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shrimpers wanted and they said May 17th because you can only shrimp during the months of May and June. Mr. Kerner also stated the data did not tell you what the economic impact would be and that the people needed to be put to work. He then asked for the earliest possible date to open the season.

Mr. Wilton Coulon, a concerned fisherman, commented that if the shrimp are small and the season was opened, then a lot of shrimp would be killed and asked, "why do you catch small shrimp when their are nice size shrimp in your catch also?" He felt there should be an earlier opening date no later than May 24th and also felt the Department could recommend an earlier date.

Mr. Abel Danos, Golden Meadow, stated not everyone would be satisfied, and the shrimp would grow. He then requested the Department pull a small legal size trawl to know what was behind it and a larger trawl to know what was on hand and would be leaving. He said the fishermen are hurting and they need as much time to work as possible. He recommended an earlier opening date.

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich commented everyone has the same problems and everyone has been suffering for the last two or three years. In the future, the shrimp industry would have to change.

Mr. Ronald Collins, Quality Seafood Company, Leeville, stated that, for the past 25 years, the shrimp season has always opened before May 25th. The season depends on the first two or three weeks in May which has proven to be the most productive time. If the season was opened on June 7th, the shrimp would be on the decline. At the end of June, the white shrimp begin to show and you would only end up with a two or three week season. He recommended opening Zone 2 on May 20th but not later than May 24th.

Mr. Steven Charpentier, a fisherman for 44 years, stated he did not know how long it would take for shrimp to grow from the 100 count to 50-60 or 60-70 count which would be a good shrimp to harvest. Continuing, he knew of a Department biologist that found shrimp that were 415 to the pound. The biologists, and not the Commission, know what size the shrimp are out there and not a fisherman could say when a shrimp would grow to a certain size. Then he recommended leaving the opening date at June 7th and not a day earlier.

Mr. Farrel Charpentier, a concerned shrimper with a big boat, recommended the June 7th date and not a day earlier also. He asked the Commissioners to base their decisions on the Department's findings and to trust their findings and their own instincts. "If you go with a compromise, you would be compromising the shrimp crop." The reason for the late season was not anyone's fault, it was Nature.

Mr. Calvin "Fox" Cheraime, commended the Commissioners that were in attendance and reminded the Commission that they have the authority to close the season up to 3 miles offshore if the shrimp are too small. He did not recommend a specific date for opening the shrimp season.

Mr. Jeff Toups, a concerned shrimper with a big boat, agreed with waiting until the shrimp are bigger and with the Department's recommendation to open on June 7th. He disagreed with the idea that the little boats can not go to the mouth of the Pass and shrimp. Also, he could not understand the reason for the meeting and stated the season should be delayed.

Mr. Scott St. Pierre, a concerned shrimper, expressed that opening the season when the count was 100 to the pound was too early, but there should be consistency with the count when the season was opened. If the shrimp are too small, then the season should be closed everywhere.

Mr. Gene Adams recommended opening the season on May 21st. The June 7th date was a "people's date" so the season would open statewide. The fluctuation of boats was the biggest recognizable problem. Then he asked Mr. Perret what size was considered a wintering shrimp, and explained about shrimp leaving with the moon phases. He asked Mr. Perret if the Department tests Brazilian shrimp and where are the 21-25 and the 26-30 that are supposed to be in the inside waters. He has never seen the shrimp get to that size, even as late as July.

Mr. Darryl Orgeron, a fisherman, stated he was for the June 7th date, but added that if the season was opened sooner, it should be open statewide.

Mr. Michael Callais stated he agreed with the June 7th opening date. He questioned what percentage would go out if the season did open on the 7th, and stated that trawling could be done on the beach. He said if the Commission follows what the Governor's Office wants, then the Commission was useless and commented the season would be bad.

Mr. Allen Charpentier, owner of a 73 foot boat, suggested staying with the scientific data and with the June 7th opening date so there would be bigger shrimp.

Mr. Jimmy Toups, a fisherman, stated that not only would there be a late season for the shrimp, but for the gardens as well. He was ready to go shrimping now but felt it would not be worth it and it would kill the crop. If it would help out, Mr. Toups suggested opening the shrimp season statewide on May 31st and if the shrimp are too small on the beach, then the season should be closed.

Mr. Robert Charpentier believed the data that was presented. Then he stated, if the season had to be opened earlier, it should be the first of June. He wanted to catch the bigger shrimp.

Mayor Tim Kerner, Lafitte, thanked the four Commissioners for being present at the meeting. He commented that if the season was opened late, the shrimpers would not be trawling for anything because the shrimp would have left. The people in Lafitte asked Mayor Kerner to request an earlier date. The Legislature passed the Resolutions because there were over 400 signatures on a petition. Then Mayor Kerner asked everyone to stop fighting and let everyone make a living.

Mr. Jimmy Plaisance, a shrimper, was in favor of opening the season on June 7th. If the season had to be opened earlier, he said, try to delay it as much as possible.

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich noted that he had not made up his mind and was just listening to the comments. He also stated he would use the comments to make the best decision possible.

Mr. Emery Eymard commented there was not a little boat he knew of that wanted to trawl for 30 cents a pound. He suggested the little boats should trawl along the beach and was in favor of the late season.

Mr. Kip Douet, a worker in both the inshore and offshore waters, commented even after the August season opened, there are still brown shrimp being caught. He also suggested the little boats should try to trawl along the beach and was in favor of the June 7th date.

Mr. Barry Griffin was in favor of the late opening and felt everyone could catch shrimp if they would try.

Mr. Lawrence Charpentier, a boat captain for 38 years, was in favor of the late season. He felt he could not make a living catching shrimp and only getting 30 to 60 cents a pound. If the shrimp are too small, the season should stay closed so they can grow and suggested listening to what the biologists report.

Mr. Dobie Guidry, a commercial shrimper, felt it was time for a change and suggested trying a later opening date.

Mr. Joey Bouziga, representing the town of Golden Meadow, presented the Commission with a copy of a Resolution requesting the season be opened on May 24th. The community of Golden Meadow supports the trawlers. Mr. Bouziga then read the Resolution into the record.

Mr. Willie Guidry, Lockport, stated this was the only place he has ever seen where small shrimp are killed all the time. He recommended the late opening date.

Mr. Wayne Cheramie was in favor of the June 7th date because a living can not be made with the small shrimp.

Mr. Michael Lorraine was in favor of the late opening date because the shrimp are small. He advised not letting the politicians or people tell you when to open the season, let the data tell you when to open. Of the people that signed the petitions, how many are fishermen? If the season was opened earlier, then Mr. Lorraine hoped it would be statewide. He knew of people behind Leeville and Grand Isle shrimping in the inside waters and felt it was not fair.

Mr. Jack Lafonte, a commercial fisherman, stated the Commission could regulate the business. He also stated a statewide opening would save the crop and felt it was needed. If the season was segmented into Zones for opening, the price for the shrimp would drop.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fishermen, expressed concern over having to compromise with the June 7th opening date for Zone 1 when only 39% of the crop would be 100 count. The reason for the meetings, according to Mr. Dekemel, was because the Commission did not do their job and that was the use of zones. He believed the shrimp in Zone 2 moved differently than in Zone 1 and the Department data reflects what was in the bays. He agreed Zone 2 should be opened earlier, but also stated how much earlier would depend upon the Commission members. Mr. Dekemel felt the Resolutions from the Legislature had no legal binding on the Commission and then requested the Commission not bow to the political pressure. Two considerations were made by Mr. Dekemel and these were the economic impact and impact on the shrimp.

Mr. Leo Kerner commented the shrimp that come from the Gulf are small, stay small and then leave the inside waters small. What the Commission should do is find a market for the small shrimp. No one can make it any different. He expressed the need to open the season around May 15th. If you catch shrimp on May 1st that are 100 to the pound, you will catch them on June 1st and June 20th 100 to the pound. The weather condition was the boss. He asked for the Commissioners to consider setting the season for May 24th.

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich thanked all that spoke during the Public Comment period. But, he informed the group, no matter what decision was made, everyone would not be satisfied.

Commissioner Gisclair clarified that the June 7th date was not the date proposed for Zone 2, but it was a people number to try to get all zones to open together. The projected date for Zone 2 was

June 4th, and now the projected date is around the first of June. Going on, Commissioner Gisclair objected to what Mr. Dekemel said about this could have been decided in one meeting. The people that voiced their opinion after the May 6th Commission Meeting should be allowed a chance to speak. The law states that a public meeting has to be held if the Commission should reconsider the opening date for the shrimp season in a particular zone and that was the reason for the meeting of May 18. There was reference to the Resolutions, and Commissioner Gisclair noted the Legislature could have passed a state statute that would have dictated a date to open the season. Commissioner Gisclair informed everyone the Commission members do not get paid for being a board member. He also noted that an inquiry was made to the Department attorney's about making a statewide change and he was advised that it could not be done because the meeting was called to consider the date in Zone 2 only. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked them for their comments and then stated, if they would have attended the first meeting, it would have been handled at the first meeting.

Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Puckett if the public comments period was over and if it was the Commissioners decision now. Mr. Puckett advised he was correct.

Commissioner Gisclair asked Commissioner Mialjevich about a compromise on May 26th, and added he felt the middle for him would be around June 1st. This was taking into consideration only what was presented at the meeting. His tally for the recommended dates went as follows: 2 between the 20th and the 24th; 8 for the 24th; 2 for the 26th; 1 for the 31st; 17 for the 7th and 3 for the 1st and asked the opinions of the other Commissioners.

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich stated he regretted the three zones could not be represented at the meeting and, no matter what decision was made, there would still be people that would say it was not done right.

Commissioner Cormier stated the biologists showed in their report that if the weather improved, there could be an improvement in the resource. A reasonable earlier date would not be that detrimental to the future resources according to the biologists. The Commission listened to the verbal comments but he tallied there were 15 that disagreed with changing the dates and the remainder of the 34 speakers would not mind a change in the date. The only problem for the Commission was to determine which date to change it to. Commissioner Cormier then asked Vice-Chairman Vujnovich what was the difference in the two draft resolutions in their packets.

Commissioner Gisclair advised that you would have the Memorial Day weekend with the sport fishermen if the season was opened before Friday, May 28. He felt Monday, May 31st would be better and you would only be fighting the sport fishermen one day. Also,

Commissioner Gisclair stated the 31st falls right between May 24th and June 7th.

Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Resolution, after studying the data and hearing the public comments, and moved to open that portion of Zone 2 from the South Pass of the Mississippi River to the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel out to Eugene Island at 6:00 a.m. on May 26th. He further moved that the Declaration of Emergency read the same date. Vice-Chairman Vujnovich asked for a second to Commissioner Cormier's motions.

Commissioner Mialjevich noted this was a tough decision. But, if you stayed with June 7th or the 14th or 20th, you would not have a compromise. He then questioned, if everyone could not get together and compromise, how would they be able to fight TED's, by-catch or anything else. Then, Commissioner Mialjevich asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Concurrent Resolution dictated to the Commission a date to open the season and was the 50% criteria with the 100 count rescinded.

Commissioner Gisclair reminded Vice-Chairman Vujnovich there was a motion on the floor and since there was not a second, it died. Vice-Chairman Vujnovich asked for any other motions? Commissioner Mialjevich reminded the group the date May 26th was put out so the Commission could receive public comments. Then he stated if the people that wanted May 17th did not want to give and the people on June 7th did not want to give, then what do you have?

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich reminded the Commission's action would only affect Zone 2 and not Zones 1 and 3. Commissioner Gisclair also reminded that Zones 1 and 3 did not want to change. The people in Zone 2 made a request to talk about changing the date. Commissioner Gisclair then pointed out that the Resolution referred to only a portion of Zone 2 and that part would be from the South Pass of the Mississippi River to the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel out to Eugene Island. The Vermilion Bay area did not want to change. He also noted there would be a moon on June 4th and felt the shrimpers should not miss a second moon.

Commissioner Cormier explained his reason for suggesting May 26th. The biologists have stated things were improving and he had no problem with any date after May 26th. However, he noted, if things were to get worse, the season could be closed.

Secretary Herring stated the public comments period was closed and whatever decision the Commissioners made, that would be the end.

Commissioner Gisclair said there was nothing cut and dried before the meeting began. Vice-Chairman Vujnovich reiterated what Commissioner Gisclair stated was true and that he tries to do what is best for the State and the people. Commissioner Cormier stated

he takes advice from the Department's staff and felt the people should accept the staff's recommendations, even if it was not what they wanted to hear.

Commissioner Gisclair read a portion of the Resolution with the date of May 31st at 6:00 a.m. included in it and then made it as a motion. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vice-Chairman Vujnovich stated the shrimp season would open on May 31st and then thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

(The full text of the Resolution and 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 shall be 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, biological data presented at the May 6, 1993 Commission meeting showed that the 1993 brown shrimp crop was projected to meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 2 on June 4, 1993 and in Zones 1 and 3 on June 9, 1993, and

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WHEREAS, on May 18, 1993, the Commission heard additional public testimony indicating that the June 7, 1993 opening date will create excessive economic hardships on the residents of portions of Zone 2 who are commercial shrimpers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission finds that there is just cause to alter the opening date for the 1993 spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 2, and

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act and R.S. 56:497, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

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The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission finds that the current economic conditions in a portion of coastal Louisiana within Zone 2 necessitate that the residents of that area be allowed to return to their work as commercial shrimpers as soon as possible.

Peter Vujnovich
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Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to Adjourn and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Vujnovich.


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Mr. Charlie Kerner, Justice of the Peace, Lafitte, stated his wife works for Lafitte Frozen Foods and they depend upon the small shrimp as well as the big shrimp. A meeting was held in Lafitte and was attended by 300 to 400 fishermen who told the Mayor that they were being treated unfairly with the opening date of June 7 being too late. At the meeting, it was asked what date ~~the~~ the

shrimpers want[✓] and they said May 17th because you can only shrimp during the months of May and June. Mr. Kerner also stated the data did not tell you what the economic impact would be and that the people needed to be put to work. He then asked for the earliest possible date to open the season.

Mr. Wilton Coulon, a concerned fisherman, commented that if the shrimp are small and the season was opened, then a lot of shrimp would be killed and asked, "why do you catch small shrimp when their are nice size shrimp in your catch also?" He felt there should be an earlier opening date ~~but~~ no later than May 24th and also felt the Department could recommend an earlier date.

Mr. Abel Danos, Golden Meadow, stated not everyone would be satisfied, and the shrimp would grow. ~~He~~ Then requested the Department pull a small legal size trawl to know what was behind it and a larger trawl to know what was on hand and would be leaving. ^{He said} ✓ The fishermen are hurting and they need as much time to work as possible. He recommended an earlier opening date.

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich commented everyone has the same problems and everyone has been suffering for the last two or three years. In the future, the shrimp industry would have to change.

Mr. Ronald Collins, Quality Seafood Company, Leeville, stated ^{that} for the past 25 years, the shrimp season has always opened before May 25th. The season depends on the first two or three weeks in May which has proven to be the most productive time. If the season was opened on June 7th, the shrimp would be on the decline. At the end of June, the white shrimp begin to show and you would only end up with a two or three week season. He recommended opening Zone 2 on May 20th but not later than May 24th.

Mr. Steven Charpentier, a fisherman for 44 years, stated he did not know how long it would take for shrimp to grow from the 100 count to 50-60 or 60-70 count which would be a good shrimp to harvest. Continuing, he knew of a Department biologist that found shrimp that were 415 to the pound. The biologists, and not the Commission, knows what size the shrimp are out there and not a fisherman could say when a shrimp would grow to a certain size. Then he recommended leaving the opening date at June 7th and not a day earlier.

Mr. Farrel Charpentier, a concerned shrimper with a big boat, recommended June 7th date and not a day earlier also. He asked the Commissioners to base their decisions on the Department's findings and to trust their findings and ^{their} own instincts. ✓ If you go with a compromise, you would be compromising the shrimp crop. ✓ The reason for the late season was not anyone's fault, it was Nature.

Mr. Calvin "Fox" Cheramie, commended the Commissioners that were in attendance and reminded the Commission that they have the

authority to close the season up to 3 miles offshore if the shrimp are too small. He did not recommend a specific date for opening the shrimp season.

Mr. Jeff Toups, a concerned shrimper with a ^{with} big boat, agreed with waiting until the shrimp are bigger and ^{with} the Department's recommendation to open on June 7th. He disagreed with the ~~fact~~ ^{idea} that the little boats can not go to the mouth of the Pass and shrimp. Also, he could not understand the reason for the meeting and stated the season should be delayed.

^{early} Mr. Scott St. Pierre, a concerned shrimper, expressed that opening the season when the count was 100 to the pound was too ~~small~~ but there should be consistency with the count when the season was opened. If the shrimp are too small, then the season should be closed everywhere.

^{he} Mr. Gene Adams recommended opening the season on May 21st. The June 7th date was a "people's date" so the season would open statewide. The fluctuation of boats was the biggest recognizable problem. Then ^{he} asked Mr. Perret what size was considered a wintering shrimp, and explained about shrimp leaving with the moon phases. He asked Mr. Perret if the Department tests Brazilian shrimp and where are the 21-25 and the 26-30 that are supposed to be in the inside waters. He has never seen the shrimp get to that size, even as late as July.

^{added that} Mr. Darryl Orgeron, a fisherman, stated he was for the June 7th date. ^{He} But if the season was opened sooner, it should be open statewide.

^{He said} Mr. Michael Callais ^{to} stated he agreed with the June 7th opening date. ^{He} Then questioned what percentage would go out if the season did open on the 7th and stated that trawling could be done on the beach. ^{He} If the Commission follows what the Governor's Office wants, then the Commission was useless and commented the season would be bad.

Mr. Allen Charpentier, owner of a 73 foot boat, suggested staying with the scientific data and with the June 7th opening date so there would be bigger shrimp.

Mr. Jimmy Toups, a fisherman, stated that not only would there be a late season for the shrimp but for the gardens as well. He was ready to go shrimping now but felt it would not be worth it and it would kill the crop. If it would help out, Mr. Toups suggested opening the shrimp season statewide on May 31st and if the shrimp are too small on the beach, then the season should be closed.

^{he} Mr. Robert Charpentier believed the data that was presented. Then ^{he} stated if the season had to be opened earlier, it should be the first of June ^{He} ~~but~~ wanted to catch the bigger shrimp.

Mayor Tim Kerner, Lafitte, thanked the four Commissioners for being present at the meeting. He commented that if the season was opened late, the shrimpers would not be trawling for anything because the shrimp would have left. The people in Lafitte asked Mayor Kerner to request an earlier date. The Legislature passed the Resolutions because there were over 400 signatures on a petition. Then Mayor Kerner asked everyone to stop fighting and let everyone make a living.

Mr. Jimmy Plaisance, a shrimper, was in favor of opening the season on June 7th. If the season had to be opened earlier, try to delay it as much as possible. *he said,*

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich noted that he had not made up his mind and was just listening to the comments. He also stated he would use the comments to make the best decision possible.

Mr. Emery Eymard commented there was not a little boat he knew of that wanted to trawl for 30 cents a pound. He suggested the little boats should trawl along the beach and was in favor of the late season.

Mr. Kip Douet, a worker ⁱⁿ ~~for~~ both the inshore and offshore waters, commented even after the August season opened, there are still brown shrimp being caught. He also suggested the little boats should try to trawl along the beach and was in favor of the June 7th date.

Mr. Barry Griffin was in favor of the late opening and felt everyone could catch shrimp if they would try.

Mr. Lawrence Charpentier, a boat captain for 38 years, was in favor of the late season. He felt he could not make a living catching shrimp and only getting 30 to 60 cents a pound. If the shrimp are too small, the season should stay closed so they can grow and suggested listening to what the biologists report.

Mr. Dobie Guidry, a commercial shrimper, felt it was time for a change and suggested trying a later opening date.

Mr. Joey Bouziga, representing the town of Golden Meadow, presented the Commission with a copy of a Resolution requesting the season be opened on May 24th. The community of Golden Meadow supports the trawlers. Mr. Bouziga then read the Resolution into the record.

Mr. Willie Guidry, Lockport, stated this was the only place he has ever seen where small shrimp are killed all the time. He recommended the late opening date.

Mr. Wayne Cheramie was in favor of the June 7th date because a living can not be made with the small shrimp.

Mr. Michael Lorraine was in favor of the late opening date because the shrimp are small. He advised not letting the politicians or people tell you when to open the season, let the data tell you when to open. Of the people that signed the petitions, how many are fishermen? If the season was opened earlier, then Mr. Lorraine hoped it would be statewide. He knew of people behind Leeville and Grand Isle shrimping in the inside waters and felt it was not fair.

Mr. Jack Lafonte, a commercial fisherman, stated the Commission could regulate the business. He also stated a statewide opening would save the crop and felt it was needed. If the season was segmented into Zones for opening, the price for the shrimp would drop.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman^E, expressed concern over having to compromise with the June 7th opening date for Zone 1 when only 39% of the crop would be 100 count. The reason for the meetings, according to Mr. Dekemel, was because the Commission did not do their job and that was the use of zones. He believed the shrimp in Zone 2 moved differently than ~~it does~~ in Zone 1 and the Department data reflects what was in the bays. He agreed Zone 2 should be opened earlier, but also stated how much earlier would depend upon the Commission members. Mr. Dekemel felt the Resolutions from the Legislature had no legal binding ~~fact~~ on the Commission and then requested the Commission not bow to the political pressure. Two considerations were made by Mr. Dekemel and these were the economic impact and impact ~~on~~^{on} the shrimp.

Mr. Leo Kerner commented the shrimp that come from the Gulf are small, stay small and then leave the inside waters small. What the Commission should do is find a market for the small shrimp, ~~and~~^{and} no one can make it any different. He expressed the need to open the season around May 15th. If you catch shrimp on May 1st that are 100 to the pound, you will catch ~~it~~ on June 1st and June 20th 100 to the pound. The weather condition was the boss, ~~and~~^{and} asked for the Commissioners to consider setting the season for May 24th. ^{them} ^{He}

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich thanked all that spoke during the Public Comment period. But, he informed the group, ~~that~~ no matter what decision was made, everyone would not be satisfied.

Commissioner Gisclair clarified that the June 7th date was not the date proposed for Zone 2, but it was a people number to try to get all zones to open together. The projected date for Zone 2 was June 4th, and now the projected date is around the first of June. Going on, Commissioner Gisclair objected to what Mr. Dekemel said about this could have been decided in one meeting. The people that voiced their opinion after the May 6th Commission Meeting should

be allowed a chance to speak ~~was the reason for the second meeting.~~ ⁶
The law states that a public meeting has to be held if the Commission should reconsider the opening date for the shrimp season in a particular zone and that was the reason for the meeting of May 18. There was reference to the Resolutions ~~to which~~ ^{AND} Commissioner Gisclair noted the Legislature could have passed a state statute that would have dictated a date to open the season. Commissioner Gisclair informed everyone the Commission members do not get paid for being a board member. He also ~~informed~~ ^{Noted} that an inquiry was made to the Department attorney's about making a statewide change and he was advised that it could not be done because the meeting was called to consider the date in Zone 2 only. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked them for their comments and then stated, if they would have attended the first meeting, it would have been handled at the first meeting.

Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Puckett if the public comments period was over and if it was the Commissioners decision now. Mr. Puckett advised he was correct.

Commissioner Gisclair ^{asked} Commissioner Mialjevich about a compromise on May 26th, and he felt the middle for him would be around June 1st. This was taking into consideration only what was presented at the meeting. His tally for the recommended dates went as follows: 2 between the 20th and the 24th; 8 for the 24th; 2 for the 26th; 1 for the 31st; 17 for the 7th and 3 for the 1st and asked the opinions of the other Commissioners.

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich ^{stated he} regretted the three zones could not be represented at the meeting and no matter what decision was made, there would still be people that would say it was not done right.

Commissioner Cormier stated the biologists showed in their report that if the weather improved, there could be an improvement in the resource. A reasonable earlier date would not be that detrimental to the future resources ~~was also stated by~~ ^{according to} the biologists. The Commission listened to the verbal comments but he tallied there were 15 that disagreed with changing the dates and the remainder of the 34 speakers would not mind a change in the date. The only problem for the Commission was to determine which date to change it to. Commissioner Cormier then asked Vice-Chairman Vujnovich what was the difference in the two draft resolutions in their packets.

Commissioner Gisclair advised that you would have the Memorial Day weekend with the sport fishermen if the season ~~would be open~~ ^{was opened} before Friday, May 28. He felt Monday, May 31st would be better and you would only be fighting the sport fishermen one day. Also, Commissioner Gisclair stated the 31st falls right between May 24th and June 7th.

Heat Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Resolution, after studying the data and hearing the public comments, and moved to open a portion of Zone 2 from the South Pass of the Mississippi River to the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel out to Eugene Island at 6:00 a.m. on May 26th. He further moved that the Declaration of Emergency read the same date. Vice-Chairman Vujnovich asked for a second to Commissioner Cormier's motions.

Commissioner Mialjevich noted this was a tough decision. But, if you stayed with June 7th or the 14th or 20th, you would not have a compromise. He then questioned, if everyone could not get together and compromise, how would they be able to fight TED's, by-catch or anything else. Then, Commissioner Mialjevich asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Concurrent Resolution dictated to the Commission a date to open the season and was the 50% criteria with the 100 count rescinded.

Commissioner Gisclair reminded Vice-Chairman Vujnovich there was a motion on the floor and since there was not a second, it died. Vice-Chairman Vujnovich asked for any other motions? Commissioner Mialjevich reminded the group the date May 26th was put out so the Commission could receive public comments. Then he stated if the people that wanted May 17th did not want to give and the people on June 7th did not want to give, then what do you have?

Vice-Chairman Vujnovich reminded the Commission's action would only affect Zone 2 and not Zones 1 and 3. Commissioner Gisclair also reminded that Zones 1 and 3 did not want to change. The people in Zone 2 made a request to talk about changing the date. Commissioner Gisclair then pointed out that the Resolution referred to only a portion of Zone 2 and that part would be from the South Pass of the Mississippi River to the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel out to Eugene Island. The Vermilion Bay area did not want to change. He also noted there would be a moon on June 4th and felt the shrimpers should not miss a second moon.

Commissioner Cormier explained his reason for suggesting May 26th. The biologists have stated things were improving and he had no problem with any date after May 26th. However, if things were to get worse, the season could be closed.

he noted

Secretary Herring stated the public comments period was closed and whatever decision the Commissioners made, that would be the end.

Commissioner Gisclair said there was nothing cut and dried before the meeting began. Vice-Chairman Vujnovich reiterated what Commissioner Gisclair stated was true and that he tries to do what is best for the State and the people. Commissioner Cormier stated he takes advice from the Department's staff and felt the people should accept the staff's recommendations even if it was not what they wanted to hear.

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Commissioner Gisclair read a portion of the Resolution with the date of May 31st at 6:00 a.m. included in it and then made it as a motion. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion. The motion passed. Vice-Chairman Vujnovich stated the shrimp season would open on May 31st and then thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

(The full text of the Resolution and 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 shall be 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,** biological data presented at the May 6, 1993 Commission meeting showed that the 1993 brown shrimp crop was projected to meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 2 on June 4, 1993 and in Zones 1 and 3 on June 9, 1993, and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its May 6, 1993 meeting after hearing public testimony set the spring inshore shrimp season to open statewide at 6:00 a.m. June 7, 1993, and
- WHEREAS,** on May 18, 1993, the Commission heard additional public testimony indicating that the June 7, 1993 opening date will create excessive economic hardships on the residents of portions of Zone 2 who are commercial shrimpers,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission finds that there is just cause to alter the opening date for the 1993 spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 2, and
- THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in a portion Zone 2, which is that portion of Louisiana's inside waters as described in R.S. 56:495, from South Pass of the Mississippi River to the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel out to Eugene Island at 6:00 a.m. May 31, 1993.

Peter Vujnovich for Bert H.
Jones, Chairman, Louisiana
Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
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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 and R.S. 56:497, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

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The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission finds that the current economic conditions in a portion of coastal Louisiana within Zone 2 necessitate that the residents of that area be allowed to return to their work as commercial shrimpers as soon as possible.

Peter Vujnovich
Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to **Adjourn** and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Vujnovich.

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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#36 Leo Kerner
Seafood Buyer

BERT H. JONES

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May 18, 1993

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 98000
Baton Route, LA 70898-9000

Re: Special Commission Meeting 5/18/93

Dear Joe:

I thought I would be able to juggle my schedule to get to Baton Rouge this afternoon. My visitors from Atlanta did not make it here this morning and are due here around 3:00.

At our May 6, 1993 meeting we as a commission voted unanimously to open shrimp season on June 7, 1993. This was the recommendation from the Department. The data concerning shrimp and their projected growth has not changed since our last meeting. The majority of the calls I've received are not in favor of opening any sooner. As of Monday, 38 of 49 calls received by the Department are satisfied with the present opening date.

Since the shrimp data has not changed and the Department's recommendation hasn't changed, I strongly urge you to keep the season as it is presently set.

We as a commission should not let political pressure overrule the decision made from good sound biological information. How many shrimp too small to sell will be killed? Don't let a minority group of shrimpers make what appears to be a poor shrimp season worse.



Bert Jones
Chairman

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May 17, 1993

Mr. Joe L Herring, Secretary
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Dear Joe:

Due to a direct conflict with the special Commission meeting called for Tuesday, May 18th. at 4:00 p.m., I will be unable to attend. Would you please provide a copy of this letter to each Commissioner and have it read into the record?

As of today, the Department's staff informs me that nothing has changed in our current shrimp situation. This is truly unfortunate since it appears we will have a poor season when our fishermen are anxious to earn some much-needed income. To open the season too early would only aggravate the poor economic circumstances and I urge each Commissioner to pay careful attention to the Staff's explanation of the negative aspects of such a move. We spend millions of dollars managing this resource and no state has finer data with which to work. I stand behind our department's recommendations and our unanimous vote at our last meeting. Although changing the season may be politically correct, I doubt that it will help correct what mother nature has placed before us. If the conditions warrant, I would prefer to leave the season open a little longer at the end than open it too early.

The public input that has come before me is strongly in favor of leaving the season as it is although I know that the current dates can not please everyone.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff", is written over the typed name.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
JFS/lwm

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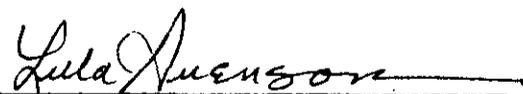
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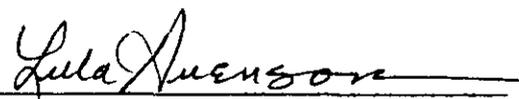
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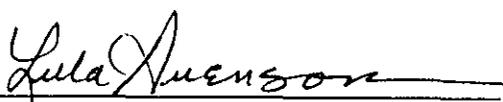
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Re: Trawling Season

To whom it may concern:

As a business of South Louisiana, Golden Meadow Hardware, Inc. along with most business establishments in this area depend heavily on the trawlers' business for this time of the year. The delay of the opening of the "May Season" directly affects the trawlers themselves and the businesses they deal with.

With taking this into consideration, we ask and hope that you open the season as soon as possible.

We appreciate your time and are hoping for a lengthy and prosperous season with your help and consideration.

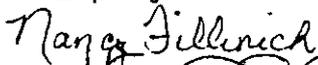
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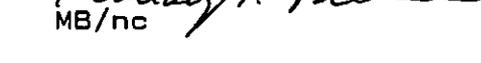
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1917 SOUTH BAYOU DRIVE
GOLDEN MEADOW, LA 70357
MAY 17, 1993

DEPT. OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

REF: SHRIMP SEASON OPENING

PLEASE TAKE EVERY CONSIDERATION OF THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THIS AREA AND ALSO THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS A LATE SHRIMP SEASON OPENING WOULD HAVE ON ALL OF US IN THIS AREA.

WE HAVE BEEN ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE OPENING. OUR BUSINESS IS DOWN AND WILL REMAIN DOWN UNTIL THE SEASON OPENING. MUCH IS RIDING ON A PROSPEROUS SEASON, NOT ONLY FOR OUR STORE BUT FOR ALL BUSINESS'S ON THIS BAYOU.

WOULD YOU PLEASE MOVE UP THE OPENING DATE TO ASSIST US ?

SINCERELY

JIM RODRIGUE
OWNER/MANAGER
PIGGLY WIGGLY ADAMS

Little Eagle, Inc.

1813 SOUTH BAYOU DRIVE
POST OFFICE BOX 369

No 195491



Golden Meadow, La., 70357

5-18-93

M Wildlife Fisheries Commercial

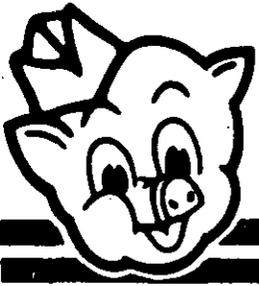
Road Service

Phone 475-5122

PACKAGES		PRICE	AMOUNT
QUANTITY	KIND		
	EXXON		
	EXXON Unleaded		
	EXXON Extra		
	EXXON Extra or Uniflo Motor Oil		
	Wash & Grease		
	The late opening of the SHRIMP SEASON HAS AFFECTED AND BACKED OUR BUSINESS UP 30 DAYS - SO PLEASE GENTLEMEN OPEN THE SEASON!!!		
	THANK YOU Kutzbach		

Purchase Order No.

Received:



piggly wiggly[®]

of Galliano

P.O. Box 429 ▪ Galliano, LA 70354 ▪ (504) 475-5166 ▪ Fax (504) 475-6792

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Retail Outlet in the 10th Ward, our business depends heavily on the trawlers in the AREA. The trawlers make their lively hood during the first season, opening the season on June 7, would not be in the best interest of the trawlers or any business in the AREA. When the trawlers do not make money no one makes money!

Thank You,
Don Devent,
MANAGER

Resolution 958

A Written Resolution was presented supporting the efforts of our local fishermen in the opening of the May Shrimp Season.

Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Golden Meadow realize the urgency in opening the inside trawling season; and

Whereas, the local shrimpers have proven that the inside catch is sufficient to open inside shrimping on May 24th; and

Whereas, these people's livelihood depends on this first season's catch to be sufficient enough to compensate for off season expenses and cost of living.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Golden Meadow that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries open the Inside Shrimp Season on or before _____
May 24, 1993 .

Thus Done and Passed this 17th Day of May, 1993.

By motion of Dave Adams, seconded by Joey Bouziga; all agreed.



Jervis Autin
Mayor

Attest:



Lula Auenson
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is an exact copy of a resolution adopted on May 17th, 1993, by the governing authority of the Town of Golden Meadow, State of Louisiana, at a meeting thereof regularly convened and after proper notice thereof having been given; and I further certify that the same remains in full force and effect.

Town of Golden Meadow, State of Louisiana,
this 17th day of May, 1993.



Lula Auenson
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL**

Tuesday, May 18, 1993
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Bert Jones (Chairman)	—	✓
Jimmy Jenkins	—	✓
Perry Gisclair	✓	—
Tee John Mialjevich	✓	—
Joseph Cormier	✓	—
Jeff Schneider	—	✓
Peter Vujnovich	✓	—

Mr. Chairman:

There are 4 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Herring is also present.

AGENDA

**LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
May 18, 1993
4:00 PM**

1. Roll Call
2. Reconsideration of Opening Date for 1993 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season

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May 18, 1993
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DRAFT

RESOLUTION

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

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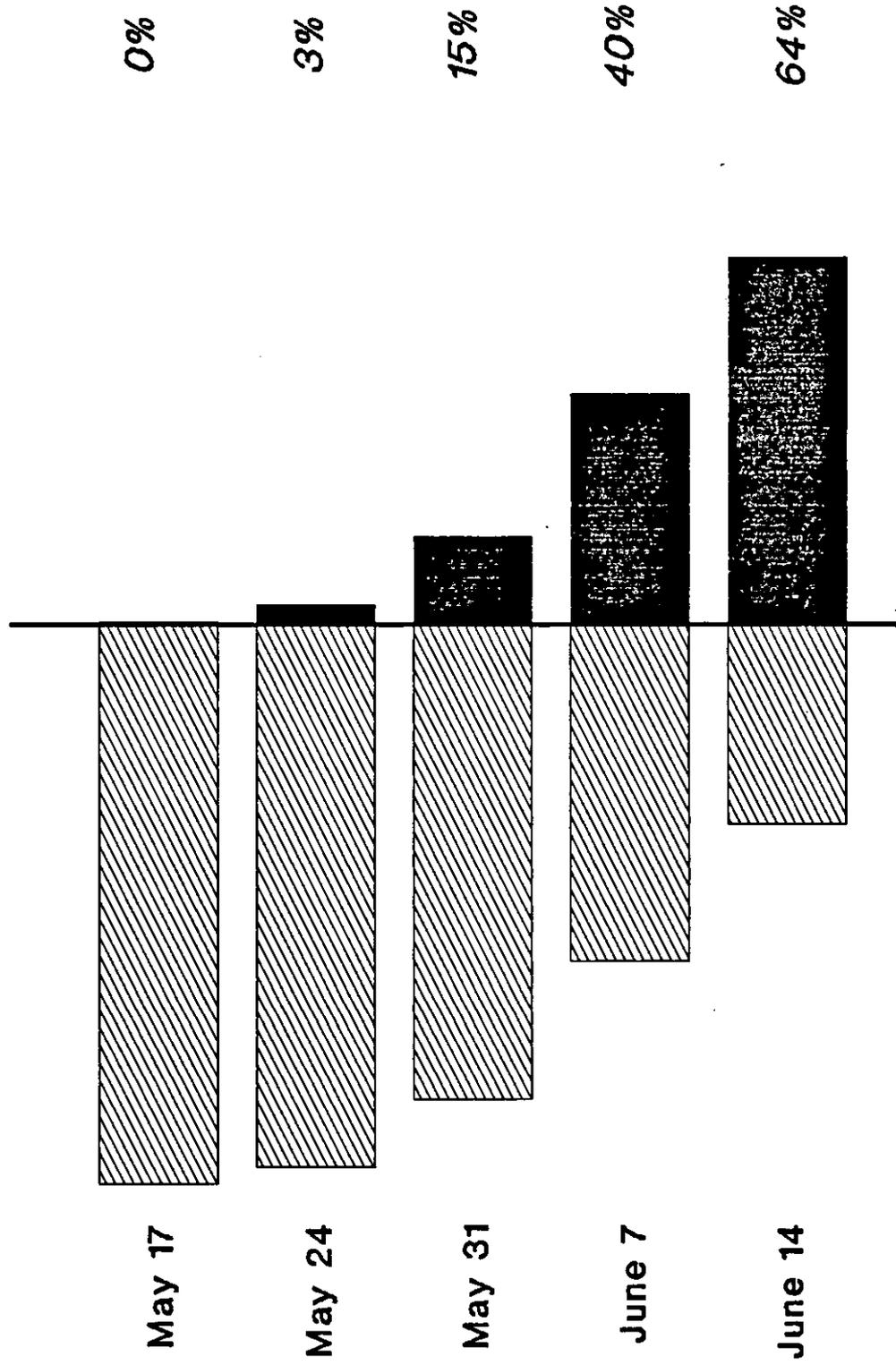
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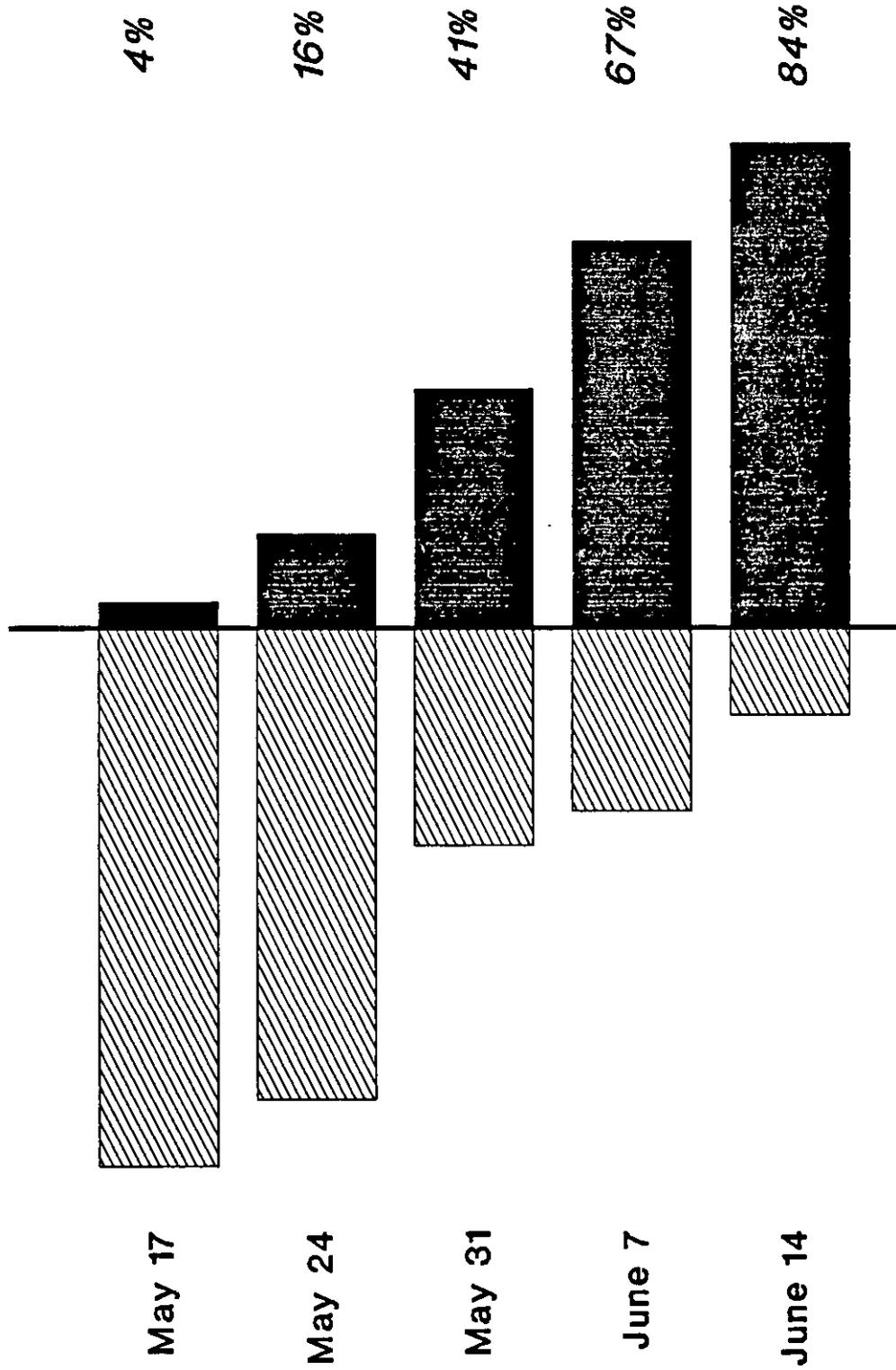
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Percent
100 Count



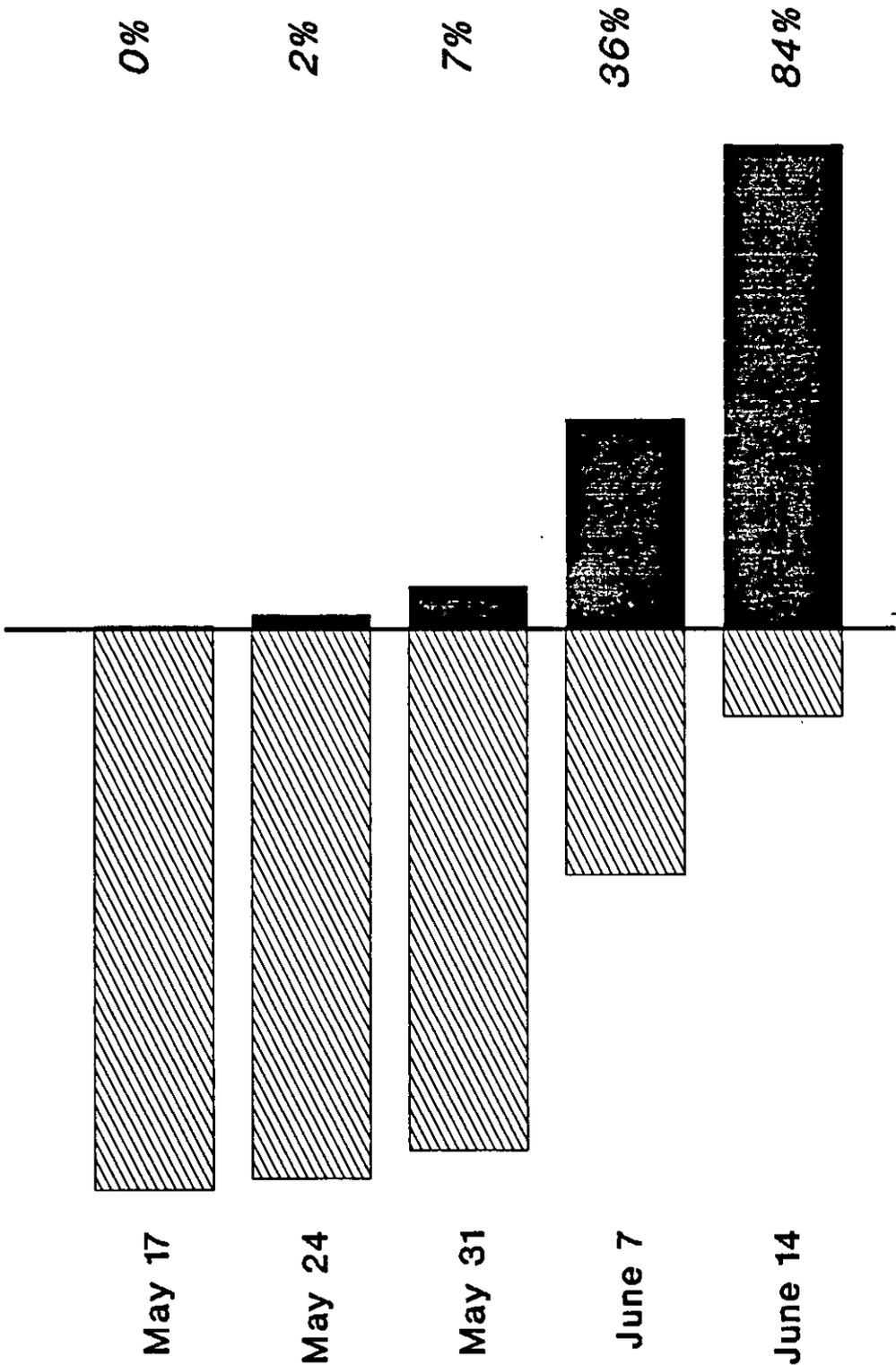
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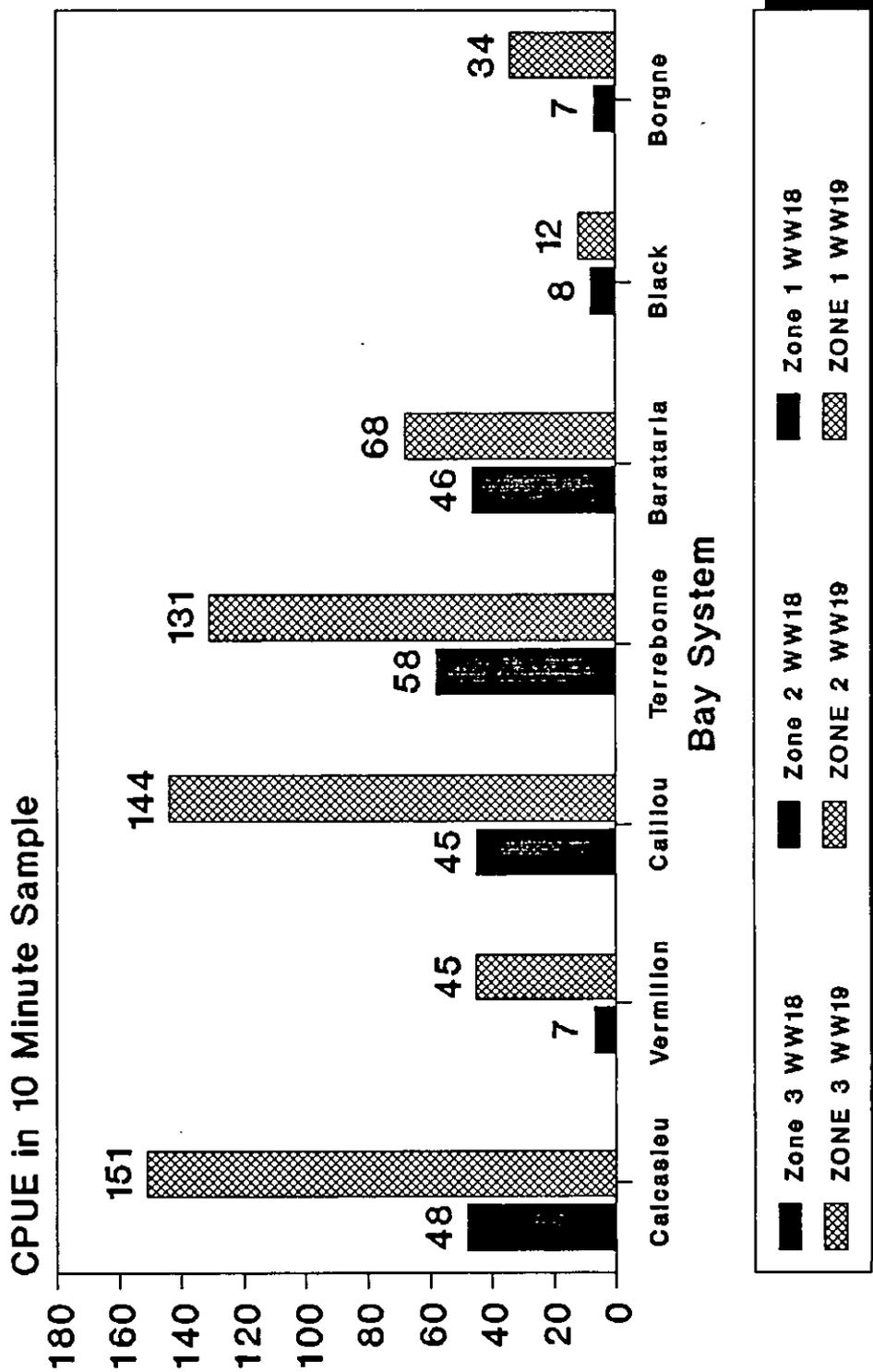
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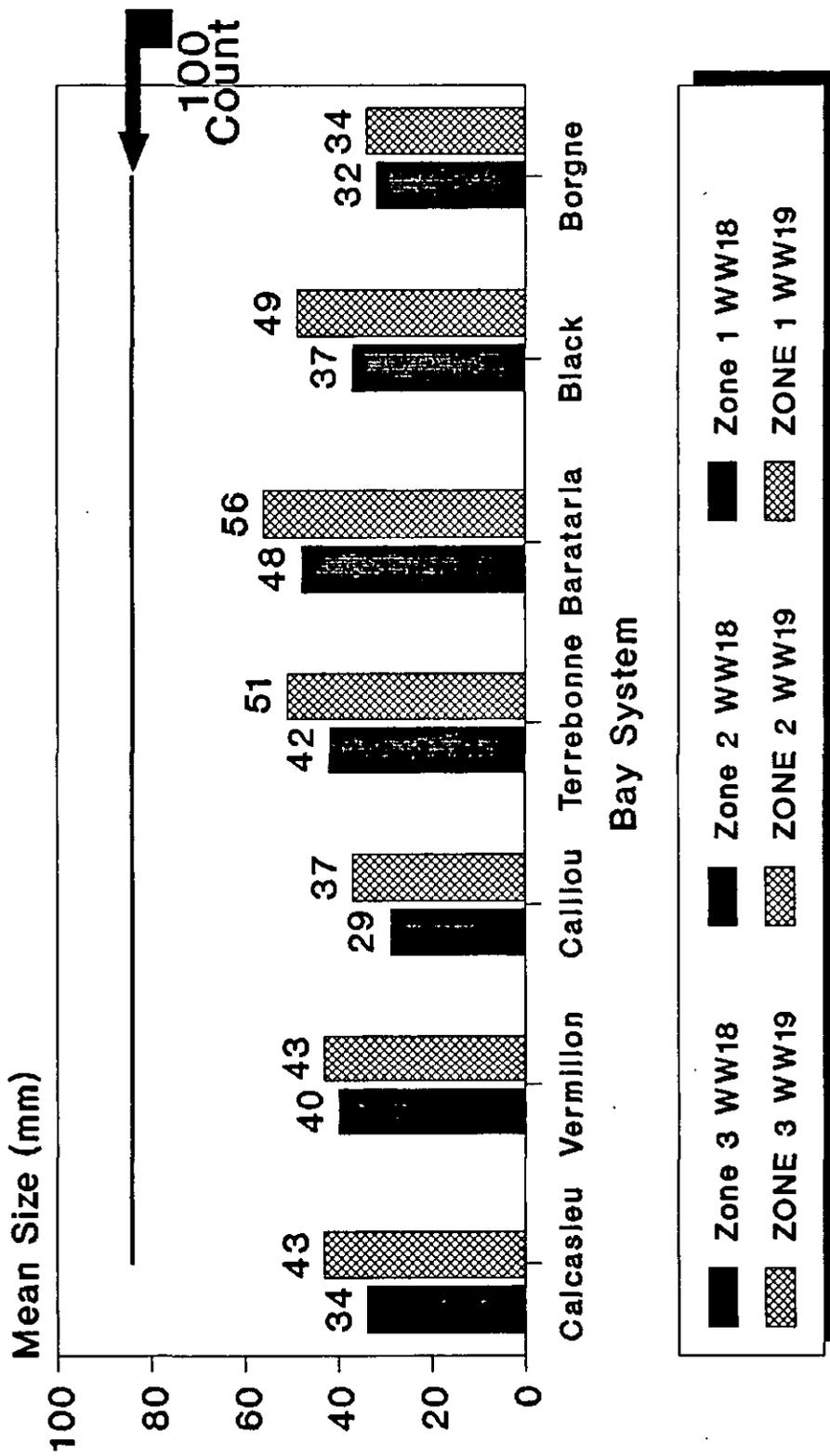
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Week 18 and 19, 1993

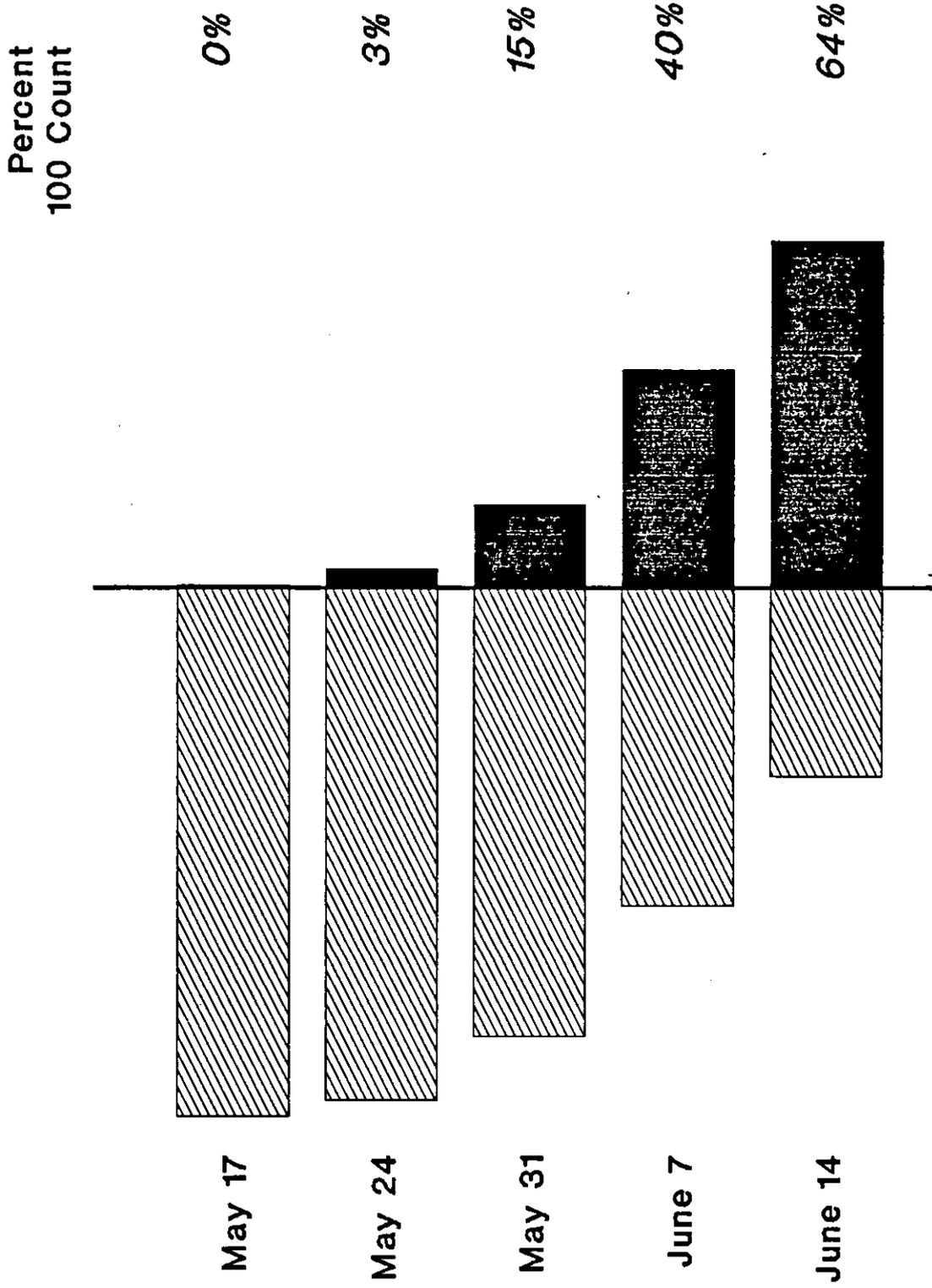


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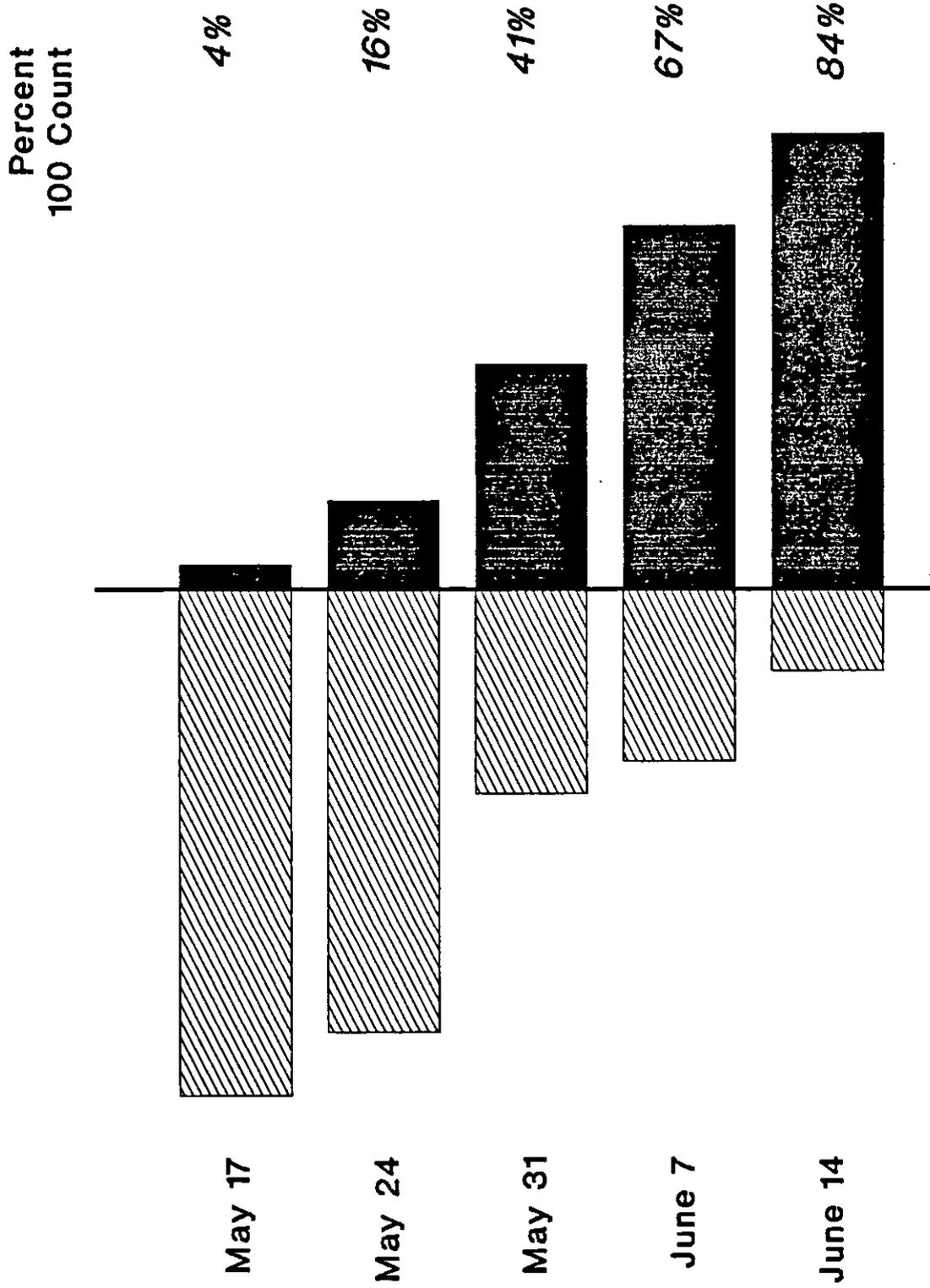
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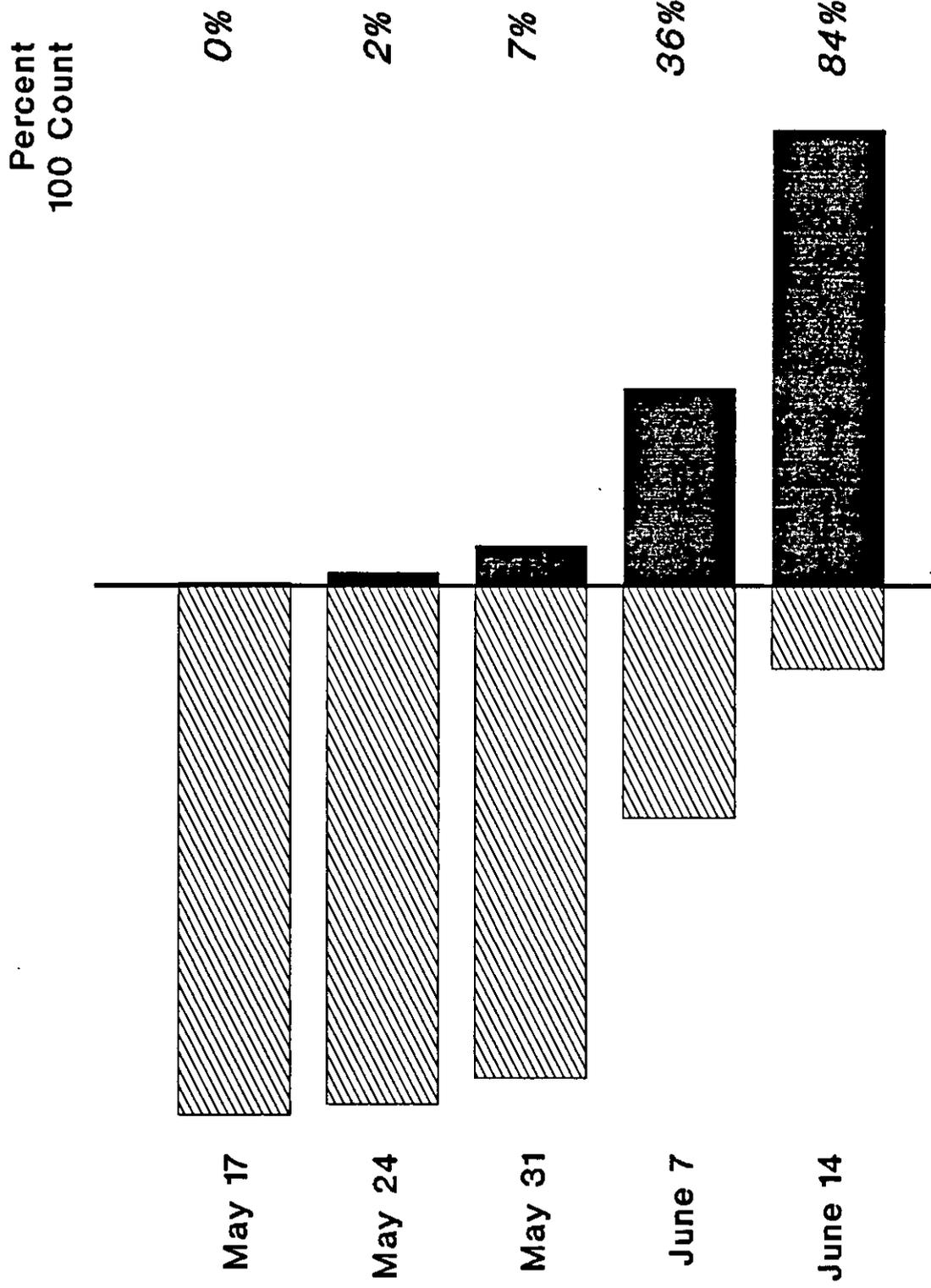
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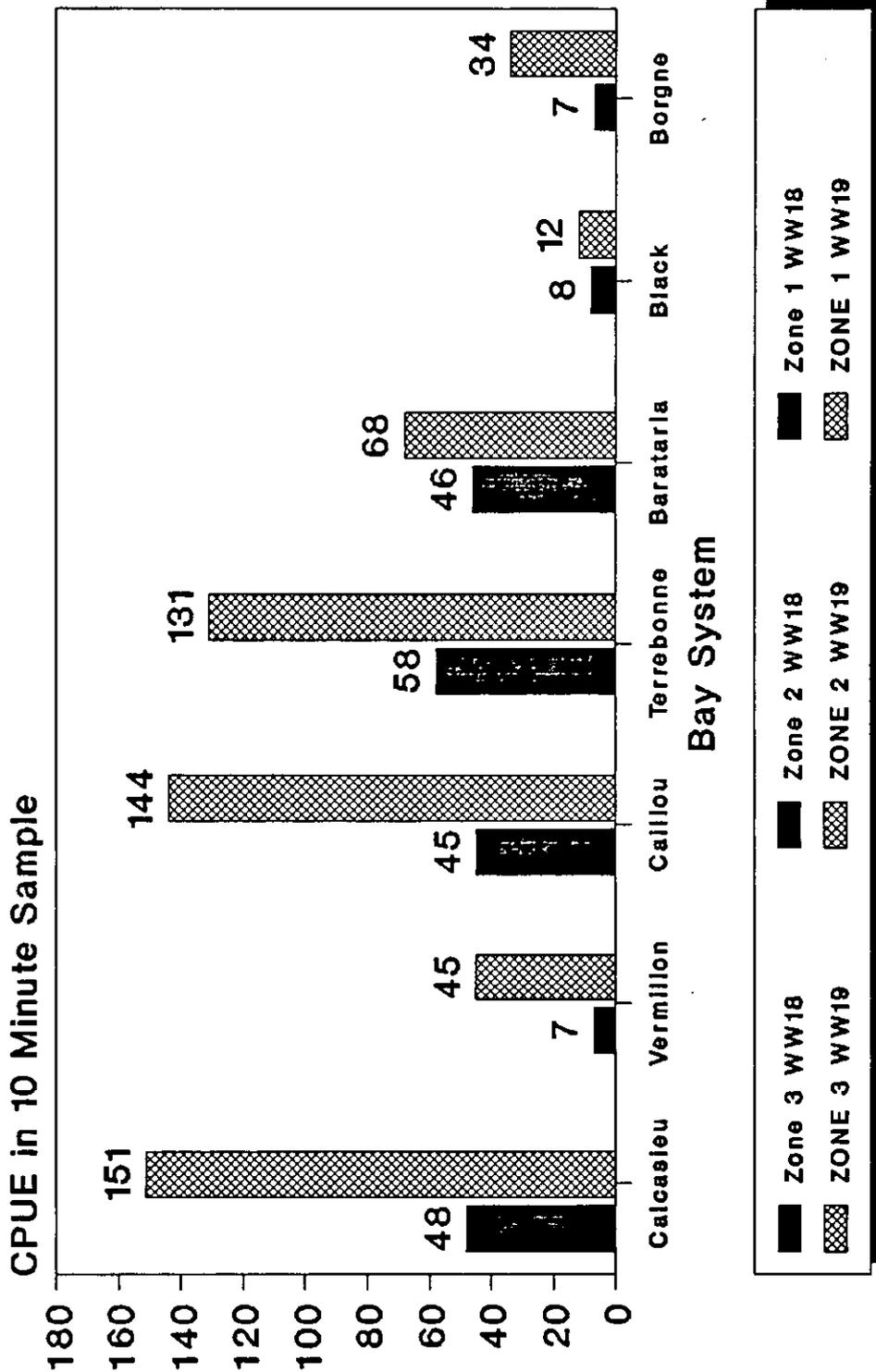


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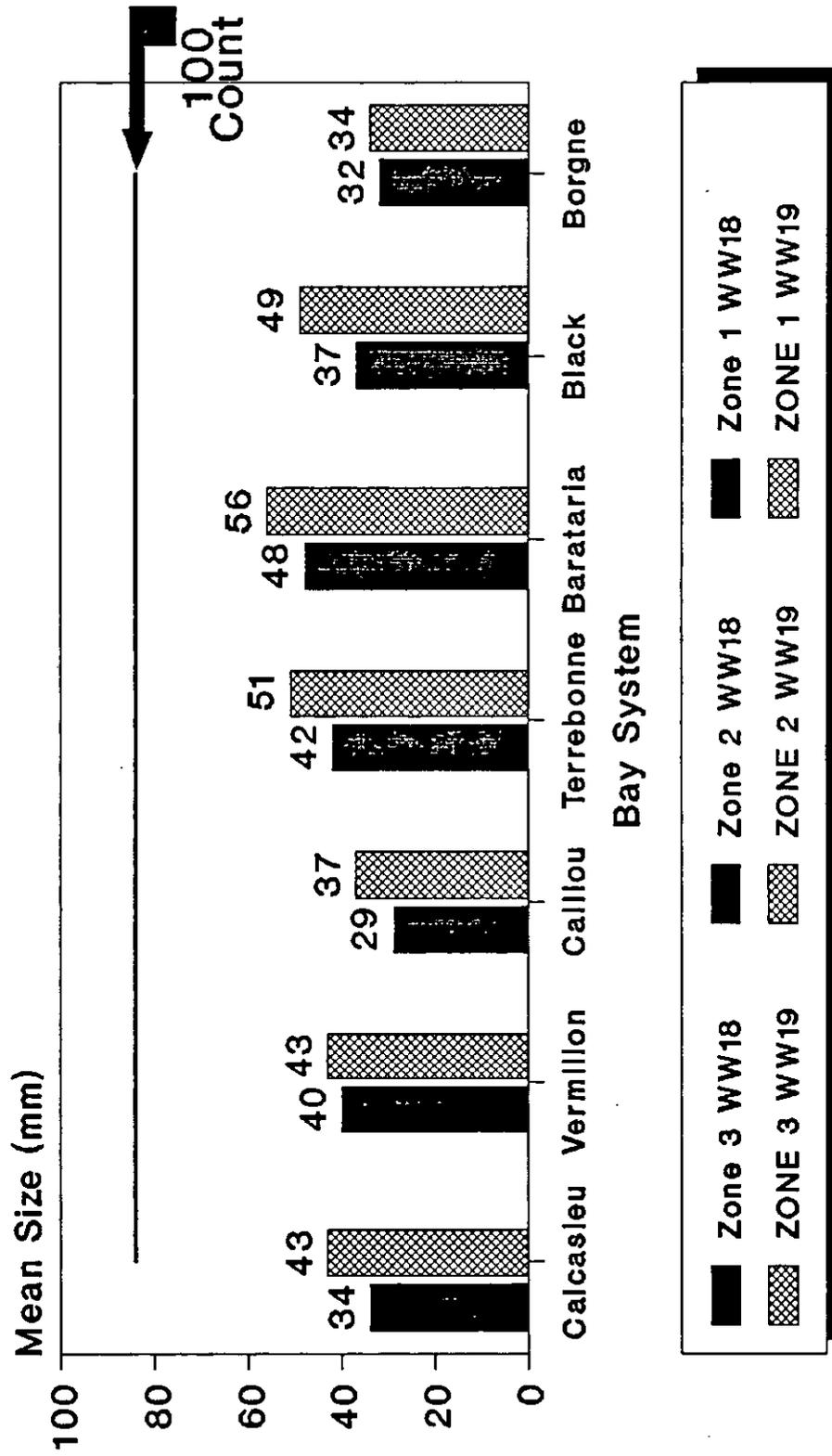
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State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

FROM: John E. Roussel, Acting Administrator
Marine Fisheries Division

RE: Updated Biological Shrimp Data

DATE: May 13, 1993

Please find attached an update of the biological data projecting when 50% of the brown shrimp in Zone 2 will be 100 count (whole shrimp per pound) and larger. As you will note, when comparing the data that was presented at the May 6th "shrimp meeting" and the chart depicting the data from this week (May 10-15) there is no significant change in the date when Zone 2 brown shrimp reach 100 count.

If you need additional information, please advise.

JER/PEB/lar

c: Joe Herring
Corky Perret

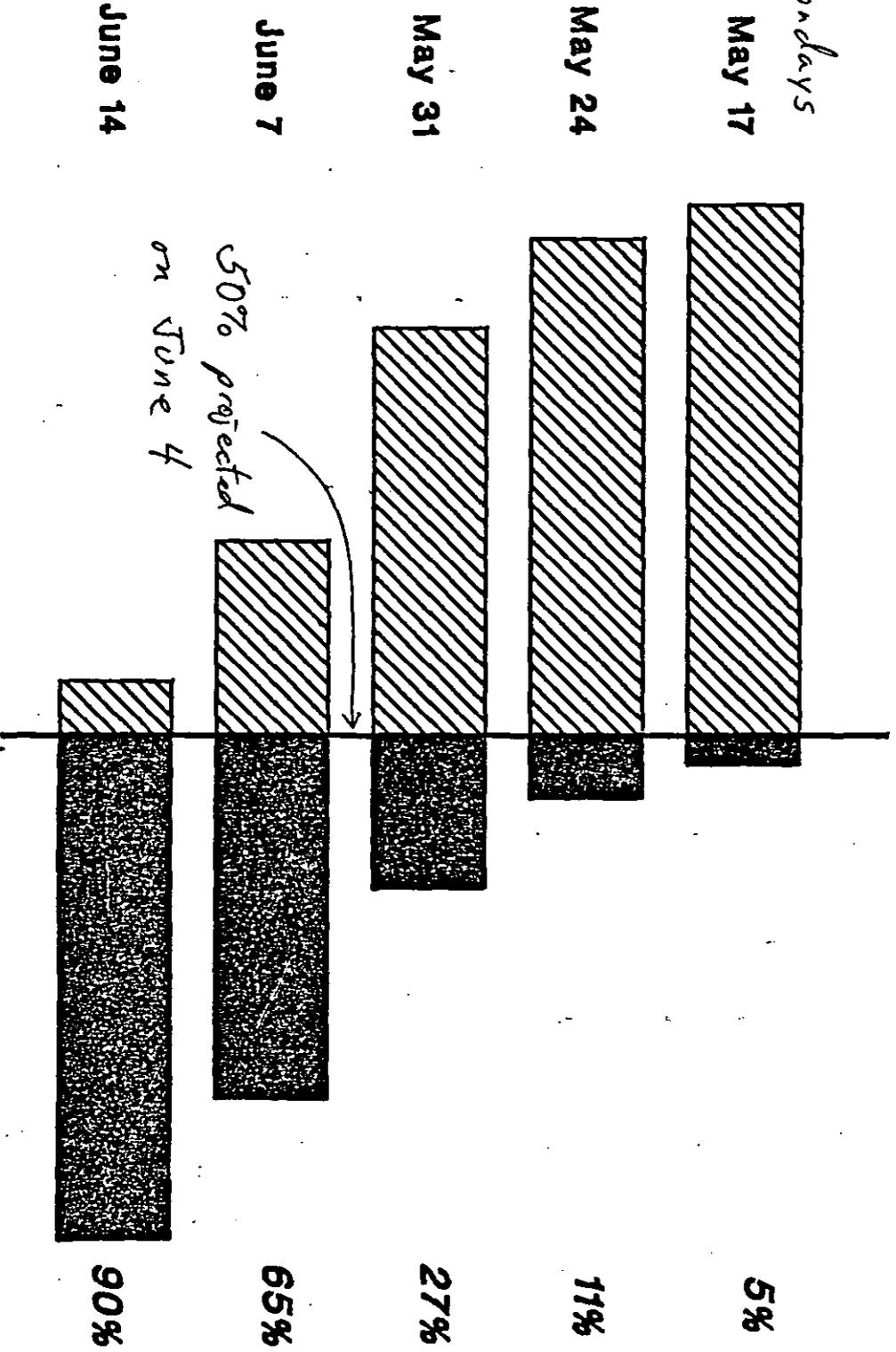
Data Presented May 6, 1993 Based on Work Week 18

5/2/93 - 5/8/93

ZONE 2 1993

Percent
100 Count

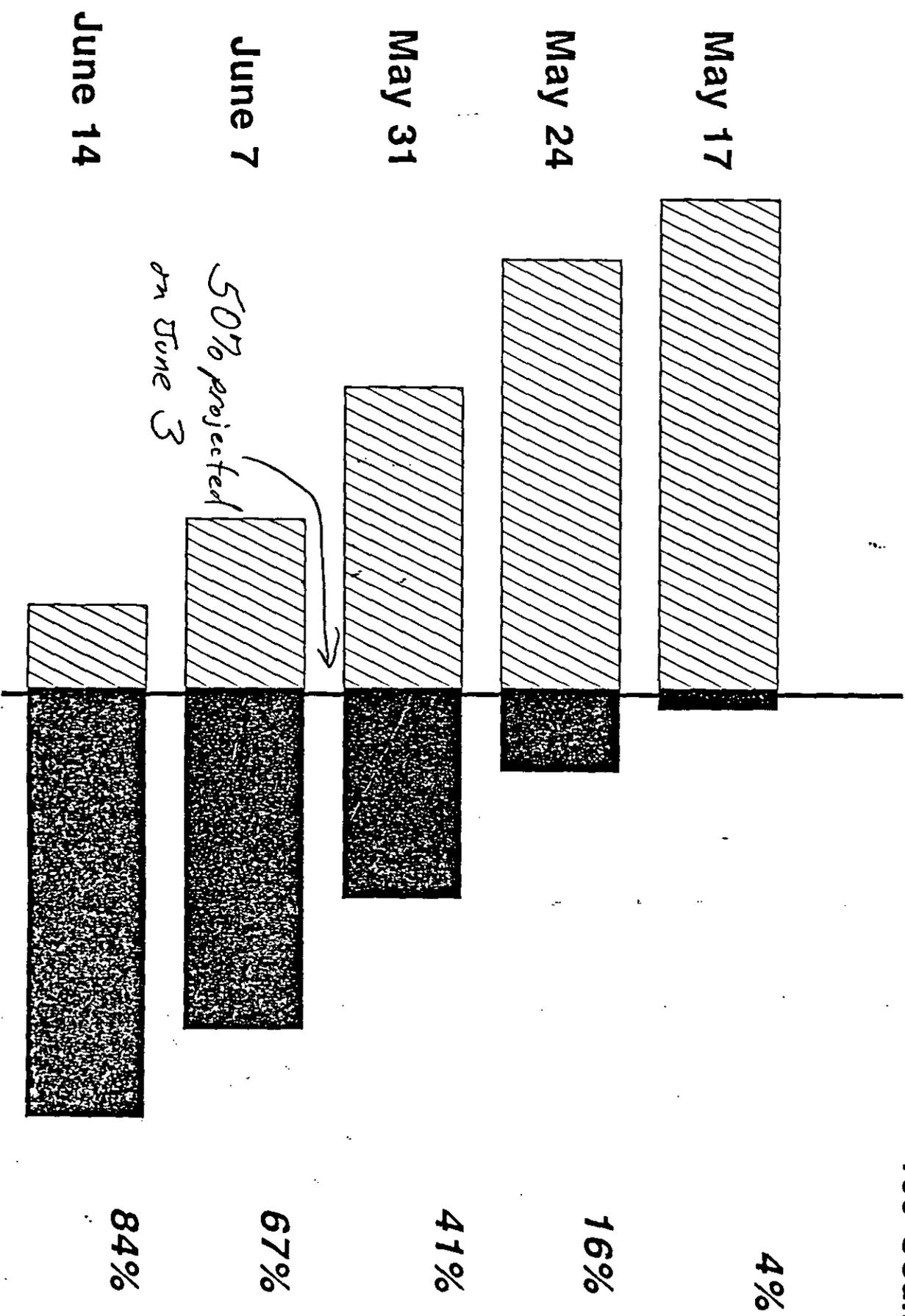
Mondays



new area used on
York block 19
5/9/93 - 5/15/93

ZONE 2 1993

Percent
100 Count



1 opening date will cause them to miss these movements; and

2 WHEREAS, the commission has the power to override biological
3 considerations in favor of economic considerations.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana
5 directs the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to open the inshore
6 brown shrimp season in Zone 2 by May 20, 1993.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be
8 transmitted to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

The original instrument and the following digest, which
constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared
by Arthur E. McEnany.

DIGEST

Directs the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to open the inshore
brown shrimp season by May 20, 1993.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does
2 hereby find that there is just cause to suspend the one hundred count
3 per pound criteria for the 1993 spring inshore shrimp season.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does
5 hereby direct the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to open
6 the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 2, that portion of
7 Louisiana's inside waters as described in R.S. 56:495, from South
8 Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay
9 and the Southwest Pass of Marsh Island at six o'clock a.m. on May 24,
10 1993.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services.
It constitutes no part of the instrument.

Patti, et al

HCR No.

Directs the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to open the spring
inshore shrimp season in Zone 2 at 6:00 a.m. on May 24, 1993.

Letter sent to our
Comm.

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800
May 12, 1993

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

Mr. Bert Jones, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission
P. O. Box 298
Simsboro, LA 71275

Dear Mr. Jones:

As you are aware, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries held an information meeting on the 1993 inshore shrimp season on May 11, at 3:00 p.m., at the Baton Rouge office.

Approximately 80 people were in attendance. We presented the information that was given at the Commission meeting in New Orleans on May 6. After the presentation, public comment was received. Thirteen attendees provided public testimony. Attached please find the season recommendations from the people who spoke at the meeting, as well as a compilation of phone calls that came in on May 11, and written testimony and petitions that were handed in on May 11.

We will provide you with the updated biological information collected by the Department through the week of May 9-15th as soon as it has been compiled and will continue to provide you with updated information as necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Roussel", written over a large, loopy flourish.

John E. Roussel
Acting Administrator
Marine Fisheries Division

JER:csg
Attachments
cc: Joe Herring
Corky Perret

Public testimony at shrimp information meeting, May 11, 1993, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Baton Rouge.

1. Charlie Kerner - Lafitte Justice of the Peace - May 17.
2. Mayor Timothy Kerner - Lafitte - May 17.
3. Tee Roy Borne - Roy's Shrimp Company - May 17.
4. Ronald Collins - Quality Seafood - May 17.
5. George Terrebonne - Seafood Shed - earlier, don't miss moons.
6. Bill Chauvin - American Shrimp Processors Association - earlier if data shows change.
7. Bobby Samanie - Cocodrie area - May 17.
8. Donald Lirette - Terrebonne Fisheries Association - looking for middle ground.
9. Gene Adams - May 17.
10. Leo Kerner - earlier (assume May 17)
11. Bill Dekemel - consensus of Zone II seems to be an earlier opening, but leave Zone I at June 7.
12. Representative Robert Bergeron - anywhere between May 20 and 25.
13. Leo Peltier - earlier, not right to open before the moon.

Phone calls received LDWF Baton Rouge office.

May 11, 1993

1. Nicky Mitchell - Delcambre - leave as is
2. Walton Blanchard - Cut Off- leave as is (all areas open at same time)
3. Millard Robertson - Hammond - leave as is
4. Ruth Pitre - Delcambre - leave as is
5. Juanita Hebert - Delcambre - leave as is
6. Dillard Robertson - Hammond - leave as is
7. Freddie Vinet - Delcambre - leave as is
8. Dale Griffin - Delcambre - leave as is
9. Denise Dooley - Delcambre - leave as is (all areas open at same time)
10. Donald Punch - Lockport - leave as is
11. Mike Martinez - Grand Isle - doesn't think it should open before the 7th
12. Paul Frazier - Grand Isle - would like to see it open earlier
13. Jimmy Landry - Delcambre - leave as is
14. Gayla Vinet - Delcambre - leave as is (they are very small or nothing)
15. Dale Vinet - Dalcambre - leave as is
16. Antoine Billiot - Dalcambre - leave as is
17. Alvin Guidry - Delcambre - leave as is
18. Todd Mitchell - Delcambre - leave as is
19. Lloyd Griffin - Grand Isle - leave as is
20. Allan Gaudet - Grand Isle - leave as is
21. Ray Sandras - Westwego - leave as is
22. Johnny Collins - Grand Isle - Collins Bros. Seafood - June 7th opening date is a perfect date - earlier would be monetarily bad for everyone
23. Hamilton Mitchell - Delcambre - leave opening date as it is

24. Judy Martin - Delcambre - leave opening date as it is
25. David Luke - Dulac - would like May 24th
26. Jeff Scott - Dulac - would like the season to not open any earlier than May 24th
27. Curtis Prince - Delcambre - leave as is
28. Ronald Darby - Delcambre - leave as is
29. Kinny Mitchell - Delcambre - leave as is
30. Danny Babin - Chauvin - not any earlier than May 24th, would be very detrimental
31. Jimmy Dupre - Erath - leave as is
32. Connie Arceneaux - Erath - leave as is
33. Sidney Lirette - Houma - wants season to open May 17th
34. Michael Frazier - Grand Isle - should be open May 24th
35. James Frazier - Grand Isle - too late on the 7th
36. Wayne Cheramie - Golden Meadow - leave as is
37. Webb Cheramie - Galliano - leave as is
38. Bonnie Pizani - Larose - leave as is
39. Terry Pizani - Grand Isle - leave as is
40. Elgene Gary - Grand Isle - leave as is
41. Ana Dupre - Erath - leave as is
42. Donna Collins - Des Allemands - leave as is
43. Dianna Cheramie - Grand Isle - leave as is
44. Eldridge Frazier - Grand Isle - change to May 24th
45. Davis Frazier - Grand Isle - open up around May 24th
46. Wayne Estay - Grand Isle - not any earlier than May 31st
47. Mike Russell - New Orleans - not any earlier than May 31st
48. Michael Callais - Cut Off - leave as is
49. Johnny Delaune - Cut Off - leave as is

Lafitte Frozen Foods Corp.

1020 CAROLINE STREET
LAFITTE, LA 70067
504/689-2041
FAX: 504/689-3270

STATISTICAL INFO
REGARDING 1992
SEASON

May 17 - June 7, 1992

Total pounds of fresh head-on shrimp purchased from local boats and Louisiana dealers:

1,200,664 pounds

Average Cost per pound filtered into Louisiana economy:

\$1.3817/pound

Total purchase value of head-on shrimp produced in three week period from May 17th - June 7th 1992:

\$ 1,659,015.40

In the off-season we have approximately 6 women and 8 men on the payroll. When the season begins we increase our personnel by approximately 40 women and 20 men.

Based on this increase we estimate that our average payroll for a three week period during production is \$87,000 more than our normal payroll.

The women and men will work an average of 80 hours per week during production. 40 hours regular time and 40 hours overtime per employee.

Average earnings per hour for women - \$4.50/hour
Average earnings per hour for men - \$5.50/hour

Women usually earn - \$450.00 Gross per week with Overtime
Men usually earn - \$550.00 Gross per week with Overtime

Based on 40 women @ \$450.00/week and 20 men @ \$550.00/week this is an influx of \$29,000 into the local economy per week.

With the availability of jobs so scarce in the Lafitte area, we are one of the largest employers for this small community.

Based on the above, as you can see, delaying the season creates a hardship for the local people we hire, but more importantly, for the local commercial fishermen who derive their living from fishing.

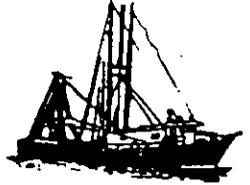




TEWELDE'S - LAFITTE DRUGS, INC.

P.O. BOX 10
Hwy. 45 Lafitte, LA. 70067

689-3408 - 689-2761
689-4122



TADDESE TEWELDE, P.D.

MAY 10, 1993

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

WE ARE WRITING TO OPPOSE THE 06-07-93 OPENING DATE FOR THE 93 SHRIMPING SEASON. IT IS MY HOPES THAT OUR FEELINGS AND CONCERNS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION ON THIS MATTER. WE FEEL THIS DECISION WILL ECONOMICALLY AFFECT THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF OUR BUSINESS. DURING THIS TIME OUR SALES ARE UP AT AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 20%. THIS INCREASE OF BUSINESS SHOULD PRODUCE SALES OF ABOUT \$60,000 WHICH ALLOWS OUR COMPANY TO EXTEND CREDIT TO THESE FISHERMAN. SOME FISHERMAN HAVE CREDIT FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON AND WE EXPECTED THEM TO PAY THOSE BILLS IN THE MONTH OF MAY. THIS ACTION WILL PUT US BEHIND 3 WEEKS ON THOSE PAYMENTS. THEREFORE WE WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO EXTEND CREDIT TO THESE PEOPLE AS DONE IN THE PAST. SO WE NOT ONLY LOOSE SALES FOR THAT PERIOD, WE ALSO HAVE TO WAIT FOR PAYMENTS ON OLD CREDIT THAT WOULD HAVE NORMALLY BEEN PAID.

PLEASE HELP PUT OUR CONCERNS TO REST AND REVERSE THIS LATE OPENING DATE ON THE SHRIMPING SEASON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT ON THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

TADDESE TEWELDE

TRUE COPY OF ORIGINAL

NOTARY

JULES NUNEZ SEAFOODS

P. O. BOX 125
LAFITTE, LOUISIANA 70067
PHONE 1 - 504 - 689-2389

No 1731

DATE 5 - 11 - 1993

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To: Judge Reggie
Kerner

My payroll for
the months of Jan thru
April is "0".

When the shrimp season
is open my payroll is
between \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00
a week.

Jules Nunez

May 17

George Templeton Jr 475-6252
 Randy J. Parsons 632-5068
 Robert J. Martin 415-1189
 Bud & Jeannine 475-5015
 Wade J. Johnson, 632-3289
 George Paul W. Stevenson 475-6771
 Steven J. Dennis 632-8985
 Tommy Skene 632-3194
 Roddy J. Fitch 632-1363
 Edward Byrne 632-5005
 Raymond Bone →
 Edward Bone Jr.
 ♣ ACHILLE DANOS.

May 17
 Jerry McCall 475-6322
 Philip MacCall 475-6323
 Joseph G. Galaran 798-7461
 Gina Jackson 798-7461
 Allyn L. Loran 475-5555
 Andy Jordan 475-5555
 Chris ~~Jordan~~ 475-5555
 Anne S. Jordan 475-5555
 Rhonda Rogers 475-5555
 Rocky Rogers 475-5555
 Robert D. Griffin 475-5555
 William D. Griffin 475-5555
 Edward B. Griffin 475-5555
 Charles Bell 475-5555
 Prince Griffin 475-5555
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May 17

Walter Nestor 475-6199
 Louis Overlin 632-3362
 Morris Chearnie 475-7521
 Catherine 632-3302
 Terry 632-3302
 Tony 632-3302
 Tony 632-3302
 Minnie Dutton 632-3302
 Susan Cooley 475-6127
 Susan McCalla 475-6715
 Janet McAleer 475-6133
 Susan McAleer 632-5611
 Paula Spier 475-5859
 Paula Spier 475-5859
 Doug Spier 475-5859
 Marc Miller 475-6127
 Susan Miller 476-1277
 Susan Miller 475-6127
 Patricia Miller 475-6127
 Paul Stewart 475-6127
 Glen Quelan 632-6886
 Susan Quelan 632-6886
 Paul Quelan

May 17

+ Antone Starlin - 4300
 + Frank Starlin - "
 + Dolly Starlin - "
 + Jerry Starlin - "
 Jerry Guild

May 17

Gift 1425008 4175-5722
 Jerry Guild 757-2-156
 Johnny Guild 475-5380
 John Thompson 475-5386
 Gene Paulson 632-5068
 John Pearson 632-4994

May 10, 1993

A PETITION TO CHANGE THE OPENING DATE OF THE SHRIMPING
SEASON FROM JUNE 7, 1993 TO MAY 17, 1993.

1	Joey Mait Jr.	101	Glenda Parra
2	Richard B. Mann Jr.	102	Kerry Nunn
3	David G. Balcome	103	William K. Kline
4	Suzanna Under	104	Alma K. Kline
5	Charles Under	105	Kerry Rogers
6	Tom Rapp	106	Al Lee
7	Wilton Rendon	107	Clad M. Rogers
8	Omey Rendon	108	Cynthia Rogers
9	Belle Bundy	109	Cynthia F. Rome 689-4765
10	Mark Holmes	110	Clavin A. Gendy Jr.
11	Donna Deal	111	Allen J. Pocher 689-7638
12	Dale Korman	112	Chris J. Dupas 689-7638
13	Derrell Belsey Sr.	113	Ralph J. Goff 348-8052
14	Derrell Belsey Jr.	114	Herman Helmer Sr. 689-3215
15	Verna Smith	115	James Matherne 689-2283
16	Al Smith	116	Herman Helmer Sr. 689-3855
17	Shelby Dano	117	Terry Doyle 689-3620
18	Nathan Rogers	118	Peter & Helmer 689-2066
19	Edmond Bantelle	119	Bryan Topp
20	Frank Dagle Jr.	120	Karl A. Goulon Sr. 689-4785
21	James Du Dix	121	Louis D. Adam 689-2341
22	Allen J. Roche Sr.	122	Michael F. Hamner
23	Kenneth Bandy	123	Daniel Hill 689-7734
24	Bruce Kuhn	124	Wade Taylor 341-3177
25	Grant Bandy	125	Victor Roney 689-3416
26	Timothy A. Dano	126	Kirk Fisher 689-3736
27	Pam Dano	127	Jerry Perrow 689-3873
28	Milman Dano	128	Paul J. Lee 689-4265
29	Bruce Kuhn Jr.	129	William Elliott 689-3147
30	Ally Conner	130	Charles D. Billie
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36	Alb Adams 51	136	Kenneth Cappel		
37	Fay Cooper	137	Stan Patrick	689-9705	
38	Bryan Wagnon	138	Gay Smith	689-4510	
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May 18, 1993

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Re: Special Commission Meeting 5/18/93

Dear Joe:

I thought I would be able to juggle my schedule to get to Baton Rouge this afternoon. My visitors from Atlanta did not make it here this morning and are due here around 3:00.

At our May 6, 1993 meeting we as a commission voted unanimously to open shrimp season on June 7, 1993. This was the recommendation from the Department. The data concerning shrimp and their projected growth has not changed since our last meeting. The majority of the calls I've received are not in favor of opening any sooner. As of Monday, 38 of 49 calls received by the Department are satisfied with the present opening date.

Since the shrimp data has not changed and the Department's recommendation hasn't changed, I strongly urge you to keep the season as it is presently set.

We as a commission should not let political pressure overrule the decision made from good sound biological information. How many shrimp too small to sell will be killed? Don't let a minority group of shrimpers make what appears to be a poor shrimp season worse.



Bert Jones
Chairman

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Re: Special Commission 5/18/93
Shrimp Opening

Dear Joe:

I can not attend this meeting, however I would like for my opinion to be in the record.

Unless the data is substantially different than it was when we set the shrimp opening at the New Orleans meeting, I think that we should leave it as is.

The commission took the Department's recommendation in setting the opening and there was very little disagreement during public testimony. We have a criteria and we are spending millions of dollars each year to determine the date when the criteria will be met. If we are not going to use this very expensively gathered information, then I suggest we quit spending those millions and either pick a fixed date each year, poll the shrimpers, ask the legislature to do it or, use some other less expensive method to set the opening.

I personally believe the existing criteria is allowing the catch of shrimp, which is not in the best interest of the shrimpers. The size should be increased - not decreased, but then, of course, someone will point out that I am not a shrimper, and they would be correct.

Thank you for putting this into the record.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Jenkins, Jr.

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5/14/93

EARLY OPENING OF SHRIMP SEASON IN ZONE TWO POSSIBLE

A special meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18 to consider numerous requests for an early opening of the 1993 Inshore Brown Shrimp Season.

The public meeting will be held in the Louisiana Room at Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters in Baton Rouge, according to Commission Chairman Bert Jones.

The Commission had set a statewide opening for the shrimp season for June 7th, but shrimpers have requested special consideration of an earlier opening date for Zone 2, representing the middle portion of Louisiana's coastal area.

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EDITORS: For additional information contact Brandt Savoie at 504/765-2401.

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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 shall be 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, biological data presented at the May 6, 1993 Commission meeting showed that the 1993 brown shrimp crop was projected to meet the 100 count per pound management criteria in shrimp management Zone 2 on June 4, 1993 and in Zones 1 and 3 on June 9, 1993, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its May 6, 1993 meeting after hearing public testimony set the spring inshore shrimp season to open statewide at 6:00 a.m. June 7, 1993, and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1993 the Commission heard additional public testimony indicating that the June 7, 1993 opening date will create excessive economic hardships on the residents of portions of Zone 2 who are commercial shrimpers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission finds that there is just cause to alter the opening date for the 1993 spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 2, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife Commission hereby opens the spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters as described in R.S. 56:495, from South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass of Marsh Island at 6:00 a.m. _____, 1993.

Bert Jones, Chairman

Joe L. Herring, Secretary

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 Procedures Act and R.S. 56:497 the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby change the opening date for the 1993 spring inshore shrimp season in Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inside waters, as described in R.S. 56:495, from South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to open at 6:00 a.m. on _____, 1993.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission finds that the current economic conditions in a portion of coastal Louisiana within Zone 2 necessitate that the residents of that area be allowed to return to their work as commercial shrimpers as soon as possible.

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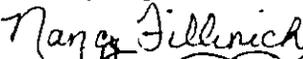
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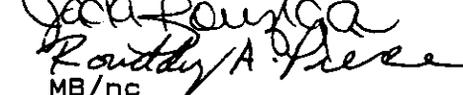
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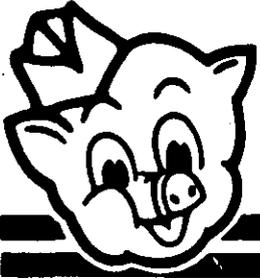
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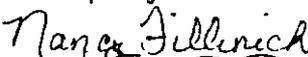
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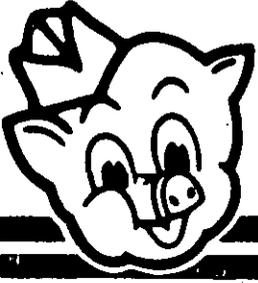
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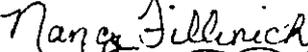
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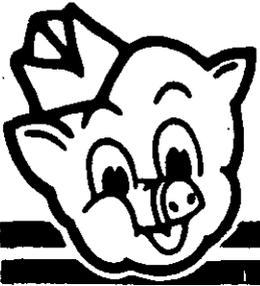
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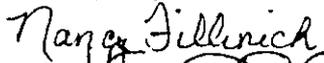
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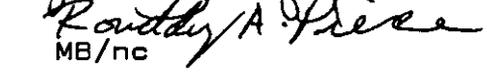
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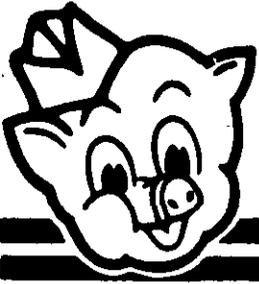
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	The late opening of the shrimp season has affected and backed our business up 30 days - so please gentlemen open the season!!!		
	Thank you Kutzbach		

Purchase Order No.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Retail Outlet in the 10th Ward, our business depends heavily on the trawlers in the AREA. The trawlers make their lively hood during the first season, opening the season on June 7, would not be in the best interest of the trawlers or any business in the AREA. When the trawlers do not make money no one makes money!

THANK YOU,

Don Dorset,

MANAGER

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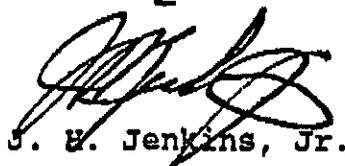
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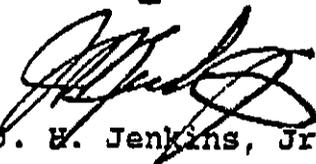
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Abel ~~Dinos~~

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Golden Meadow

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