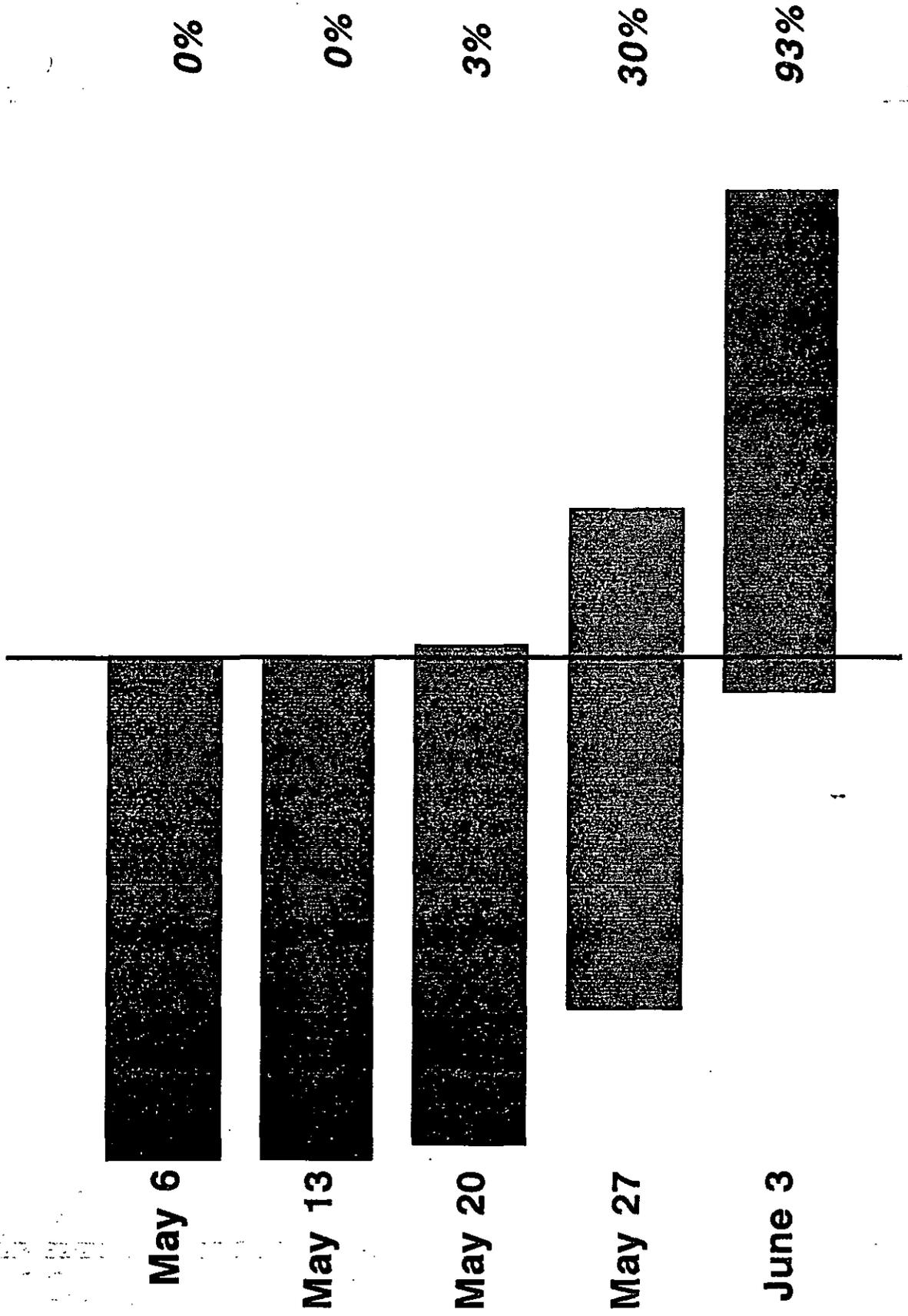
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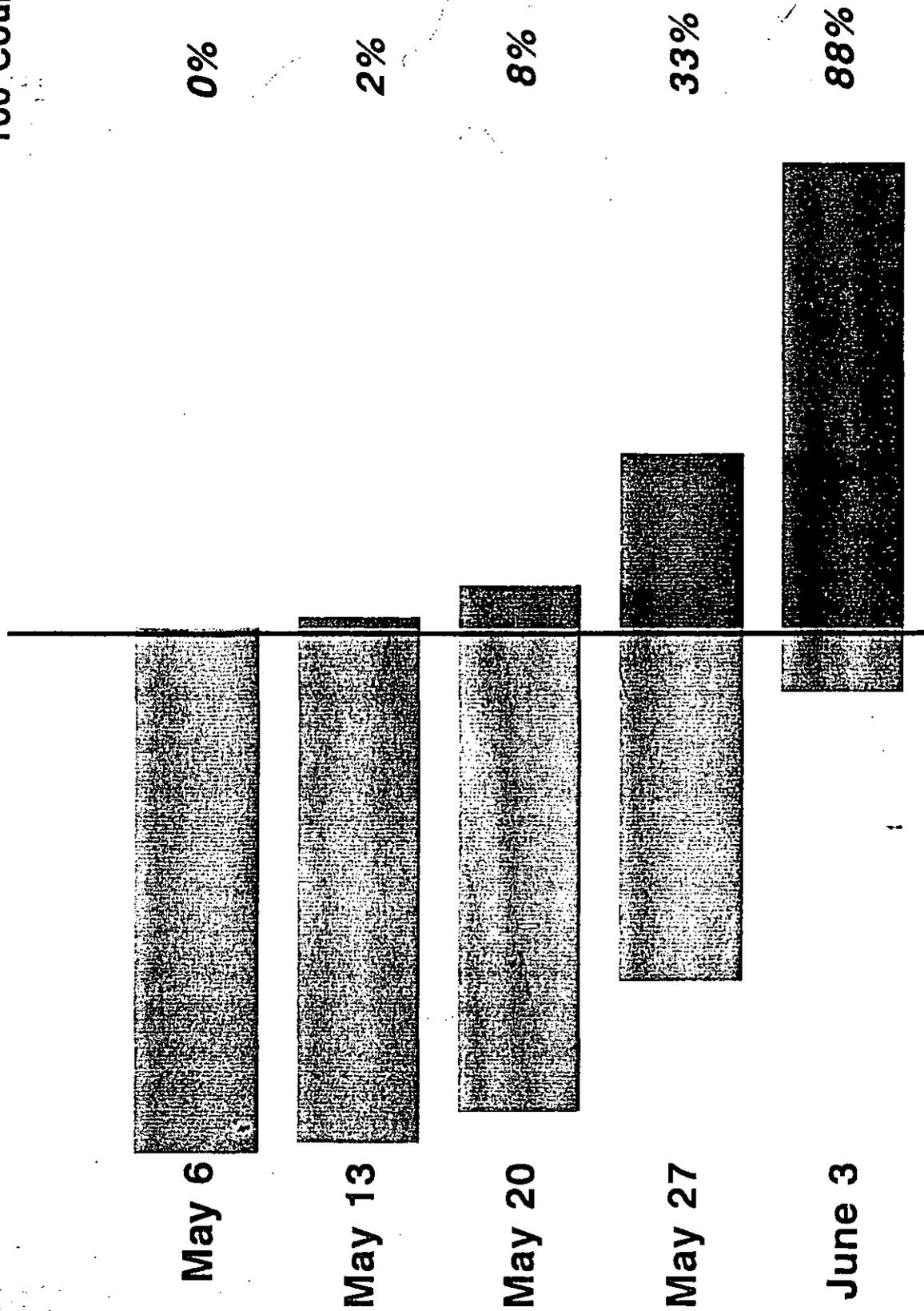
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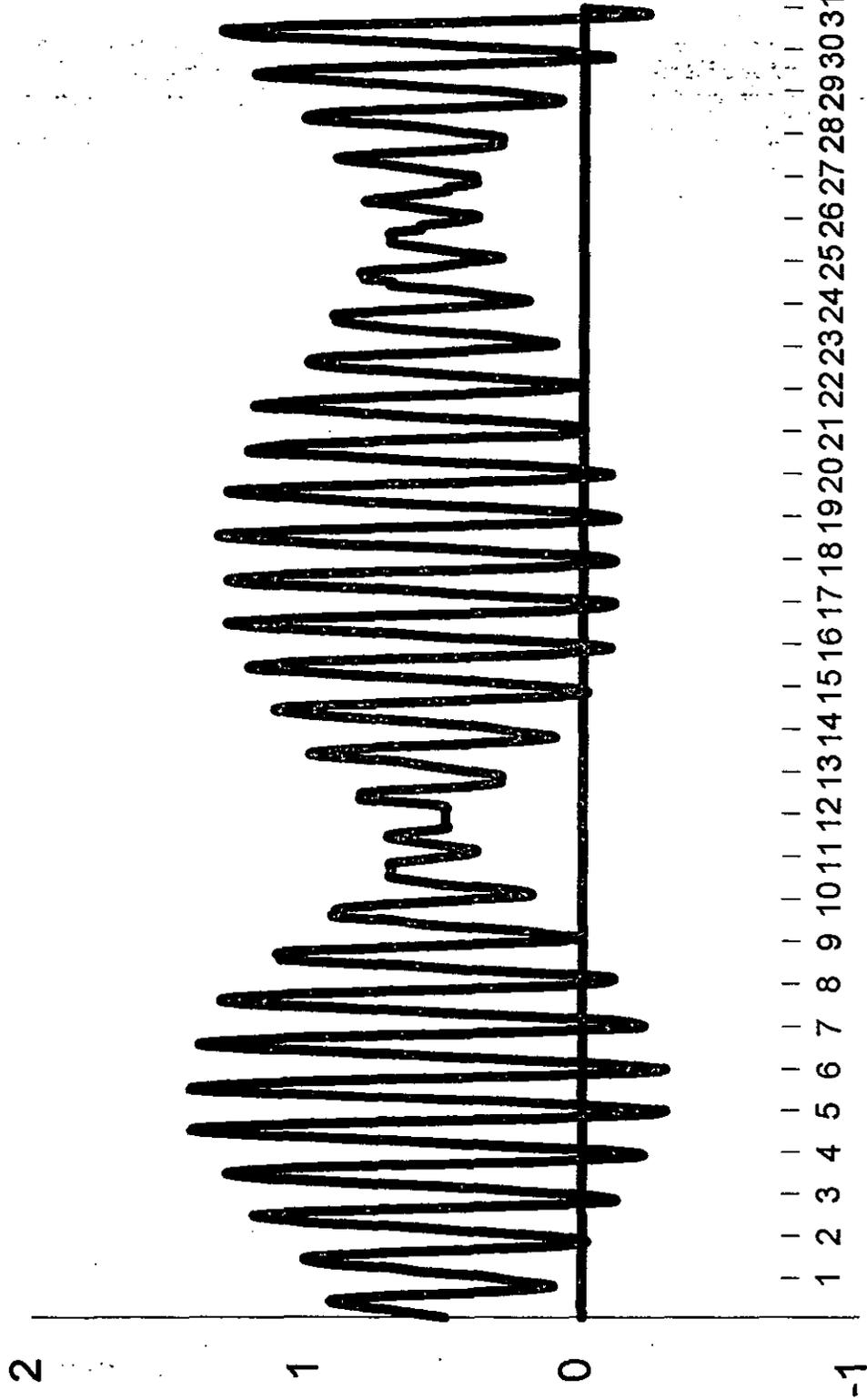


# STATEWIDE 1996

Percent  
100 Count



# May 1996 Predicted Tidal Range Barataria Pass



DATE

RESOLUTION

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 2, 1996

Moratorium on New Oyster Lease Applications, For New Acreage

- WHEREAS,** the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries pursuant to R.S. 56:425 has the authority to lease state waterbottoms to residents of the state for the purpose of oyster cultivation, and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Natural Resources is in the process of constructing coastal restoration projects to conserve and restore coastal vegetated wetlands, and
- WHEREAS,** the restoration of these vegetated wetlands will benefit the fish and wildlife resources of the state, and
- WHEREAS,** as a result of saltwater intrusion, the areas of optimum oyster production have shifted northward, and
- WHEREAS,** as a result of these coastal restoration projects the area of optimum oyster production may change, and
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- WHEREAS,** in order to set up the relocation areas, mitigation methodologies and recommend legislative changes that may be necessary, it will be necessary to extend the moratorium on the taking of oyster lease applications through January 4, 1998,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a moratorium on the taking of new oyster lease applications for new acreage through January 4, 1998, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission directs the Secretary to immediately cease the acceptance and processing of new oyster lease applications for new acreage.



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Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries  
Commission



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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend LAC 76:VII.505 relative to the oyster lease moratorium.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

**Chapter 5. Oyster**

**§500. Oyster Lease Moratorium**

A. A moratorium on the taking of new oyster lease applications for new acreage is established and will extend through January 4, 1998.

B. The moratorium for the taking of oyster lease applications established by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in 1996 will be lifted on January 5, 1998. At that time, applications for oyster leases will be accepted in accordance with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations and the procedures set out below. One week prior to the date the moratorium is lifted, the date, time and place where applications are to be taken will be publicly advertised. For the purpose of and only for the purpose of this lifting of the moratorium, the New Orleans Canal Street Office will not be the site for taking applications.

C. On the date for taking of applications only one applicant at a time will be allowed in to the office and this applicant will be allowed to take only one application. Each applicant will have 15 minutes to designate the area he wishes to apply for.

D. After the applicant pays the application and survey fees, he may return to the end of the line for another application.

E. Applications will be taken 24 hours a day (on a first come basis) until the Department feels the influx of people can be handled during regular office hours at the New Orleans Office, at which time anyone will be able to take an application.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10) and 56:422.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 17:808 (August 1991); amended LR 22:

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amended rule to Mr. Philip Bowman, Programs Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 1, 1996.

Glynn Carver

Chairman

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Glynn Carver, Chairman  
La. Wildlife & Fisheries  
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary  
La. Department of Wildlife &  
Fisheries

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**AND**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**FOR**

**MUTUAL COOPERATION**

**RELATED TO**

**COASTAL RESTORATION**

## **SECTION I**

### **PURPOSE**

The State of Louisiana through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), has proposed a number of coastal restoration projects including a project for the controlled diversion of freshwater from the Mississippi River into the Davis Pond area. The latter diversion structure will be located on the Westbank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, and have a design flow capacity of 10,650 cfs.

The effect of the diversion project upon the estuary's ability to support wildlife, finfish and shellfish is expected to be significant. Diversion of nutrient and sediment rich freshwater will rejuvenate existing marsh, significantly reduce dependence on local rainfall as the principal source of freshwater input to the estuary, reduce peak salinities and induce more regularity in the seasonal salinity pattern. Project benefits involve reducing land loss and increasing fish and wildlife production. Likewise, other coastal restoration projects, including those developed by the State and/or local parish governments with little or no federal assistance, are likely to produce significant effects as well, some of which may be adverse.

In order for these projects to be successfully implemented, it will be necessary for DNR and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF) to cooperate not only in the sharing of information, but in undertaking specific responsibilities and tasks within the special expertise of each agency. In this regard DWF has special expertise in the management of fish and wildlife resources and the social and economic impacts of these renewable natural resources. DNR has special expertise in the administration of coastal restoration. If this mutual cooperation and division of responsibilities is formally recognized, the Davis Pond Project as well as many of the other coastal restoration projects will be managed more efficiently. Accordingly, DNR and DWF wish to set forth their agreement in writing.

## **SECTION II**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Based upon the foregoing, DNR and DWF mutually agree that:

1. This agreement shall be in effect from June 1, 1996, through May 31, 2011.
2. This agreement may be terminated only by mutual written consent of DNR and DWF.

3. This document may only be amended in writing which will be effected by attaching a jointly signed and dated letter by the authorized department officials detailing said amendment or amendments.
4. This agreement will be subject to enforcement through equitable remedies such as specific performance.
5. Coastal Restoration Projects as referred to in this agreement will be those projects authorized or funded pursuant to the state's annual Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Plan.
6. DNR and DWF will pursue funding from both State and Federal sources for uncompleted oyster lease applications, to include survey fees and rentals.
7. In an effort to reduce any shortfall which DWF may experience or has experienced as a result of uncompleted oyster lease applications, DNR will immediately review pending oyster lease applications to determine whether the proposed lease acreage would fall within areas likely to be adversely affected by coastal restoration projects. Once a determination is made that any leases are unlikely to be adversely affected by coastal restoration projects, those oyster lease applications may be processed by DWF in accordance with DWF's standard policies and practices.

### **SECTION III**

#### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES - DNR**

DNR, in consideration of the terms of this agreement, will:

1. Provide funding for DWF in accordance with DWF's expertise in managing fish and wildlife resources to conduct short-term intensive biological monitoring, as described in appropriate Design Memorandum Supplements or contractual documentation for projects, and at the direction of DNR not to exceed fixed dollar amounts as set forth in said documents. DNR and DWF will also continue to cooperate in the formulation of long term monitoring agreements where feasible.
2. Assume any year end adjustment of premium or any adjustment pursuant to the cost allocation plan associated with the self insurance fund administered by the Office of Risk Management, Division of Administration, for the account of DWF and/or Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (WFC) as a result of any activity undertaken by DWF or WFC at the request of DNR subsequent to March 4, 1996, related to coastal restoration and will assume all defense costs related to same; however, all defense costs associated with actions taken by DWF and WFC prior to March 4, 1996 will remain for the account of DWF. Further, should this Agreement terminate prior to May 31, 2011, this obligation shall not apply to any claim made against DWF as a result of actions taken by DWF after the date of the termination of this Agreement,

and any such claims will remain for the account and responsibility of DWF. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement is not to be interpreted on a claims made basis and it is the intent of this Agreement that this Agreement is not to be interpreted on a claims made basis and any claims made against DWF after the termination of this Agreement, if related to DWF's actions taken prior to the termination, shall remain the responsibility of DNR.

3. Provide notice of lease areas likely to be adversely impacted from coastal restoration by November 1st of each year; and will assist DWF in providing notification of same to lessees.
4. Assume any liability of DWF and/or WFC not covered by the State's self-insurance program administered by ORM and resulting from any activity undertaken by DWF or WFC at the request of DNR subsequent to March 4, 1996, related to coastal restoration and will assume all defense costs related to same; however, all defense costs associated with actions taken by DWF or WFC prior to March 4, 1996 will remain for the account of DWF. Further, should this Agreement terminate prior to May 31, 2011, this obligation shall terminate such that any claim made against DWF after the date of the termination of this Agreement will remain for the account and responsibility of DWF. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement is not to be interpreted on a claims made basis and it is the intent of this Agreement that this Agreement is not to be interpreted on a claims made basis and any claims made against DWF after the termination of this Agreement, if related to DWF's actions taken prior to the termination, shall remain the responsibility of DNR.
5. Set forth and delineate areas likely to be adversely affected by coastal restoration projects, retain such information on a GIS data base to be retained by DNR, and, provide such information, subject to a confidentiality agreement as permitted by law, to DWF for use in evaluating lease applications.
6. Review all lease applications and lease renewal documentation submitted by DWF within 30 days of receipt by DNR to determine whether the lease area referenced in those applications will be located in areas likely to sustain adverse effects from coastal restoration projects.
7. Locate and map areas likely to sustain adverse effects for oyster cultivation from coastal restoration projects so as to allow both DNR and DWF to develop a relocation plan to mitigate oyster lease damages; and jointly with DWF, develop such a plan.
8. Provide assistance, as necessary, to aid DWF in converting DWF survey information to the DNR GIS database for use by both agencies, subject to a confidentiality agreement as permitted by law.

## **SECTION IV**

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES - DWF**

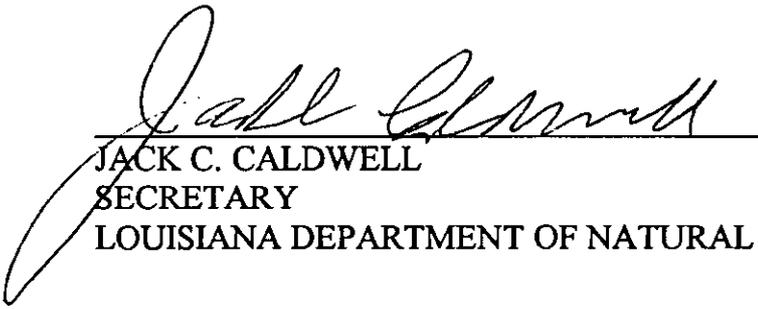
DWF, in consideration of the terms of this agreement, will:

1. Cooperate with DNR in securing funding to hire the necessary personnel and acquire the necessary supplies, equipment, and/or other acquisitions to fulfill this agreement.
2. Fulfill monitoring tasks as described above, upon provision of funding to be provided by DNR as required by Section III (1), above.
3. Amend, with consideration of comments from DNR, the language within the present oyster lease form to include more detailed language of indemnification and immunity in favor of the State in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:214.5 and 214.6, as amended, by May 1, 1996.
4. Refrain from issuing new leases or reissuing or renewing existing leases determined by DNR to be in areas likely to suffer adverse effects from freshwater diversions or any other coastal restoration project pursuant to 49:214.31(c).
5. Subject to and contingent upon available funding, create a program, with the assistance of DNR, which will allow for the mitigation or creation of new oyster leasing areas or the transfer of oysters or the exchange of areas designated by DWF so as to mitigate any adverse effects which may occur to any existing or future oyster leaseholds as a result of the construction or operation of any coastal restoration projects.
6. Provide digital data, maps and records to assist DNR in creating a GIS data base related to the location and status of oyster leases so that the location of all oyster leases can be monitored by DNR and so that the issuance or renewal of oyster leases does not impede the progress of coastal restoration in Louisiana. DWF further agrees, insofar as permissible under applicable law not to release information from the GIS data base to the public if DNR advises DWF that the release of such information may adversely affect the progress of coastal restoration.
7. Subject to the provisions of Section II. 7., and notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, DWF may proceed with processing of pending oyster lease applications if no funding for any financial shortfall associated with the pending applications is forthcoming by October 15, 1996.
8. Perform the aforementioned obligations provided that:
  - a) Nothing herein shall constitute, nor be deemed to constitute, an obligation of future state legislative appropriations for performance or payment when obligating future appropriations would be inconsistent with state constitutional or statutory limitations;
  - b) All obligations of the State of Louisiana, DWF, including, but not limited to, "total project costs", "operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation costs", "damages", "interest", "penalties" or other costs shall be contingent upon, and dependant upon,

funding provided by DNR, federal sources or specific legislative appropriation(s) made by the Legislature, specifically for the purpose of paying the State of Louisiana's share of costs of DWF for this project. In the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted or are otherwise unavailable by any means whatsoever (to include but not limited to gubernatorial veto, gubernatorial reduction of allotments during the fiscal year, change of funds in appropriation categories or transfers of programs) for any fiscal year of the State of Louisiana for payment(s) due under this Agreement, then DWF shall immediately notify DNR and this Agreement shall terminate on the last date of the fiscal period for which appropriations were received or upon that date that there are no funds available to make payments under this Agreement without penalty or expense to DWF, except for those funds that were appropriated and available under the terms of this Agreement;

c) It is specifically understood and agreed that DWF, through its Secretary, is acting solely for the State of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund shall not be directly or indirectly obligated or held liable in any manner for any costs, expenses or other liability associated with this project, including, but not limited to "total project costs" and "operation, maintenance and rehabilitation costs". This contract and all obligations therein of DWF are contingent upon and dependant upon funding provided by DNR or the appropriation of funds by the legislature of the State of Louisiana and/or the availability of federal funds to fulfill any and all obligations of the State or DWF under this contract;

d) Under no circumstances shall there be any obligation or encumbrance of the funds contained in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund.



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JACK C. CALDWELL  
SECRETARY  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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JAMES H. JENKINS, JR.  
SECRETARY  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby amends the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§169. Black Bass Regulations, Eagle Lake

The size regulation for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana is as follows:

It shall be unlawful to take or possess, while on the water or while fishing in the water, black bass less than 14 inches total length on Eagle Lake, located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana. This rule will expire at midnight, December 31, 1998.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), 325(C), 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:909 (July 1993), amended LR 21:477 (May 1995), LR 22: .

Chairman

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M.J. "Mike" Foster  
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April 23, 1996

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mr. Glynn Carver, Chairman  
Mr. Perry Gisclair, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Daniel J. Babin, Commissioner  
Mr. Joseph B. Cormier, Commissioner  
Mr. Jerald Hanchey, Commissioner  
Mr. Edmund McIlhenny, Jr., Commissioner  
Mr. John F. Schneider, Commissioner

**FROM:** Thomas E. Prickett, Assist. Admin., Wildlife Division

**Subject:** Deer season and deer area boundary changes

At the last commission meeting some deer season options were included in your packet of information. The options addressed different ways to place the muzzle loader season ahead of the regular gun deer season and changing the with or without dog segment of the Area 6 season to a Saturday opening.

Since that meeting I have been informed that Option # 1 will be selected at the May meeting. The staff will also recommend the setting of the statewide handicapped season and moving a portion of Area 2 into Area 1 at the May meeting. To insure that everyone is on the same page with regard to these changes I have attached an outline of the deer seasons as they will appear if all of the changes are adopted by the Commission. Changes from the original March 7, 1996 notice of intent are underlined for emphasis.

**Cc:** James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Johnnie Tarver  
Hugh A. Bateman  
Dave Morrison ✓  
Dave Moreland

1996/97 DEER SEASON

AREA	ARCHERY	MUZZLELOADER	STILL HUNT	W/WO DOGS
1	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	<u>Nov. 9-15</u>	Nov. 16-Dec. 1 Jan. 4-19	<u>Dec. 7-Jan. 3</u>
2	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	<u>Oct. 19-25</u>	Oct. 26-Dec. 6	Dec. 7-Jan. 5
3	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	<u>Oct. 12-18</u>	Oct. 19-Dec. 6 Dec. 7-Jan. 5	
4	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	<u>Nov. 16-22</u>	Nov. 23-Jan. 5	
5	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	<u>Nov. 16-22</u> Bucks-Only	Nov. 23-Dec. 1	
6	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	<u>Nov. 9-15</u>	Nov. 16-Dec. 1	<u>Dec. 7-Jan. 19</u>
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	<u>Oct. 12-18</u>	Oct. 19-Nov. 3 Nov. 16-Dec. 1	Dec. 14-Jan. 19

**MUZZLELOADER SEASONS**

Oct. 12-18 - Areas 3 and 7

Oct. 19-25 - Area 2

Nov. 9-15 - Areas 1 and 6

Nov. 16-22 - Areas 4 and 5

Dec. 2-8 - Wildlife Management Areas, KNF and Preserves, Federal Refuges.

**YOUTH AND HANDICAPPED HUNTS**

Oct. 12-13 - KNF Preserves

Oct. 19-20 - WMAs

Nov. 9-10 - WMAs

**SPECIAL HANDICAPPED DEER HUNT, PRIVATE LAND**

Oct. 12-13 - Statewide



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## HUNTING SEASON LETTERS 1996-97

### DEER

Request to open Area 6 dog season on a Saturday. 5 letters  
Request for a more liberal muzzle loader season. 18 letters  
Request to reduce the number of doe days, Area 2. 4 letters  
Request for more days of deer hunting. 7 letters  
Request to delay Area 2 opening to give more time to bow hunters. 1 letter  
Request for earlier opening date in Area 5. 1 letter  
Request to move Youth season so gun season can open earlier. 1 letter  
Request to extend bow season to Jan. 31 for bow hunters group. 1 letter  
Request to outlaw feeding or hunting over corn. 1 letter  
Request to not open deer and duck season on the same day. 1 letter  
Request for less dog days in Area 2. 1 letter

### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

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*Considered for  
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April 10, 1996

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April 12, 1996

Secretary Jimmy Jenkins  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
P. O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000

Dear Jimmy:

We very much appreciated your taking time from your busy schedule in March to see our small group of concerned sportsmen which consisted of businessmen, working people, and a retiree.

We are deer-dog hunters and members of ten different dog hunting clubs. Each one of us live in six different parishes, all of which are located below Interstate 10, and in Area 6 and Area 7 as designated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Hunting Maps.

We are deer-dog hunters (referred to as "with/without dog season" hunters) who only want to hunt on our own leases where we spend our own money for the lease and its improvements. Most deer-dog hunters, like us, are members of hunting clubs which lease large sections of land. We are conservationists as well as sportsmen. We realize that if we are not conservationists, our lease will not produce and maintain the number of deer to justify the high cost of our lease.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Department spends thousands of dollars yearly on wildlife managements, reserves, and delta areas, which deer dog hunters are not allowed to hunt. (This is tax dollars received from sportsmen who consist of deer dog hunters.)

Wildlife biologist say, "There are more deer now than ever." The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife Division this year have recommended an increase in either sex (doe) days.

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Muzzleloader hunters can kill doe and buck throughout their season; can hunt their season, as well as still hunter season and with/without dog season.

Again we would like to ask your department to recommend to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission a change in Area 6 and Area 7 for the muzzleloader season (which we have requested every year since the introduction of it).

As you are aware hunters in Areas 2, 3, and 4 which are located in the northwest corner of the state requested their muzzleloader season be changed this year and they got their change. We asked and were told very few muzzleloader licenses are sold in Areas 6 and 7.

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This is a sensible recommendation for the season. The change would open up dates that would give us more days to hunt with and without dogs. We're only asking for days we once had, but that have been taken away over the years.

The following is the proposal we would like the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to present to the Commission for Areas 6 and 7:

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Muzzleloader Only; Either Sex Hunting

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OR

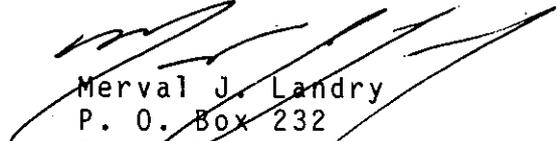
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With/Without Dogs

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Respectfully yours,



Merval J. Landry  
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cc Louisiana Wildlife and Commission

Deer Dog Hunters Present at March Meeting

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On another note, I have heard that some people don't think that the muzzleloaders of today should be called primitive. It is not so much the rifle, as it is what they shoot in them, plus the cosmetic make up of that rifle. The in-line action such as the Knight dates back to the 1800's. The use of one powered scopes dates back prior to the civil war. Our thoughts on this subject is to restrict the type of projectile, and maybe eliminating the electronic sights. This would bring the rifle more in line with the traditional muzzleloading rifle.

Finally sir, I have enclosed petitions with signatures and addresses for your review. This is just some of the sportsman around the Alexandria and Pineville area.

Thanks again for your time and effort in making Louisiana truly a sportsman paradise.



Tom Cogburn  
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03-18-96

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We the undersigned would like to make our feelings known that we support a seven (7) day deer muzzleloading season in October. The muzzleloading and bow season should coincide before the regular deer season to allow primitive hunting in Louisiana states to grow to it full potential. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fishery would realize a higher revenue from Louisiana and neighboring state hunters with a early muzzleloading hunting season. This would help their annual budget problems in wildlife management.

Louisiana has the best whitetail deer habitat in the world, and we support whatever is necessary to keep our hunters at home, and our deer herd alive and well.

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February 7, 1996

Dear Commissioner Cormier,

First of all let me thank you for the cooperation and consideration that Area 6 has received over the past several years on the topic of dog hunting. As you know Area 6 is comprised of mainly low lying Cypress/Tuppelo swamps which remain under water year round. The agreements which were reached by the Deer Advisory Council of 1991, in which I was a participant, have been maintained over the past several years. These agreements basically segregated these areas because dogs are a tremendous asset and are needed to successfully hunt these areas. Dog hunting is much more acceptable and less conflicting in these areas than in others.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude, and pledge for the S.L.D.H.A. to continue to promote the ethical use of dogs for the purpose of hunting in our great state, and to continue to assist the D.W. & F. in any means feasible.

We would like to maintain the seasons frame work as was in 1995-96, in which Area 6 had fourteen days of still hunt and 44 days with or without dogs. Also we would like to maintain the present amount of 44 days with or without dogs in Area 7.

Please accept this as our recommendation for the up coming 96-97 deer season. Again let me thank you for your past considerations.

Sincerely,

Randy Lanoux  
President S.L.D.H.A

**1996 Wildlife Management Area Turkey Harvest**

<b>Wildlife Management Area</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Lottery (Y/N)*</b>	<b>Season Length</b>	<b>Success Rate</b>
Bens Creek	21	795	N	23	1/38
Big Lake	7	469	N	9	1/67
Bodcau	20	690	N	16	1/35
Boeuf	3	202	N	9	1/67
Boise Vernon	8	442	N	23	1/5
Camp Beauregard	2	78	N	16	1/39
Dewey Wills	16	287	Y	16	1/18
Fort Polk	8	421	N	37	1/53
Georgia Pacific	16	464	Y	9	1/29
Grassy Lake	5	220	N	9	1/44
Jackson Bienville	13	386	N	16	1/29
Little River	1	11	N	16	1/11
Loggy Bayou	4	18	Y	9	1/5
Pearl River	7	184	N	16	1/26
Peason Ridge	1	84	N	37	1/84
Pomme de Terre	3	54	N	9	1/18
Red River/Three Rivers	41	724	N	9	1/18
Sandy Hollow	6	242	N	23	1/40
Sherburne	42	870	Y	9	1/21
Tunica Hills	3	242	N	16	1/80
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>6883</b>			<b>1/30</b>

\*See next table for specifics on Lottery Hunts

## Wildlife Management Area Lottery Hunts

WMA	DATES	PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	NUMBER OF HUNTER EFFORTS *
DEWEY WILLS	MARCH 16-17 MARCH 18-20	168	103	127
GEORGIA-PACIFIC	APRIL 6-7 APRIL 8-10	212	151	246
LOGGY BAYOU	APRIL 6-7 APRIL 8-10	52	11	14
SHERBURNE	MARCH 16-17 MARCH 18-20	904	301	365
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1336</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>752</b>

\*DEWEY WILLS- actual hunter efforts of a possible 256  
 GEORGIA-PACIFIC-246 actual hunter efforts of a possible 378  
 LOGGY BAYOU-14 actual hunter efforts of a possible 27  
 SHERBURNE-365 actual hunter efforts of a possible 752

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses its intent to adopt a rule establishing visitor regulations for Timken Wildlife Management Area.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

#### Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions

#### §327. Timken Wildlife Management Area

##### A. Visitors Regulations

1. Morning hunting only on all game (closed 12 noon). All nighttime activities prohibited (including frogging) from 30 minutes after official sunset to one and one-half hours before sunrise.

2. Basic resident and non-resident hunting licenses will serve as season permits on Timken Wildlife Management Area (hereinafter "Timken"). If daily permits are required, they may be obtained from permit stations located on or near Timken. Hunters must check out daily one-half hour after the end of the legal shooting hours.

3. All hunting seasons are set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the department in emergency situations (floods, disease outbreaks or other critical circumstances).

4. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in boats under motor power on Timken. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours. Bows and arrows are not permitted on Timken except during regular archery season or except as permitted for bowfishing. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists. Loaded firearms are not permitted near check stations or headquarters facility. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on Timken.

5. Construction of and hunting from permanent blinds on Timken is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be destroyed. A permanent blind or stand is defined as any structure and/or material, including vegetation, used for

concealment while hunting, that is not completely dismantled or removed from the wildlife management area daily. All waterfowl hunters must dismantle blinds and remove decoys within 30 minutes after close of shooting hours. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (hereinafter "Department") and disposed of by the Department.

6. Except for bird hunting, duck hunting, and rabbit hunting when allowed, having or using dogs on Timken is prohibited. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on Timken during experimental rabbit season.

7. Commercial fishing is prohibited.

8. Recreational Fishing

a. Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season 10 pounds per boat per day, heads on may be taken for bait.

b. Oysters may be taken from natural reefs and opened at the site. A maximum of one gallon per boat is permitted and all shell must be thrown back onto the reef. Possession of unshucked oysters is not permitted. Taking of oysters on the reef is dependent upon Department of Health and Hospitals' approval and may be closed at any time by the Department.

c. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

d. Crabs may be taken through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

e. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

f. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, oysters, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

9. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals. Operation of the above described internal combustion engines in interior ditches are prohibited.

10. Pulling boats over levees, dams, or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

11. The use of airboats, aircraft, hover craft, all-terrain vehicles and all-terrain cycles and motorcycles are prohibited except as specifically authorized by Department personnel.

12. Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited. Possession of controlled dangerous substances (drugs) onto the wildlife management area is prohibited. All boats and vehicles are subject to search by authorized employees of the Department at anytime.

13. Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Department.

14. Burning of the marshes is prohibited. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department at anytime. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs and wild plants on Timken without prior approval is prohibited.

15. No littering allowed.

16. Violation of any part of this section constitutes a class two violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to James Manning, Assistant Administrator, Fur & Refuge Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 1996.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses its intent to adopt a rule establishing visitor regulations for Waddill Wildlife Refuge.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries**

**Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves and Commissions**

**§325. Waddill Wildlife Refuge**

A. Purpose. Waddill Wildlife Refuge will be actively managed as a wildlife educational and learning area for youth groups, nonconsumptive users, and as a hunter safety and aquatic education training center. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and utilization of this refuge have been adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the refuge.

B. General

1. Access to the refuge will only be allowed through the front entrance bordering Flannery Road. All visitors will sign the register at the front office. A group of individuals may have a representative sign for the group by indicating the number in the group. Individuals less than 16 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by a person 18 years of age or older.

2. Vehicles are allowed only in designated areas and must park in provided spaces. ATV's, trail bikes, horses and mules are strictly prohibited. Restricted areas will be established for specific activities and visitors will not enter these areas unless they are part of the specific activity allowing access to that area.

3. All dogs are prohibited unless participating in a Department-sponsored activity, such as a retriever demonstration during an educational activity. All dogs running at large are prohibited; and the owner or handler of said dogs will be held liable for any personal injury or property damage, and will be subject to criminal citation.

4. Citizens are cautioned that by entering the refuge they or their vehicles may be subject to license checks, inspections and searches. Wildlife Officers will have the duty and

right to restrict access to the refuge as necessary.

5. Refuge hours will be set by the Fur & Refuge Division (hereinafter "Division") and will be posted at the entrance. All visitors will abide by the posted hours. Educational activities may be held outside the normal open hours of the refuge by prior arrangement and permission of the Division. All participants of these activities will confine their use of the refuge to the designated area of the activity.

6. Hunting, pursuing, killing, molesting, or intentionally disturbing any type of wildlife is prohibited; provided that the Department may conduct activities necessary to properly manage wildlife on the area.

7. Camping is prohibited; provided that the Division is authorized to establish and maintain specific camping areas for use by organized groups under policy established by the Division. If areas are established, they will not be used by the public.

8. Littering is prohibited. Visitors must remove their litter or place litter in appropriate litter disposal containers.

9. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, flowers, or wild plants is strictly prohibited.

10. The possession of firearms, bows, liquor and controlled dangerous substances by the public on the refuge is prohibited; provided that the Division is authorized to construct, maintain and operate ranges, in which case, shotguns and bows will be permitted under guidelines developed by the Division.

11. Access to all nature trails is limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATV's, trail bikes, horses or mules are allowed. Individuals utilizing the nature trails must remain on the designated trail. No picnicking is allowed on the trails. All trash must be disposed of in designated litter containers.

12. Individual groups may submit written requests to reserve a specific part of the refuge for a special group event. The remaining unreserved portion of the refuge shall be open to the public.

13. Violation of any part of this section constitutes a class two violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 et seq. and 56:109.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22: .

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**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**APRIL 1996**

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-APRIL 1996**

**REGION I**

**TOTAL CASES-70**

**ENFORCEMENT-70**

**OTHER CASES - 0**

7-Boating

13-Angling W/O A License

3-Fishing W/O Cane Pole License

38-Fishing W/O A Non-Resident License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

2-Taking Fish Illegally --

4-Hunt Turkey Over Baited Area\

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

**CONFISCATIONS:**

1 turkey call, 4 guns, 1 Jon boat, 1-20 H.P. outboard motor, 1 boat traller, 1 winch, 2 boat cushions, 1 life jacket, 2 dip nets, 2 batteries, 2 paddles, 2 fish shocking devices, 110 pounds of catfish sold for \$44.00.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:**

7-Boating

54-Sport Fishing

3-Commercial Fishing

4-Turkey

2-Misc.

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-102

ENFORCEMENT-102

OTHER DIV. - 0

27-Boating

4-No Recreational Gear License

3-Take Game Fish Illegally

1-No Commercial License

1-No Commercial Gear License

2-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

1-Block Passage Of Fish

15-Use Illegal Mesh Nets

18-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

7-Fish W/O A Resident Pole License

12-Take Illegal Size Bass

1-Possess Freshly Killed Deer Closed Season

2-Hunt Turkey Closed Season

2-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana

1-DWI

1-Improper Lane Use

2-Flight From An Officer

1-Trapping In Closed Season

CONFISCATIONS:

1-15 foot Starcraft boat, 1-30H.P. Yamaha Motor, 1 dilly traller, 6 hoop nets with leads, 65 crappie, 1 raccoon, 750 lbs. Of mussels, 1-9.9 Mariner outboard, 1 air compressor, 1 rig and hose, 1 dry dive suit, 1 wet suit, 1 water cooler,

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**REGION 2 CONT'D.**

1 Dive ladder, 2 portable air tanks, 1 Honda generator , 1 air pump, 50 foot air hose, 1 deer, 6 bass, 4 crappie, 2 face masks and rig, 1 gallon gas, 1-12 volt. Battery, 1 plastic tub, 2 weight belts, 1-8 pack D cell battery, 1 thermos, 1-6 gallon outboard tank, 1 tool box with tools, 1 pair of rubber boots, 1 Q beam, 1 pair bolt cutters, 1 portable florescent light, 1 pair 7x50 Binoculars, 3 knives, 1 mag.light, 2 dip sacks, 2 boats, 1 bell anchor,

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:**

27-Boating

3-Public Assistance (Assist Stranded motorist, Rescue Boater overturned)

26-Commercial Fishing

39-Sports Fishing

3-Hunting

7-Other

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**REGION 3**

**TOTAL CASES-150**

**ENFORCEMENT-150**

**OTHER DIV. - 5**

30-Boating

64-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O Non-Resident License In Possession

4-Fish W/O Pole License

3-Use Recreational Gear W/O Gear License

4-Take/Illegal Possession Gamefish With Hoopnets

12-Take Undersize/Illegal Size Black Bass

2-Take Undersize Commercial Finfish

2-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Fail To Tag Nets

6-Failure To abide By Rules And Regs. On WMA

10-Littering

1-Resisting An Officer

1-Obstruction Of Justice

5-Trespass On State Property

1-Driving With Suspended License

**CONFISCATIONS:**

112 crapple, 18 black bass, 6 bream, 68 undersize catfish, 1-40 h.p. outboard motor, 1-18 foot boat, 1 boat trailer, 15 hoop nets, 1 fish bag.

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REGION 3 CONT'D.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

30-Boating

5-Commercial Fishing

91-Sport Fishing

6-Hunting

18-Other

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**REGION 4**

**TOTAL CASES-67**

**ENFORCEMENT-66**

**OTHER DIV. - 1**

20-Boating

23-Angling W/O A Fishing License

6-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

7-Fishing W/O Resident Pole License

2-Take Or Possess Gamefish Illegally

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs.

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Selling Or Buying Fish W/O A Retail Dealers License

1-Failure To Comply With Permit Regulations

1-Driving With Suspended Drivers License

3-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

**CONFISCATIONS:**

10 hoop nets, 27 bass, 30 catfish, 6 gar, 3 gaspergoo, 2 crapple.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:**

20-Boating

44-Hunting

3-Other

**REGION 5**

**TOTAL CASES-158**

**ENFORCEMENT-137**

**OTHER DIV. - 21**

**61-Boating**

**34-Angling W/O A License**

**9-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License**

**3-Take Illegal Black Bass**

**3-Poss. U/S Black Drum**

**2-Trespassing In Restricted Area**

**1-Use Gear W/O Rec. N/R/ Lic.**

**2-Fishing In Restricted Area**

**1-Hunting From A Moving Vehicle**

**1-Hunting Raccoons Illegally**

**1-Hunting From A Public Road**

**4-Poss. Alligators In Closed Season**

**4-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators**

**1-Sell Alligators W/O A License**

**4-Theft Of Alligators**

**4-Illegal Poss. Of White Alligators**

**1-Take Commercial Fish W/O A Comm. License**

**1-Take Commercial Fish W/O A Gear License**

**1-Take Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License**

**1-Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License**

**1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish**

**2-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings**

**2-Failure To Mark Soft Shell Crab Containers**

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**REGION 5 CONT'D.**

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Gill Nets

1-Sell Undersize Crabs

2-Trawling In Closed Season

1-Failure To Refrigerate Properly-Oysters

2-Littering

4-Poss. Of Stolen Things

**CONFISCATIONS:**

1 resident fishing license, 1-12 foot trawl, 1-10 foot trawl, 1-16 ga. Remington 870 shotgun, 1-rifle, 1 red drum, 9 black drum, 5 black bass, 7 blue gill, 2 garfish, 5 catfish, 4 sacks of oysters, 2 alligators.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:**

61-Boating

2-Public Assistance

52-Sport Fishing

2-Federal

3-Hunting

17-Alligators

17-Commercial Fishing

6-Other

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**REGION 6**

**TOTAL CASES-162**

**ENFORCEMENT-151**

**OTHER DIV. - 11**

83-Boating

45-Angling W/O A Fishing License

3-Angling W/O A Non-Resident Fishing License

15-Fish W/O A Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O A Recreational Gear License

5-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealers License

1-Transport Crabs W/O Required License

1-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

1-Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regs.

2-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

**CONFISCATIONS:**

13 black bass, 20 lbs. Of eel catfish, 1 box of marijuana, 1 ice pick, 1 small substance of drugs, 1 rolled cigarette, 2 clear plastic bag of drugs, 1 Tylenol capsule containing drug, 1 black plastic case of drug paraphernalia, 1 refrigeration thermometer, 3 receipts for crabs, 15 pipes.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:**

83-Boating

4-Misc.

69-Sport Fishing

5-Commercial Fishing

1-Hunting

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**REGION 7**

**TOTAL CASES-169**

**ENFORCEMENT-161**

**OTHER DIV. - 8**

67-Boating

71-Angling W/O A License

15-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

14-Fish W/O Cane Pole License

1-Take Game Fish Illegally

1-Take Illegal Turkey Open Season

4-D.W.I.

4-Other

**CONFISCATIONS:**

1 turkey, 1 license.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:**

67-Boating

101-Sport Fishing

1-Hunting

8-Other

**REGION 8**

**TOTAL CASES-182**

**ENFORCEMENT-139**

**OTHER DIV. - 43**

**44-Boating**

**39-Angling W/O Basic Resident License**

**5-Angling W/O Basic Non-Resident License**

**5-Angling W/O A Saltwater License**

**2-Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License**

**5-Fail To Have Saltwater Stamp**

**2-Take/Possess Game Fish Illegally**

**3-Possess Over-the-Limit Of Red Drum**

**1-Fail To Have Saltwater Fish Intact**

**1-Possess Over-the-Limit Of Spotted Sea Trout**

**1-Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regs.**

**2-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs. For Commercial Finfish**

**3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License**

**2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License**

**3-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License**

**2-Sell Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License**

**1-Fail To Maintain Records**

**2-Transport W/O Required License**

**3-Leave Nets Unattended**

**3-Use Saltwater Nets Illegally**

**2-Possess Net W/O Traversing Permit**

**2-Fail To Keep Net On Board**

**2-Take Saltwater Commercial Fish In Closed Season**

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

- 2-Take Commercial Fish Using More Than One Strike Net
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
- 2-Take/Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 2-Use Illegal Length Gill Nets/Saltwater
- 4-Possess Or Sell Undersize Hard Crabs
- 3-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner's Name And Address
- 3-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
- 3-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 3-Failure To Tag Sacked Oysters
- 1-Buying Or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters
- 1-Possess Wild Quadrupeds W/O A Permit
- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer In Closed Season
- 1-Resisting An Officer
- 6-Littering
- 2-Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Juvenile
- 2-Illegal Possession Of Stolen Things
- 1-Simple Obstruction Of A Highway Of Commerce
- 8-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Fail To Refrigerate Properly

**CONFISCATIONS:**

1-200 foot of gill net, 1-150 h.p. outboard motor, 1-20 foot skiff, 3 stolen life jackets, 2 ice chests, 1 red drum, 1 sheepshead, 1 flounder, 7 speckled trout, 53 white trout, 4 bass, 7 whole cobia fish sold for \$598.50, 2 boxes of crabs, 96 sacks of oysters, 2 deer, 1 squirrel.

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**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:**

44-Boating

47-Commercial Fishing

63-Sport Fishing

11-Oyster

3-Hunting

20-Other

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REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-175

ENFORCEMENT-170

OTHER DIV. - 5

19-Boating

26-Angling W/O A License

2-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

9-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Poss. Gamefish Illegally

4-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take Undersize Red Drum

2-Take Undersize Black Drum

2-Take Balt Species W/O Commercial License

5-Fall To Have Commercial License In Possession

14-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

12-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

5-Fall To Maintain Records

10-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

1-Take Game Fish Illegally

2-Leave Nets Unattended

2-use Saltwater Net Illegally

1-Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

2-Take Saltwater Commercial Fish Illegal Hours

2-Violate Any Provision Of Taking Commercial Finfish

1-Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License

1-Use Illegal Length Mesh Nets

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**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

**17-Possess Undersize Hard Crabs**

**21-Sell Undersize Hard Crabs**

**1-Fail To Report Commercial Data**

**4-Take Mullet Commercial Closed Season**

**2-Take Mullet Commercial Illegal Means**

**1-Failure To Have Written Permission**

**1-Failure To Tag Sacked Oysters**

**2-Harvest Oysters W/O Harvester License**

**1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

130 lbs. Of mullet sold for \$6.50, 5 black drum, 20 bass, 241 lbs. Of crawfish sold for \$241.00, 1 sack of crawfish, 2 perch, 12 sac a lalt, 31 sacks of oysters, 8,800 lbs. Of crabs, 283 lbs. Of garfish sold for \$283.00, 2 choupique, 4, 012 lbs. Of shad sold for \$391.20, 360 lbs.of catfish sold for \$162..00, 20 lbs. Of collarbone catfish, 1,700 feet of gillnet, 3 dip nets, 13 hoop nets, 1 rifle, 1 boat, motor and trailer, 3 boats and trailers, purchase invoices, purchase records, 1 commercial gear License.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9**

**19-Boating**

**46-Sport Fishing**

**105-Commercial Fishing**

**4-Oysters**

**1-WMA**

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S.W.E.P.

309 BOATS CHECKED

49 HOURS RUNNING TIME

TOTAL CASES-68

48-Angling W/O A Resident License

8-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

3-Violate Sanitation Code

2-Improper Keeping Of Records

1-No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession

1-No Boat Numbers

1-No Fire Extinguisher

1-Fail To Display Valid Certificate Decal

1-Improper Riding On Deck Or Gunwales

1-No Gear License

1-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

CONFISCATIONS:

159 sacks of oysters.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.:

6-Boating

56-Sport Fishing

6-Commercial Fishing

**SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION**

**TOTAL CASES-28**

**2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License**

**3-Fail To Maintain Records**

**1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish**

**1-Fail To Report Commercial Fish Data**

**1-Possess Undersize Hard Crabs**

**8-Sell Undersize Hard Crabs Commercial**

**1-Fallure To Tag Sacked Oysters**

**1-DWI**

**4-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries**

**4-Exceed Red Snapper Endorsement**

**2-No Federal Permit For Yellowfin Tuna**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**594 lbs. Of red snapper, 1,340 lbs. Undersize crabs, 25 sacks of oysters.**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE SECTION:**

**17-Commercial**

**6-Federal**

**5-Misc**

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**SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE**

**TOTAL CASES-29**

2-Boating

7-Angling W/O Basic Fishing License

1-Angling W/O Basic Non-Resident License

13-Take Undersize Crabs

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

2-Fail To Maintain Records

**CONFISCATIONS:**

26 boxes of crabs, 4 sacks of oysters.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE:**

2-Boating

8-Sport Fishing

20-Commercial Fishing

April 1996

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**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

**TOTAL CASES-48**

1-Adulterated Oysters

6-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

14-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease

3-Fallure To Have Written Permission

1-Fallure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly

6-Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9 (Fall To Refrigerate Properly)

1-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name & Address

3-Use Commercial License Of Another

1-Resisting Arrest

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Vessel

8-Interfere W/Commercial Fisherman Lawful Fishing

**CONFISCATIONS:**

182 sacks of oysters.

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE:**

47-Commercial Fishing

1-Other

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-1146

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. . 94

GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_-1240

**TRAWLING REPORT FOR REGION 8**

**COMPLAINTS**

We received no complaints of illegal shrimping activity for the month of April 1996.

We received numerous inquiries for TED information, which were referred to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service Fisheries Agent Gerald Horst.

We received a small number of calls regarding mesh size, net and frames size, license requirements, and trying out nets in closed season.

We received numerous inquiries regarding the shrimp season, particularly about the opening date and the shrimp meeting, and also about the boundaries of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds and the closing date for the special season there.

We received a number of inquiries regarding projections for the shrimp season.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Several vessels have already anchored at some of the passes in Plaquemines Parish, attempting to save spots on the line.

**NO ACTIVITY REPORTED IN REGION 9**

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT

APRIL, 1996

185-Amph. - 61092  
Hrs. - 47.2

185-Float - 70365  
Hrs. - 37.2

210 - 9467Y  
Hrs. - 51.4

AC-50 - 57266  
Hrs. - 2.3

Total Plane Use - 138.1 Hrs.

Cases Made in Conjunction with Aircraft Use Resulted in Citations issued for:

24 - Boating

26 - Angling Without A License

2 - Fish Without Resident Pole License

9 - Angling Without Saltwater License

2 - Use Gear Without Recreational Gear License

5 - Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession

10 - Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License

14 - Take Commercial Fish Without Gear License

12 - Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License

1 - Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

5 - Fail To Maintain Records

1 - Possess Gamefish Illegally

1 - Take Gamefish Illegally

4 - Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1 - Take Undersize Red Drum

- 2 - Take Undersize Black Drum
- 2 - Take Bait Species Without Commercial License
- 2 - Leave Nets Unattended
- 2 - Use Saltwater Net Illegally
- 2 - Take Saltwater Commercial Fish Illegal Hours
- 2 - Violate Any Provision Of Taking Commercial Finfish
- 1 - Buy Fish Without Wholesale/Retail License
- 1 - Use Illegal Length Mesh Nets
- 4 - Trawling In Closed Season
- 17 - Possess Undersize Hard Crabs Commercial
- 21 - Sell Undersize Hard Crabs
  - 1 - Fail To Report Commercial Data
  - 4 - Take Mullet Commercial Closed Season
  - 2 - Take Mullet Commercial Illegal Means
  - 1 - Failure To Tag Crab Pots
  - 1 - Unmarked Buster Crab Container
  - 1 - Failure To Have Written Permission
  - 2 - Harvest Oysters Without Oyster Harvester License
  - 1 - Failure To Comply With Health Regulations (Oysters)
  - 1 - Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

187 Total Cases

Confiscations: 63 boxes (approximately 7,500 lbs.) crabs returned to the water, 16 sacks of oysters returned to the water

# June 1996

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

# September 1996

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER**

**MAY-96**            **RULE - Eagle Lake, Black Bass Regulations**

**JULY-96**           **RULE - 1996-97 Resident Game Hunting Seasons**

**SEPT-96**           **RULE - Physically Challenged Hunter Permits**  
**RULE - Timken Wildlife Management Area**  
**RULE - Waddill Wildlife Refuge**

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Office of Fisheries

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:325.4 which provides that the Secretary of the Department must declare a closed season when it is determined that the spawning potential ratio of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) is below 30 percent, and R.S. 56:317, which allows the Secretary to close a fishing season or restrict fishing in the closed season in any manner deemed advisable, upon securing evidence that the fish in state waters have been depleted through overfishing or that fishing is detrimental to the interest of the State; the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule.

Effective 12:01 a.m., May 1, 1996, the commercial harvest of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) in Louisiana waters will close and remain closed until 12:01 a.m., May 1, 1997.

Effective with the closure, no vessel possessing any commercial fishing gear including, but not limited to, any pompano strike net, shall have southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) aboard the vessel, whether caught within or without the territorial waters of the state.

Effective with the closure, the sale, barter, or exchange of, and the commercial possession of southern flounder (Paralichthys

lethostigma) shall be prohibited.

Act 1316 of the 1995 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, the Louisiana Marine Resources Conservation Act of 1995, enacts §325.4 of Title 56, LRS, providing that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall make an annual peer reviewed and evaluated report to the Legislature no later than March 1st containing the following information on southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma): (a) the spawning potential ratio (SPR), (b) a biological condition and profile of the species and stock assessment. The Act also provides that if the SPR is below 30 percent, the Department shall close the season within two weeks for the period of at least one year.

The Department has reviewed the information on the SPR of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma), and has determined that the SPR is probably between 16 percent and 44 percent. The most conservative of these estimates is below the 30 percent criterion established by the Legislature. The Secretary has determined that a limited closure of the commercial harvest of flounder using pompano strike nets would be ineffective and unenforceable. The Secretary therefore has determined that it is in the best interest of the state and most appropriate that the commercial season for southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) in Louisiana waters be completely closed, and remain closed for one year. In order to simplify temporal changes in regulations for fishermen, the closure is placed as May 1, 1996 until May 1, 1997.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.

Secretary

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby exercise the emergency provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), and pursuant to its authority under R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3 adopts the rule set forth below. This emergency rule is necessary to expedite the enforceability and effectiveness of regulations on the commercial flounder fishery, which becomes effective May 1, 1996. It is therefore in the best interest of the state, and appropriate that these regulations be enacted concurrently, thereby requiring emergency action. This emergency rule shall be effective on May 1, 1996 and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§353. Rules for Recreational Harvest of Southern Flounder

The daily take and possession limit for the recreational taking of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) caught within or without Louisiana waters shall be ten fish per day and in possession.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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Office of Fisheries

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However, the Secretary has determined since the promulgation of the above Declaration of Emergency that the closure should be modified to allow persons aboard vessels which contain legal commercial fishing gear, other than strike nets, to possess and sell up to the daily possession limit of 10 southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma). Additionally, the closure should take into account the disposition of two classes of legally harvested

commercial flounder. The Secretary finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare would exist if this rule is not adopted effective May 1, 1996 concurrently with the previously referenced Declaration of Emergency.

1. The initial Declaration of Emergency did not, but should have contained a provision allowing for the possession and sale of southern flounder legally taken prior to the May 1 closure. Such a provision should be included and should take effect concurrently with the closure.

2. The initial Declaration of Emergency did not contain a provision to allow for the possession and sale of southern flounder legally imported into the State from other states or foreign countries. Such a provision should take effect concurrently with the closure.

3. Since the initial Declaration of Emergency, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has acted to impose a recreational daily take and possession limit of 10 fish effective May 1, 1996. This in and of itself makes the closure of the commercial fishery more enforceable and at the same time offers an opportunity for a limited commercial fishery without, in the opinion of the Secretary, doing harm to the resource.

4. It is important that the provisions contained within this Declaration of Emergency take effect concurrently with the closure so that fishermen and Department Enforcement Agents will not be faced with the confusion and other problems associated with enforcement of three varying sets of regulations within a 120-day period. Promulgation of these provisions concurrently with the

closure will allow the closure to take effect together with those provisions which the Secretary deems necessary for fairness, enforceability and biological monitoring purposes.

5. Promulgation of these provisions will mean that biological data as well as data on the commercial fishermen harvesting southern flounder will be continuously available from the limited commercial fishery. Fishery dependent and fishery independent data sources are essential to understanding the status of flounder fishery stocks and to identify causes of changes in stock abundances.

Therefore, in accordance with R.S. 49:953.B, 49:967, 56:317 and 56:6, the Secretary does hereby promulgate this emergency rule as follows:

Other provisions of law notwithstanding, a properly licensed commercial vessel which contains legal commercial fishing gear, other than strike nets, may have on board up to a daily possession limit of 10 southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) per person on board. A properly licensed commercial fisherman who is not on a vessel and who is using legal gear, other than strike nets, may possess up to a daily possession limit of 10 southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma). Southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) legally possessed under this rule may be purchased, bartered, traded, exchanged or sold.

Other provisions of law notwithstanding, nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing southern flounder (Paralichthys

lethostigma) taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.4.

Effective with this rule, in addition to all records otherwise required by law, wholesale/retail dealers shall maintain records indicating the number and poundage of southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) for each transaction when southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) are acquired, possessed or transferred.

Commercial dealers possessing southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigma) legally imported into the state shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with other provisions of law. The effective date of this Declaration of Emergency shall be May 1, 1996.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.

Secretary

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-MAY-1996

CURRENT MONTH 04/01/1996 TO 04/30/1996 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1995 TO 04/30/1996 INCEPTION TO DATE 04/30/1996

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	30	\$10,952.66	442	\$332,366.21	2,986	\$2,046,435.51
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	2	\$50.00	3	\$75.00	35	\$875.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	30	\$11,002.66	442	\$332,441.21	2,986	\$1,849,396.27
PAYMENTS	36	\$7,173.12	302	\$54,055.57	1,893	\$278,983.95
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	27	\$2,711.54	266	\$27,146.53	1,226	\$136,394.75
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$378.14	19	\$493.00	69	\$1,444.27
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$378.09	7	\$490.68	31	\$7,025.43
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$186.00	2	\$15,482.45	2	\$15,482.45
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	1	\$186.00	2	\$9,459.55	2	\$9,459.55
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00	7	\$27,392.77	16	\$75,437.67
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
CREDITS	4	\$3.40	7	\$5.95	11	\$8.52
REASSESSMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	14	\$3,492.55
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	1	\$524.54	42	\$12,583.82
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00	16	\$2.61	200	\$258,972.69
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00	1	\$524.54	8	\$17,294.49
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$97.80

\*\* TOTAL OUTSTANDING 856 \$1,225,109.78

FOOTNOTE:

	AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$20.00	\$200.54
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR	0	\$5.00	\$50.13
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	\$0.00

\*\* TOTAL AGING 312 \$239,404.15 \*\* TOTAL AGING 856 \$1,225,109.78

	VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	AMOUNT	CAN NOT BE INVOICED	AMOUNT	AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES	AMOUNT
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00	1 - 30 DAYS	\$641.26	1	\$641.26
31 - 60 DAYS	2	\$247.50	31 - 60 DAYS	\$9,568.96	21	\$9,568.96
61 - 90 DAYS	13	\$11,628.80	61 - 90 DAYS	\$20,604.61	19	\$20,604.61
91 - 120 DAYS	16	\$25,085.48	91 - 120 DAYS	\$6,899.01	22	\$6,899.01
121 - 150 DAYS	14	\$3,711.30	121 - 150 DAYS	\$5,040.34	16	\$5,040.34
151 - 180 DAYS	7	\$2,728.20	151 - 180 DAYS	\$10,401.54	14	\$10,401.54
181 - 365 DAYS	8	\$3,807.35	181 - 365 DAYS	\$14,894.05	25	\$14,894.05
OVER ONE YEAR	108	\$65,373.97	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	\$260,901.20	103	\$260,901.20
OVER TWO YEARS	94	\$73,841.12	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	\$13,387.14	12	\$13,387.14
OVER THREE YEARS	45	\$51,137.94	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
	5	\$1,842.49		\$882,771.67	623	\$882,771.67

\*\* TOTAL AGING 312 \$239,404.15 \*\* TOTAL AGING 856 \$1,225,109.78

# MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Percent Dollars Paid	Percent Cases Paid
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1993-94</b>								
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545		
Aug., 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603		
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048		
Oct., 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519		
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845		
Dec., 1993	53	13,777		27	6,507	6,713		
Jan., 1994	38	18,918		32	4,423	2,831		
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993		
Mar., 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796		
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632		
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808		
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214		
<b>Total FY 1994</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>425,242</b>	<b>(68,670)</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>71,474</b>	<b>45,547</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>79.6%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1994-95</b>								
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437		
Aug., 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605		
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342		
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179		
Nov., 1994	43	103,592		45	3,992	2,803		
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329		
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921		
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973		
Mar., 1995	31	25,072		44	8,315	4,737		
Apr., 1995	13	15,353		16	3,565	1,538		
May., 1995	23	11,632		16	4,315	654		
June 1995	45	31,008		18	2,630	1,025		
<b>Total FY 1995</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>437,347</b>	<b>(26,049)</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>49,726</b>	<b>29,543</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>70.0%</b>
<b>FICAL YEAR 1995-96</b>								
July, 1995	0	0						
Aug., 1995	46	17,425		27	9,028	1,729		
Sept., 1995	1	125		21	3,093	2,049		
Oct., 1995	122	206,244		29	2,720	1,161		
Nov., 1995	55	23,124		62	10,151	6,383		
Dec., 1995	50	18,607		32	4,781	2,803		
Jan., 1996	49	13,815	(15,296)	36	5,297	3,473		
Feb., 1996	50	14,717		38	5,778	3,417		
Mar., 1996	33	24,937		36	6,035	3,422		
Apr., 1996	30	11,007		36	7,173	2,712		
May., 1996								
June 1996								
<b>Total FY 1996</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>330,001</b>	<b>(15,296)</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>54,055</b>	<b>27,148</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>72.7%</b>





Make Your Voice Heard



## UNITED COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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**George Barisich**  
President

2812 Meraux Lane  
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**(504) 279-6915**

Fellow Fisherman,

Welcome to the wild, wild world of fighting for your livelihood. This is one time I wish I was wrong, but as you can plainly see what we told the fishing community 2 years ago was going to happen is now coming up from hell. If you did not see it before, I hope when the brick dropped on your head now, you can still realize the powers that be are out to damage the whole commercial fishing industry. The plan for today is to show the commission that the industry stands united. If you are here for the shrimp please stay and support the oyster fishermen, and the oyster fishermen show your support for the shrimp fishermen. Those of you, like myself, who do both, you have no choice, it's time to take a stand.

- (A) Enclosed in the envelope you will find a membership form for the United Commercial Fishermen's Association. The U.C.F.A. is the largest state wide commercial fishing organization fighting for the survival of the entire fishing industry. Send the \$25.00 check to the address on the application.
- (B) The next receipt is for the \$100.00 program, designed to fund the Commercial Fishermen's Defense Fund, a small price to pay to finance our battle for survival. Make the check out to the L.S.M.C. (LA. Seafood Management Council) and mail it with your application. L.S.M.C. is the umbrella group of the 20 commercial fishing organizations which handles the lawsuits and lobbying.
- (C) Very important T.E.D. meeting on Wednesday May 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Thibodaux Civic Center, Plantation Room, 310 N. Canal Blvd. Be there and express your opinion about more regulations. It's now or never.
- (D) We will be selling t-shirts outside and giving out bumper stickers.
- (E) Finally, sign the petition to get a new qualified person to be the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries.

Pass the information on to your friend who did not come.

Good Fishing,  
George

P.S. They may try to use the setting of the season to break up the unity we have between the fishermen from both sides of the river, **DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!**



# UNITED COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT SIZES:      SMALL                  MEDIUM                  LARGE                  X-LARGE

QUANTITY:      \_\_\_\_\_                  \_\_\_\_\_                  \_\_\_\_\_                  \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT SIZES:      XX-LARGE                  XXX-LARGE

QUANTITY:      \_\_\_\_\_                  \_\_\_\_\_

# UNITED COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL T-SHIRT

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AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
THIBODAUX, LA  
May 2, 1996  
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 1996
3. Safari Club Donation for Eagle Project - *Lloyd Amge*
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JEFF: I talked to Lloyd  
Songe with La. Bayou chapter  
of Safari Club. He wants to  
be on May Comm. meeting  
agenda to present Dept. a donation  
for Eagle Project. (He also helped  
us a lot with LWF). Get  
someone to mail him the agenda  
when it is ready PO Box 176,  
Bourg. La. 70343.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "MJF".

**FAX TRANSMITTAL**

TO: Glynn Carver, Chairman

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FROM Susan Hawkins

RE: May Commission Agenda

Please review the attached and let me know if it is okay.

Thanks!

DATE: 4/23/96

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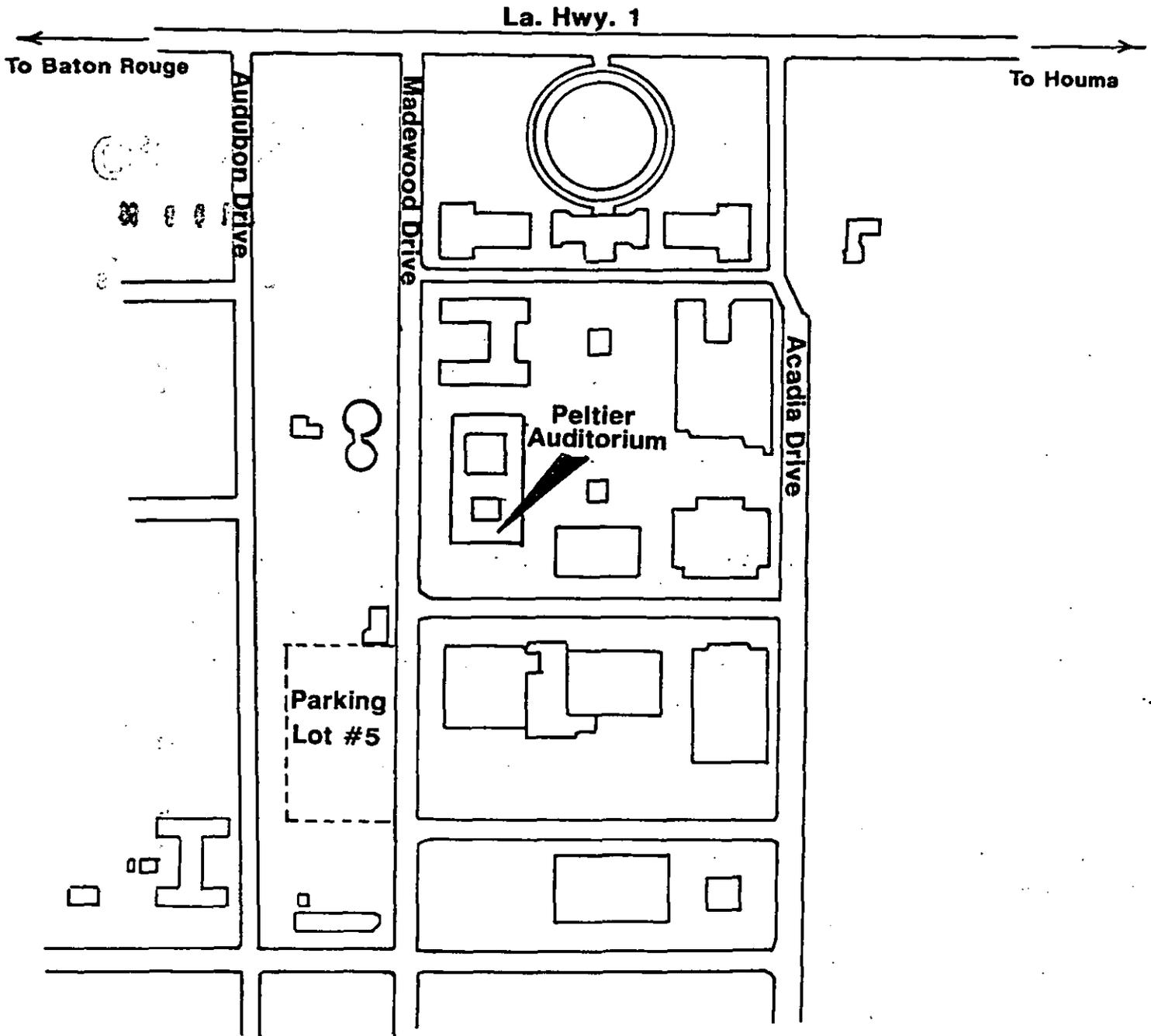
The following items should appear on the agenda for the next commission meeting from the Inland Fisheries Division.

1. Eagle Lake - Black Bass Regulations
2. Catfish Task Force Report

Thank you.

*Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr.*  
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Susan

At this time the only thing we have for the next Commission meeting is the Setting of the Spring Shrimp Season, and the Oyster Moratorium issue.

Corky

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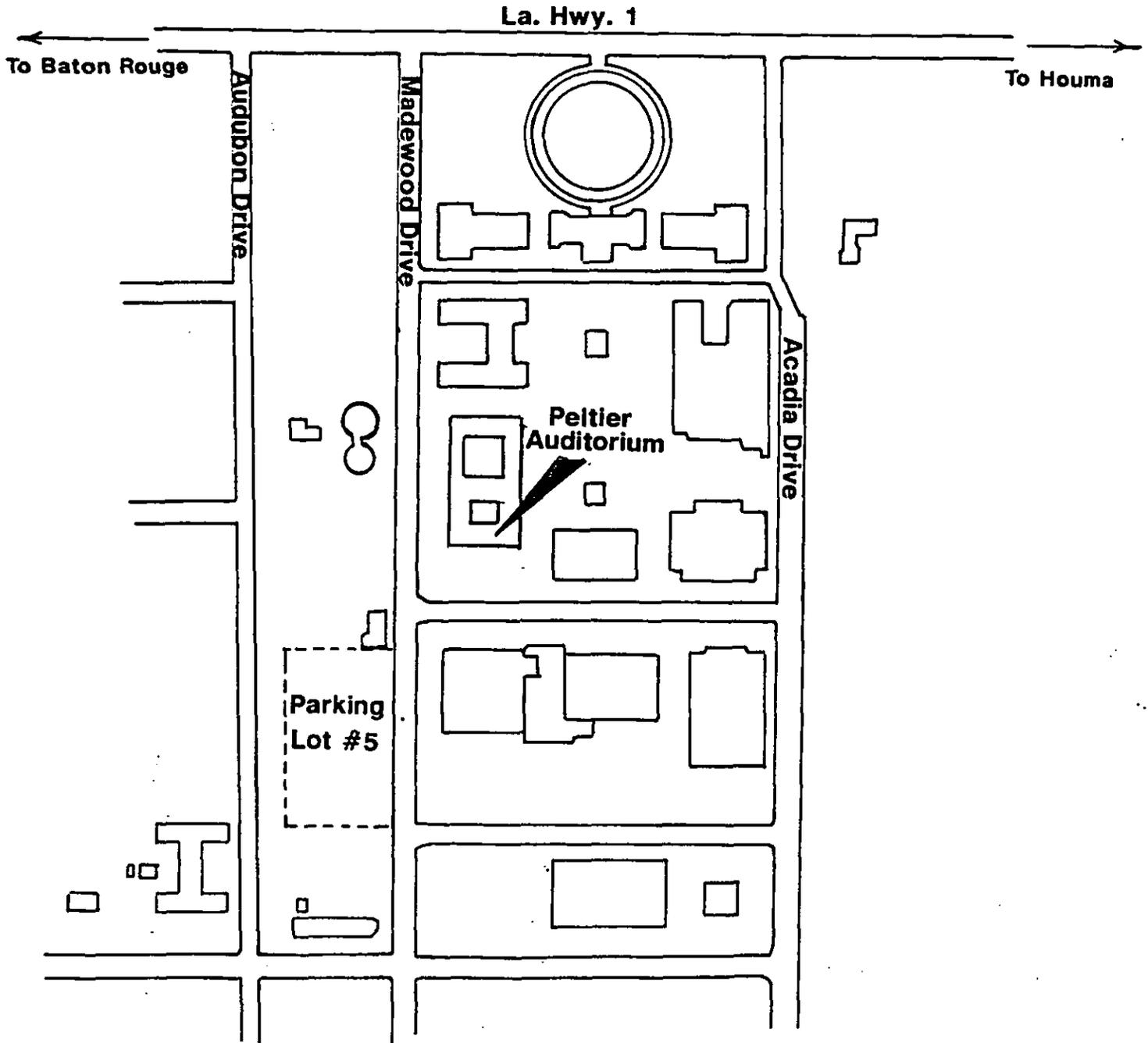
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Agenda Items - Wildlife Division

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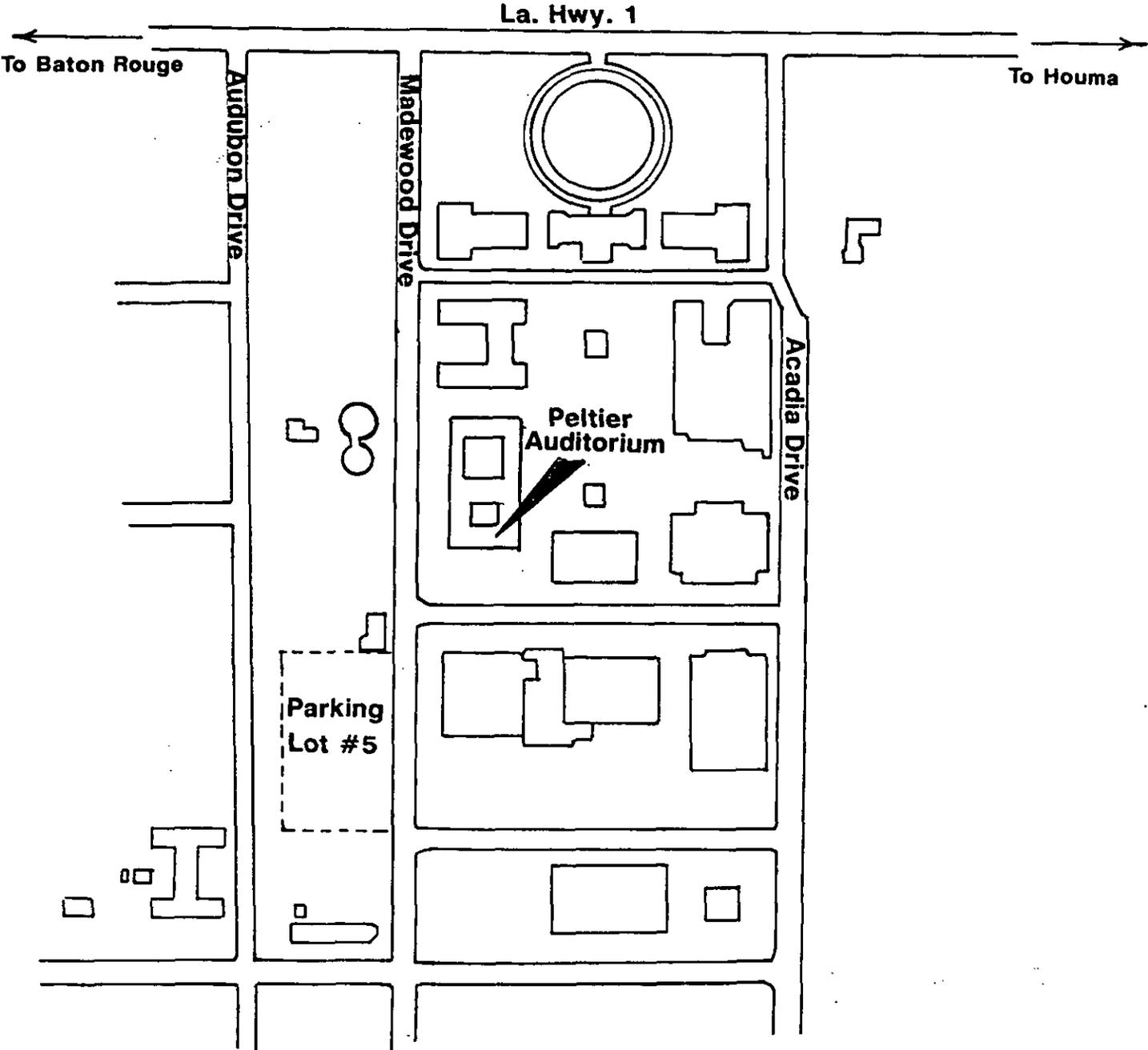
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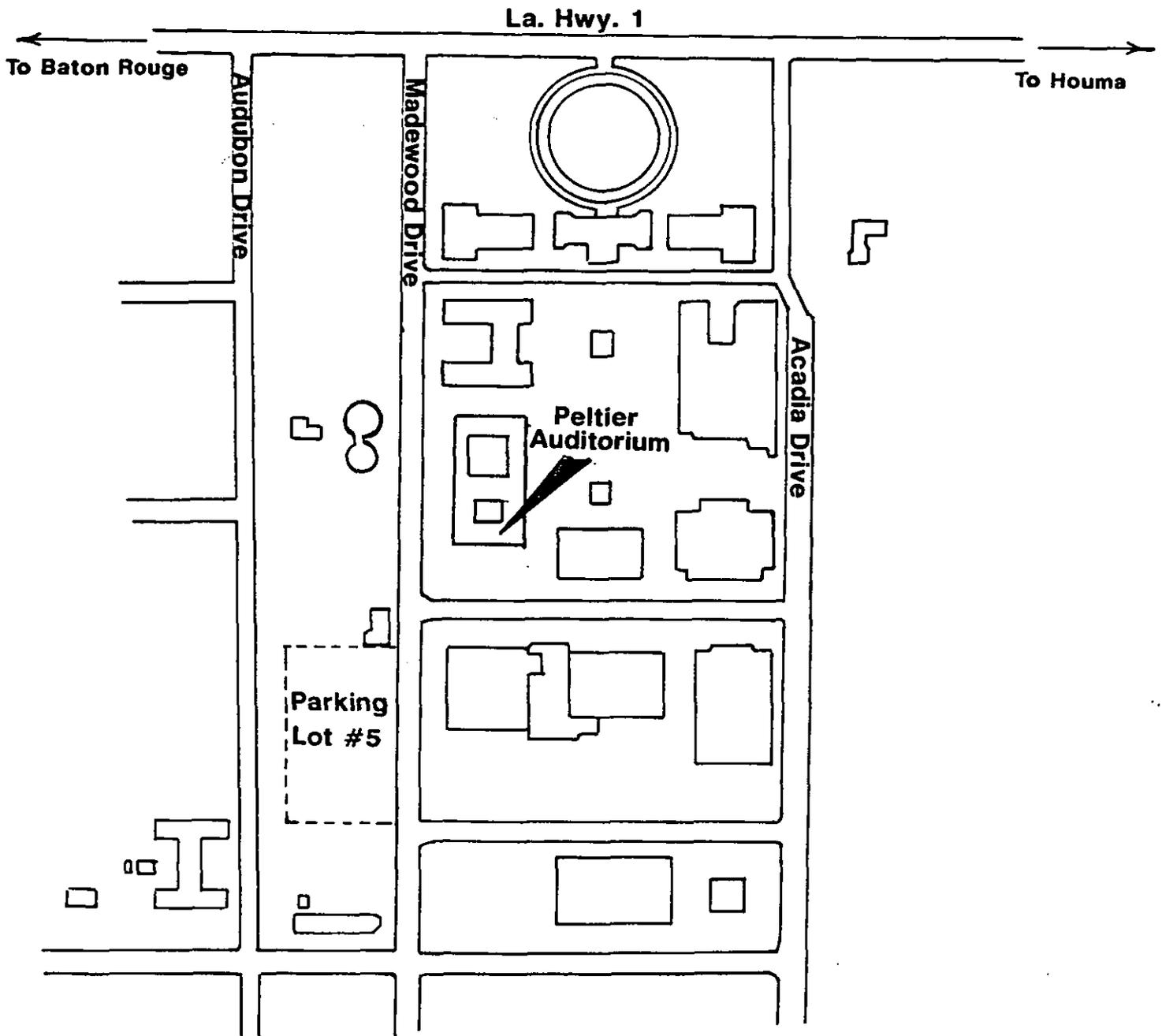
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*James + Butch*  
*— please submit items to*  
*my attention*

*Steph...*  
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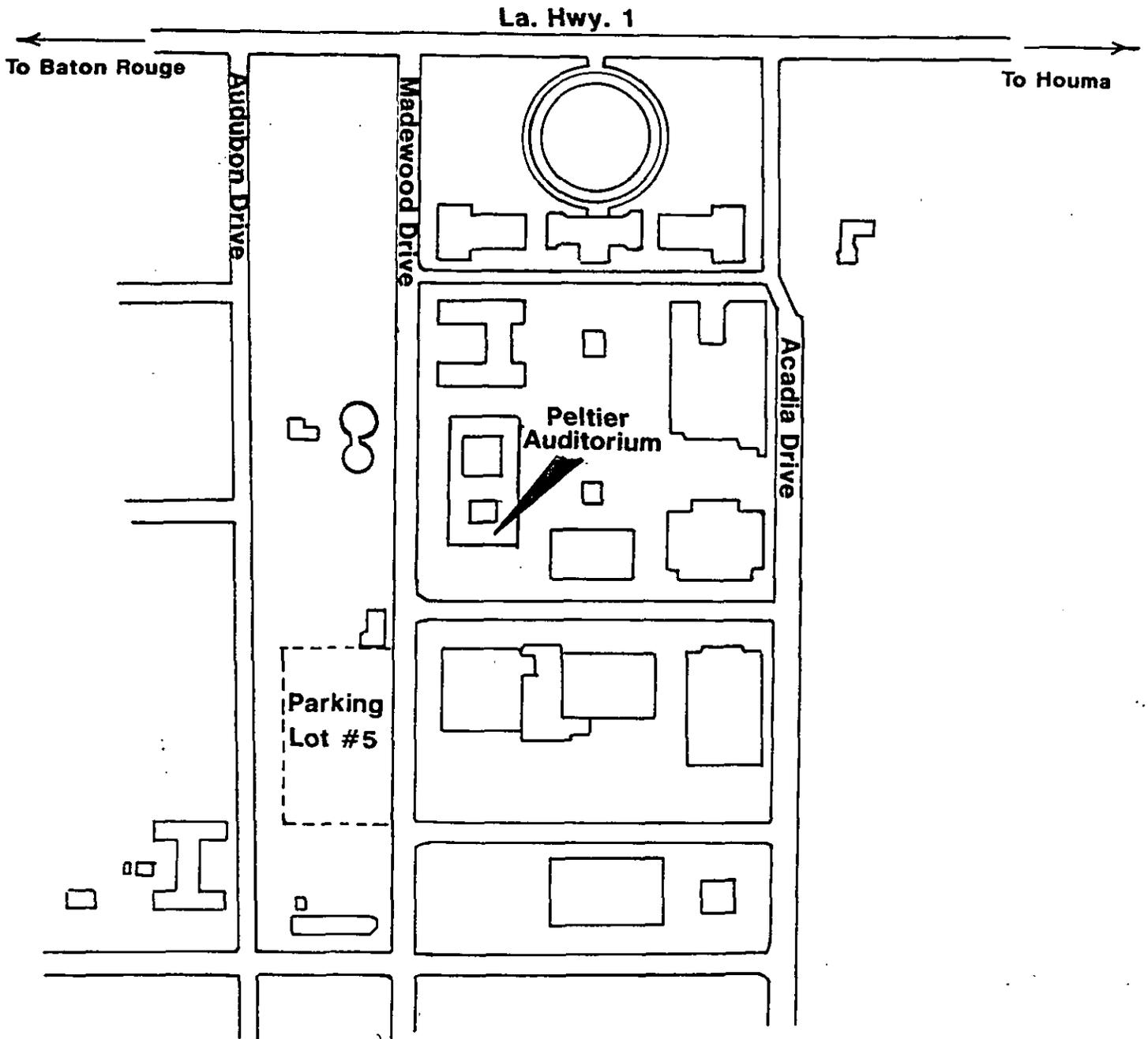
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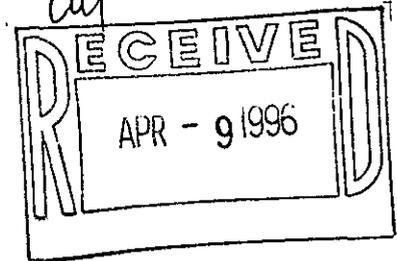
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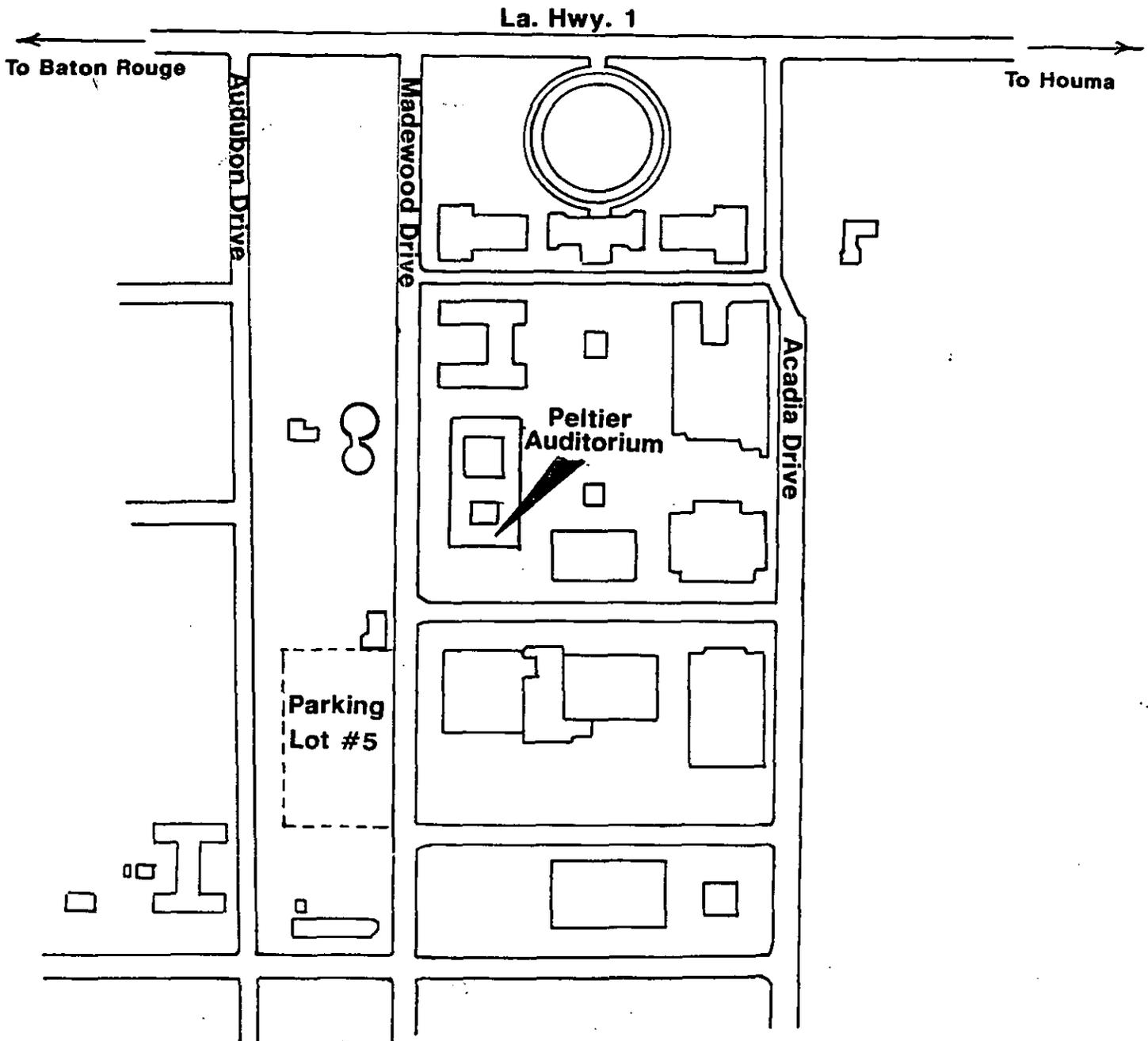
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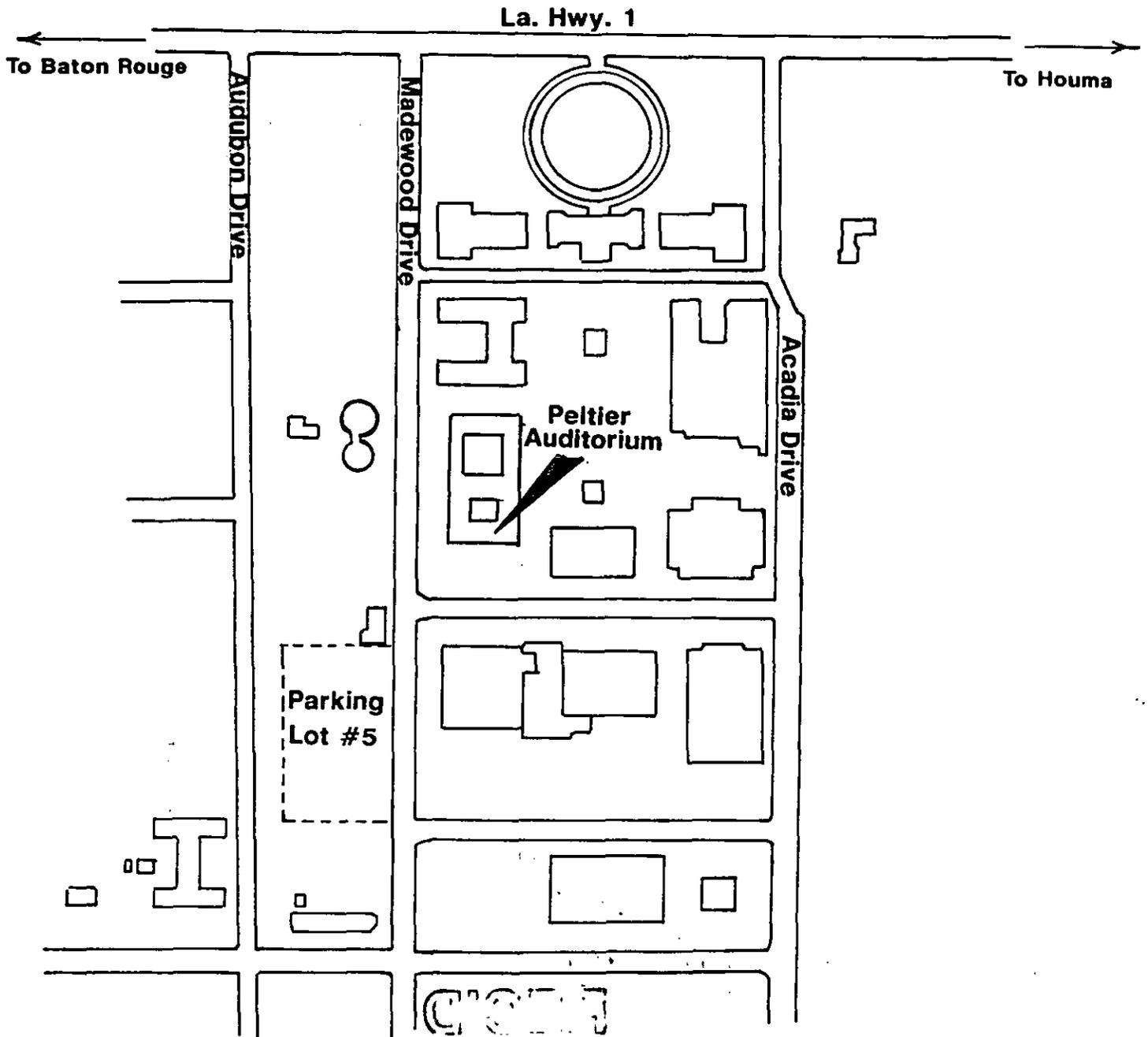
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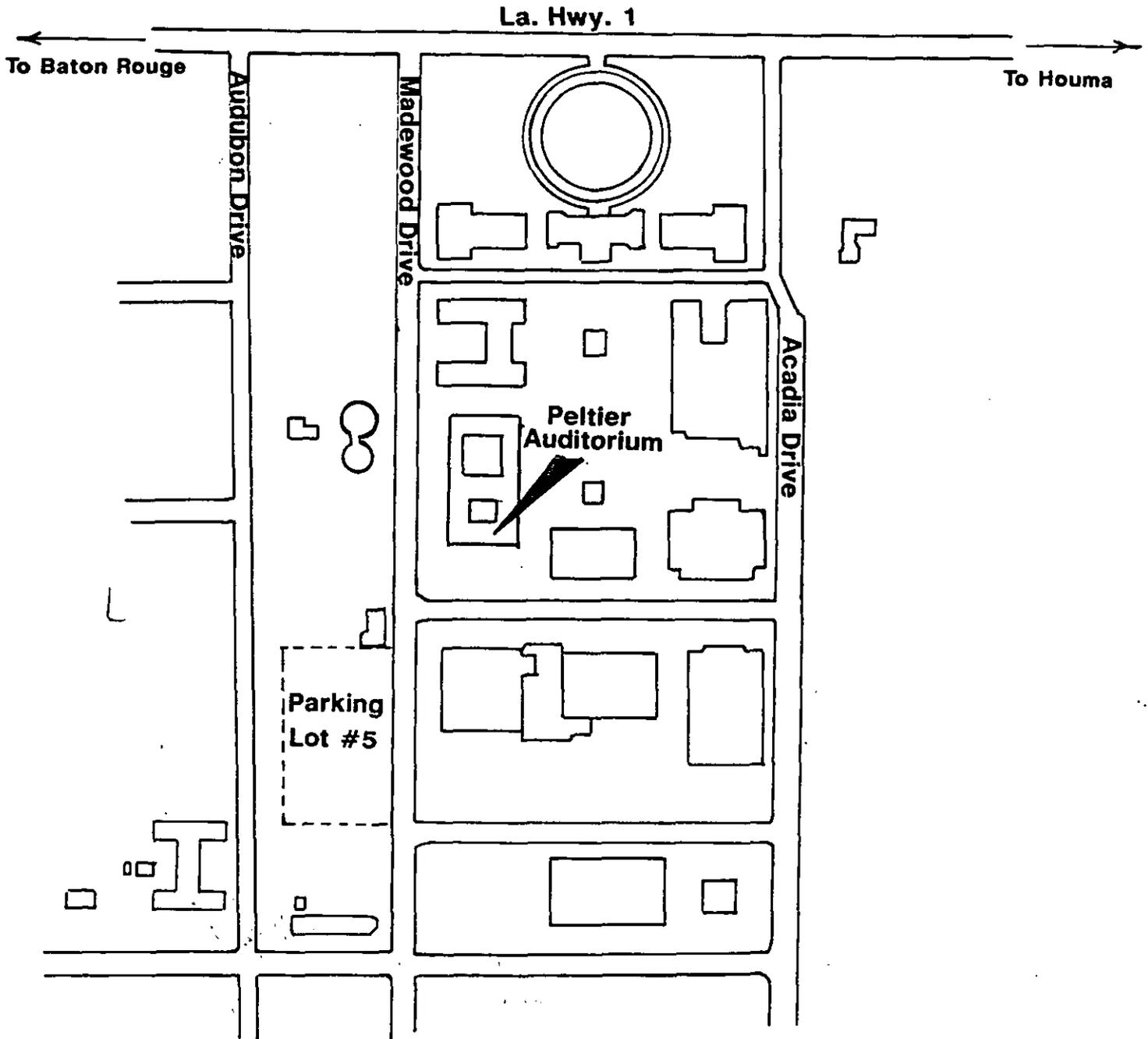
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April 8, 1996

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-  
Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of  
Fisheries

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary *JHJ*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - May 2, 1996

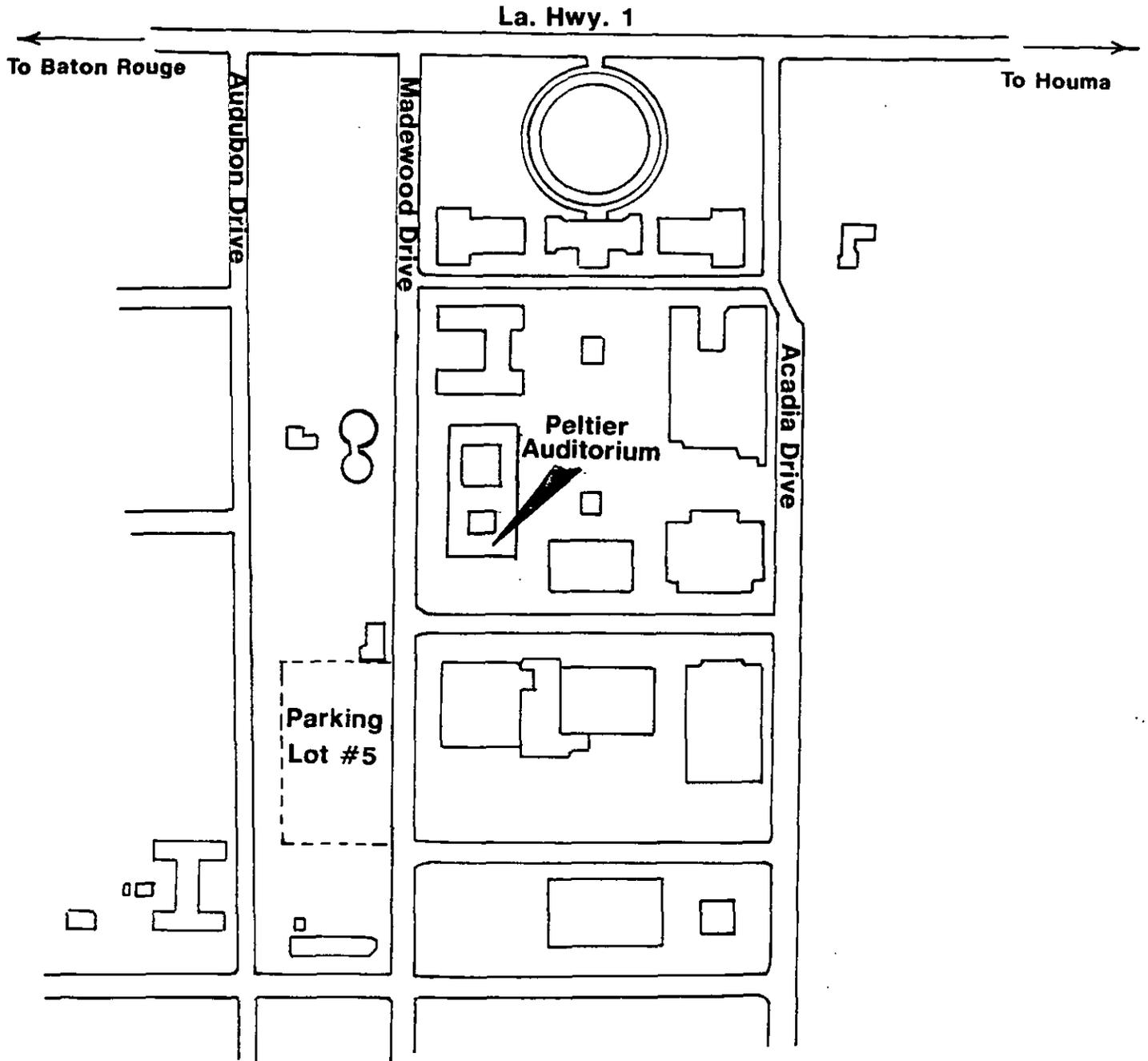
Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Wednesday, April 17th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, May 2nd Commission Meeting to be held in Thibodaux, Louisiana, in the Peltier Auditorium on Nicholls State University campus (see attached map). This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 2nd. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JHJ/sch

cc: Commissioners  
Don Puckett  
Winton Vidrine  
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