

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 4, 1992**

**JAMES H. JENKINS, JR.  
CHAIRMAN**

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

June 4, 1992

Chairman James H. Jenkins, Jr. presiding.

Thursday June 4, 1992

Bert Jones  
Norman McCall  
Warren Pol  
Jeff Schneider  
Pete Vujnovich

Commissioner Tee John Mialjevich was absent from the meeting.

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion for approval of the May 7, 1992, **Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Vujnovich and seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

**A Presentation of the South Louisiana Taxidermist Association's Winning Mount** to the department was given by Mr. David Bush. Mr. Bush stated the goal of the South Louisiana Taxidermist Association Secretary's Cup contest is to instill a closer working relationship between the taxidermists and the Department and to educate the public of the artistry of taxidermy. The Department selects a native species and type of mount and the winning mount is donated to the Department for display. The winning taxidermist wins a silver trophy cup. The native species for this year was an upland game bird native to Louisiana. The winner for this year was Howard Callahan of Denham Springs. A presentation of the mount was made to Secretary Herring. Chairman Jenkins congratulated Mr. Callahan for the mount of the mourning dove. Mr. Callahan stated it was a pleasure working with the Department and the taxidermists of the State to continue the program. Secretary Herring recognized Robert Love of the Department and explained how the program got started six years ago with Mr. Howard Callahan. Secretary Herring also thanked the Association and expressed the appreciation of the Department for the gifts of the mounts for display.

At this point Chairman Jenkins asked for Robert Love to read a letter from Mayor Covington into the record.

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

Mr. James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
P. O. Box 15279  
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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

It has come to my attention that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in connection with the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has recently acquired an area north of the City of Covington in St. Tammany Parish in the vicinity of Lake Ramsey for a conservation area. On behalf of our community, thank you for your efforts to preserve such a valuable and unique natural area.

As you are aware, St. Tammany Parish is experiencing a tremendous population explosion. Much of St. Tammany Parish was at one time a pine flatwood savannah. As a result of timbering operations and increased residential and mixed use development, the pine savannah has almost disappeared.

This area of Lake Ramsey is a significant natural habitat that offers an important contribution to St. Tammany's natural heritage. To my knowledge, no areas such as this are currently protected or managed.

Your action has insured that future generations will enjoy a habitat that includes many rare species of plants that might not otherwise survive development. As I will be unable to attend the meeting in Baton Rouge, I ask that you read aloud this correspondence to be entered into the meeting record.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely,

Keith J. Villere, ASLA  
Mayor

A presentation was presented on the Lake Ramsey Purchase by Mr. Latimore Smith. Mr. Smith made a slide presentation noting the history of the land and a brief description of the land acquisition. The area is located north of Covington and lies adjacent to Lake Ramsey to the north, east and south. Ninety percent of the area is long leaf pine flatwood savannah which is a very special wetland type. Most of the area is devoid of trees because of logging operations earlier in the century and the long leaf pines just did not regenerate. There are 18 different rare plant species and biologists expect to find more. There are also animals on the site such as doves, bobwhites, and woodcocks. One of the things that has kept the system relatively natural is fire. Plans are being made to burn the area every one to three years on

a random basis. Goal is to plant long leaf pine similar to the way it used to be based on the stump holes.

Questions posed to Mr. Smith from the Commissioners included the management of controlled fires, what type of rotation would be used; restrictions on being able to burn with the State; the access for the public; laws on the book that would fine people for picking plants.

Chairman Jenkins asked for comments and received none.

Another land acquisition was made last month on Pomme de Terre Addition and this was presented by Mr. Bob Love. The Department bought 890 acres in Avoyelles Parish from Hill Cliff Farms adjacent to the Pomme de Terre WMA for \$362,400. This area is open and available for public use and recreation. At the closing it was noticed there was an abundance of both non-game and game species. Thirty percent is in pasture; five percent is in cypress slough breaks that intersect it; thirty-five percent in mature bottomland hardwood; and about thirty percent has been cut over in the last few years. Mr. Love expressed his appreciation to Mr. Don Puckett and the Commissioners who attended the closing.

Chairman Jenkins asked for questions for Mr. Love and received none.

Making a presentation for the "Adopt a Pothole" program was Charlie Potter, Executive Vice-President of the North American Wildlife Foundation. Reason for presentation is to ask for support of the "Adopt a Pothole" program which is a revolutionary approach to waterfowl management in the prairies during a time of change. Purpose is to preserve the small, privately owned prairie potholes and the uplands around them on a three to one basis. The "Adopt a Pothole" program is attempting to prove that there is economic value to a landowner to raise waterfowl just as they would raise grain. The response from the farmers has been outstanding. The potholes are 5 acres or less in size. The program contracts with farmers to raise ducks. This program was announced in Louisiana in 1990 with the sponsorship of the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association and put into a full scale basis in 1991. Thirty thousand dollars was raised in 1991. By the end of 1992 there should be a total of 12,000 acres adopted in North Dakota, Minnesota and in Manitoba with a total of 1.5 million dollars in commitments over the next 5 years. Proposal is for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to support the "Adopt a Pothole" program in 1992 with a \$25,000 contribution. This would be used in the Devil's Lake Watershed of North Dakota. This contribution would be matched by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and by private individuals. This \$50,000 will be matched by the North Dakota Wetlands Trust thereby having \$100,000 to work in the Devil's Lake Watershed. All monies will be spent on private lands. Every pothole will have the uplands around it secured on a three to

one ratio. The program has received quite a number of sponsors such as the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association, the U.S. Wetlands Council, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Dakota Fish & Game Commission. In return for Louisiana's contribution, they would adopt 1,200 acres of habitat this summer in the Devil's Lake Watershed in the name of the State of Louisiana. This acreage would be planted to upland nesting cover. Nesting baskets would be installed. Two reports would be provided next year, one in June and one in July. They expect to raise a minimum of 1,000 mallards and an equal number of other ducks through this program next year.

A question from the Commission was asked concerning practices that were being done that were biologically improper such as raising and releasing. Mr. Robert Helm and Mr. Potter both addressed this issue. Commissioner Jones posed questions to Mr. Potter relative to formal leases being secured with the farmers; what the formal lease said, do you have the surface rights; what are the hunting rights of the farmer; if there was any management authority over the property; why they could not stop the release or whether you are convinced that that is good or bad; the cost on a per acre basis to lease the potholes; had they thought of just buying the property and in 10 years more than likely they would have paid for it twice with the lease monies.

Chairman Jenkins posed a question concerning access to the pothole and the need to acquire more land.

Commissioner Schneider continued the discussion with questioning the control of predators.

Chairman Jenkins made a note that he had received a letter from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department encouraging the Commission to join the Adopt a Pothole program and approve the contribution request.

A comment from Mr. Chris Berzas, President, Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association, noted their support of the program. Mr. Potter addressed the Commission with production figures; how information is gathered to try to find out how to raise more ducks.

Chairman Jenkins inquired about the total number of potholes and was informed by Mr. Potter that by the end of this year there should be about 15,000 acres in total of which 1/3 would be potholes which range in size from 1/2 acre to 5 acres. Chairman Jenkins asked for comments from someone with the Department.

Mr. Robert Helm commented that the concept is very good, habitat is a problem with waterfowl populations and we want to encourage anything that will promote production. Better approach is a program that promotes broad changes in landscape. This money would be taken away from an existing program with Ducks Unlimited and

giving it to the "Adopt a Pothole" Program. Mr. Helm reiterated a law that states "an amount equal to 10% of the fees collected from the sale of hunting licenses shall be dedicated by the Commission to the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl. The funds to be expended for such purposes through Duck Unlimited, Inc. or under the direction of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its discretion." Mr. Helm questioned diverting money from a proven program to a program which, as he states, is unproven. Another area of concern is the hatchery program. Louisiana and most of the Flyway Councils has opposed duck hatcheries in Canada and the U.S. with the primary problem being the transfer of disease to the wild population. Mr. Helm further informed Chairman Jenkins that \$200,000 in sales from the licenses goes to DU.

Secretary Herring made a comment recommending that a subcommittee be formed of not more than 5 people with representatives from Outdoor Writers and other organizations and make a final decision on the program.

Mr. Potter made comments concerning their working relationship with Ducks Unlimited and the research program being performed on Delta.

Chairman Jenkins agreed with Secretary Herring's idea of appointing a subcommittee to come back with a final recommendation.

**An Emergency Declaration on Daily Take of Mullet** was presented by Mr. Harry Blanchet of the Marine Fisheries Division. This extends an Emergency Declaration that was passed in February which set the daily limit of taking mullet commercially at 1500 pounds per day. A stock assessment is completed but is in the final review stage. This shows that fishing with existing regulations does not pose a threat to the species.

Commissioner Schneider inquired when the mullet plan would be ready and was advised a draft would possibly be ready by the next Commission meeting. Discussion continued on the time limit that the Declaration of Emergency was in effect for and the Commission amended the Declaration of Emergency for 45 days only.

Chairman Jenkins asked for comments from the public. Mr. Oliver Kelly from Buras, Louisiana, advised the Commission on why the original Declaration of Emergency was requested and the need for maintaining the 1500 pound limit. Another comment was received from Mr. Stephen Hotoph from Grand Isle, Louisiana, elaborating on the previous comment; the feasibility of mullet being a food fish, and the need for the larger limit.

Chairman Jenkins made a recommendation to accept the amended Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to adopt the amended Declaration of Emergency and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall.

(The full text of the emergency declaration is made a part of the record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) which delegates the authority to the Commission to set daily take and possession limits, based upon biological and technical data, and R.S. 56:333 which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish rules for the harvest of mullet; the Wildlife and Fisheries hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

Effective June 4, 1992, the limit for the commercial taking of mullet between June 4 and July 18 is hereby set as 1500 pounds per day.

The Commission finds that the present limit of 200 pounds for that season constitutes an immediate threat to markets established for mullet as a food fish during the June 4th to July 18th period. The Commission further finds that no biological evidence has been presented to support the 200 pound limit. The loss of the ability to harvest in these quantities constitutes an imminent peril to the public welfare because of the irrevocable loss of income and commerce to the state.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman

Chairman Jenkins requested the specific rule for adopting emergency rules and how this was administered from Mr. Mike Landrum and advised this would be discussed later during the meeting.

Mr. Tommy Prickett gave a report on the Marsh Island Alligator Hunt for informational purposes and called for public comment. Intentions are to harvest about 1,000 alligators contracted on a cost/share basis which will result in the biological information needed to properly manage alligators.

Discussion from the Commissioners involved how to go about hunting on Marsh Island; the supervisor in charge of this hunt; whether the hunt is on a day by day basis; and the new bill in the legislature now on albino alligators. At this point Chairman Jenkins refers to a letter from the Jefferson Parish Council requesting the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to pass a regulation prohibiting the feeding of alligators in the wild. Mr. Prickett gave a brief explanation for the Jefferson Parish request stating feeding of

alligators is an unsafe practice. Commissioner Vujnovich commented about the danger in feeding alligators with people in the area trying to fish in small boats. Chairman Jenkins requested Mr. Prickett get with the Legal Staff and obtain what options the Commission may have.

The **Turkey Hunting Season Report** was given by Mr. Dave Morrison and the **Drawing for Three Shotguns** was held. Trapping season for 1992 was very poor with only 107 birds being trapped and 10 more coming from Alabama. Seventy-six of these birds were relocated in the northern part of the state and 41 were released in the southeastern part of the state. Restocking efforts will continue in 1993 mainly in the Winn Parish area and Districts 6 and 7. The 1992 harvest was poor compared to other years because of the poor reproduction as a result of the wet spring. Red Rivers/Three Rivers WMA had its first turkey hunting season with great success in 1992. A voluntary weigh-in station program was started in 1988 to gather biological information on the turkeys harvested. To maintain hunters interest for this program, a drawing for three shotguns is held. Commissioner Pol drew for the shotguns. The winners are: from the northern and central part of Louisiana - Kevin Fontenot of Pineville, Louisiana - 14 1/2 pound bird; from the southeastern part of Louisiana - Monty Rizzo of New Iberia - 16 1/2 pound bird; and from the southwestern part of Louisiana - Danny Bernard of Napoleonville - 16 pound bird.

Discussion continued again on information requested earlier by Chairman Jenkins regarding rules on adopting Emergency Rules. Mr. Landrum quoted from the APA, Section 953 B(1). Chairman Jenkins further discussed the imminent peril to public health, public safety or public welfare. Chairman Jenkins requests an expansion of the definition.

Chairman Jenkins requested information from Mrs. Karen Foote on legislative bills that would do away with size limits on speckled trout and details of a study from Texas on catch and release of speckled trout and redbfish. If the information from the study could be obtained, Chairman Jenkins suggested obtaining the report for the next meeting and informing the public.

Changes in the **1992-93 Hunting Season Proposals** for resident game were given by Mr. Dave Morrison and public comments were called for. Comments the Game Division has received have been directed towards the deer season, such as allocation of still hunting and dog hunting days, Area 7, the Kisatchie season and the general setting of deer season. Also comments have been received from the Game Division harvest survey that states what the people think about what the Department is doing. The proposed changes are: move the squirrel season from January 24 to January 31; change the portion of Rapides Parish that is in Area 6 and make it a still-hunting-only area; extend the squirrel dog season on the WMA's to run concurrent with the end of the squirrel season; add a squirrel

dog season to Saline WMA; establish a rabbit beagle season on Boise-Vernon WMA; implement a muzzleloader season on Sherburne WMA that will run the same as the Handicapped Season. Reschedule the lottery hunt for Sherburne WMA to December 12; move bucks only season from December 6 to 13 to December 13 to 16; add Handicapped hunts on the Pearl River WMA and Attakapas WMA utilizing only a portion of the area. Reschedule the lottery hunt on Thistlewaite WMA as was for Sherburne WMA; change deer season on Jackson-Bienville to October 31 to November 1 and November 14 to November 15 - either sex season with daily permits; November 16 through 22, November 27 through 29 and December 5 through December 6 - either sex days with season permit, bucks only season - November 23 through 26, December 26 through January 3. Fort Polk has requested redefining the organized drive statement. Proposed change for the turkey hunting season on Pearl River WMA is from March 20 through April 11 to April 10 through 25. Rules and regulations will be developed for the Lake Ramsey season. These changes will be presented as a final Rule at the July Commission Meeting. Mr. Morrison further added that pending legislative bills may impact the proposal and suggested meeting with the Hunting Regulations Committee prior to the July meeting.

Chairman Jenkins agreed with the proposed meeting of the Hunting Regulations Committee and the Department Staff.

Commissioner Pol inquired about the deadline for adopting the final Rule. Chairman Jenkins asked for comments from the audience at this time.

Mr. Carl McCain, Chairman of the Central Louisiana Dog Hunters Association, opposed any changes in dog hunting in Rapides Parish and throughout the state.

Mr. Glen Bienview from New Iberia presented a petition signed by 606 individuals requesting consideration be given to dog hunters in the new Area 7 to maintain at least 44 days of dog running.

Mr. Bob Tibbit requested the rights of the landowners should be considered when hunters are trespassing or destroying property and suggested that dog hunting days should stay at 23 days. He asked about obtaining a copy of law book; if records are maintained from the 1-800 number; what prosecutions the Department handles; and why deer dogs are not allowed to run on WMA's.

Mr. Lamar Burgess from Sulphur, Louisiana commented on dog hunters destroying property and not respecting the landowners rights.

Mr. Dick Smith commented on bill passed in 1990 that protects landowners rights. Also commented that some states around the Atlantic going north have no less than 30 days of dog hunting. Mr. Smith gave a handout on proposed deer hunting dates for 1992 through 1995 in Area 2.

Ms. Wynnette Kees presented an **Update on Civil Restitutions**. An additional \$5,000 has been collected since the last Commission meeting which made a total of approximately \$55,000. The vacant position that processes the assessments has been filled and is trained. The Legal Section has contracted with an attorney to handle collections.

Chairman Jenkins asked Mr. Fred Prejean to give an update on the budget. Mr. Prejean informed the Commission that the budget request was at \$39,000,000 overall which involved cuts mandated by the Division of Administration. Efforts have been made to restore these cuts which included personnel and acquisitions. New projections have been made as to surpluses which amounts to \$2.7 million that are anticipated. Of this \$2.7 million surplus, \$1.495 million is in dedicated funds and \$1.273 million is in non-dedicated funds. The money is available to restore the cuts.

Discussion continued as to the reason why the Department went from a proposed deficit to a surplus and the programs that were cut. Secretary Herring provided the Commission with information pertaining to where some of the unanticipated funds came from and possible areas to bring in revenue. The shell dredging revenue issue was also discussed. Chairman Jenkins inquired to Secretary Herring on the status of the Fisheries Research Division, the Habitat Conservation Division and proposed layoffs.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for May** was given by Colonel Winton Vidrine. The following number of citations were issued during the month of May.

Region I - Minden - 168 cases.

Region II - Monroe - 354 cases.

Region III - Alexandria.- 313 cases.

Region IV - Ferriday - 215 cases.

Region V - Lake Charles - 235 cases.

Region VI - Opelousas - 263 cases.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 733 cases.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 250 cases.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 310 cases.

The Oyster Strike Task Force issued 35 citations and 56 citations were issued by SWEP.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of May was 2,791 cases of which 22 cases were DWI boating cases.

Colonel Vidrine reported the outcome of the redbfish case to Commissioner Jones. The person cited pled guilty to taking 1,000 pounds of redbfish, paid a fine of \$400.00 plus court costs and was given a suspended sentence of 120 days in jail on the first count of over the limit of redbfish. For the second count, he paid \$150.00 fine, no court cost and no jail time. A letter was sent on May 19, 1992 for \$7,847.00 for civil penalties. Discussion continued which centered around the normal time frame for civil penalties. Also explained was the process from an arrest to the end.

Chairman Jenkins requested Colonel Vidrine to follow a case in which a gentleman from Mississippi, who was appointed by the Governor to a Board, was caught in Louisiana waters breaking this state's law, made threats to the officers and told them he would have their jobs.

Colonel Winton Vidrine gave a **Complete Legislative Report** for the 1992 session as requested by the Commissioners for Deputy Secretary Clyde Kimball. A complete legislative package will be presented at the next Commission Meeting. Specific bills that were discussed were the Cane Pole bill; House Bill 411; House Bill 198; House Bill 1645 and a similar senate bill by Mr. McPherson; House Bill 316; House Bill 449; House Bill 476; House Bill 648; House Bill 882; House Bill 1016; House Bill 1182; House Bill 1233; House Bill 1247; House Bill 1248; House Bill 1365; House Bill 1513; Senate Bill 594; Senate Bill 595; House Bill 466; House Bill 1797.

Chairman Jenkins continued the discussion by inquiring about a permit using wild redbfish in a mariculture operation. Also discussed were seismic bills in the legislature this session.

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Joe L. Herring. Shell Oil Company will be presenting a check for \$150,000 for the Rigs to Reef program. June 1-7 is National Fishing Week and the Commission adopted June 6 & 7 as Free Fishing Days. During this week, there will be free fishing clinics conducted by Information & Education Section, Fish Division, Enforcement and other volunteers throughout the State.

The next issue of the Conservationist will be the calendar which will have old photographs and articles of the 70 year history of the magazine.

Secretary Herring acknowledged Mrs. Sharyn Bateman in working with the Commission and for Secretary Herring over the past years. Don Puckett also expressed his personal regards to Mrs. Bateman for her work with the APA and the Commission and Department Rules passed

thus far. Chairman Jenkins thanked Mrs. Bateman on behalf of the Commission for her work.

The **Meeting Date for September** was set for Thursday, September 3, 1992 at the Baton Rouge office.

Chairman Jenkins called for **Public Comments** with none being made.

Further discussion was held on rescheduling the August Commission Meeting because of information to be presented on the waterfowl season not being available but it was decided to leave as previously set for August 6.

Commissioner Jones presented a question to Secretary Herring concerning when the divisions proposed to be dissolved will be dissolved.

M. B. Watson clarified to the Commission about a one of a kind permit on the taking of wild redfish and selling them which has expired. The Representative Ackal bill in the legislature now deals mainly with shellfish, there being no finfish involved. Commissioner Jones requested to be informed on who can sell redfish commercially and how the operation is done. Mr. Watson told him of 4 permits in existence now and explained how the fingerlings are stocked and raised.

There being no other business, Chairman Jenkins called for a motion for **Adjournment**. A motion to adjourn the June 4, 1992, Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Pol and seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe L. Herring", written over a horizontal line.

Joe L. Herring  
Secretary

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attention in fastpitch softball. That factor makes the East pitchers, Odom and Efferson, easy to recognize. East coach Kathy Mendoza says it's hard not to recognize players like Bankston and Boudreaux, too.

"They've both been stars for their teams," Mendoza said. "They're both very talented players. People around the state just don't know much about them.

eliminates some of the pre-game pressure on both players. Other All-Star players may use the games as a tool to move on to the next level.

Bankston says the lack of pressure shouldn't keep the other players from trying to make a positive impression.

"I know we all want to play well," Bankston said. "This is the first All-Star game. When you think about it, it's the

Scott, former west Monroe coach Truett Thorn and West coaches Gerald Albert of H.L. Bourgeois and Carolyn Fusilier of Barbe will be the charter inductees for the Louisiana High School Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held in conjunction with tonight's All-Star banquet that starts at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Opelousas.

## LWFC butts heads with LDWF

By JOE MACALUSO  
Outdoor writer

For the fourth straight month, one or more members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission butted heads with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries personnel at a LWFC monthly meeting.

The difference between Thursday's meeting and the previous three was that single issues brought terse, and sometimes heated, exchanges in March, April and May meetings.

This time there were two: The LDWF's stance concerning legislative issues being debated either in Senate or House committees, and the LDWF's plans to eliminate the Habitat Conservation and Fish Research divisions.

Commission chairman Jimmy Jenkins Jr. of Baton Rouge took the lead when the agenda called for the department's "legislative report."

Jenkins took LDWF secretary Joe Herring to task because no LDWF representative testified before the Senate Natural Resources Committee which considered several fisheries and wildlife bills Thursday morning.

Earlier in the week, Jenkins called for Herring to detail the department's stance on House Bill 1797 which authorized "mariculture" permits in the state's coastal marshlands.

In a June 1 letter written to Rep. Sam Theriot, House Natural Resources Committee chairman, Herring stated the department's position: "Where we have not been fully supportive in the past has been in those instances where wild organisms from the natural stock, which theoretically belong to all citizens of the state have been entrained and entrapped by a few citizens . . ."

The bill authorizes the LDWF to issue permits to recruit shellfish, confine them by the use of a water-control structure and then harvest a percentage of the shellfish when, as adults, they "escape" to other areas.

"And there was no testimony from the department?" Jenkins asked.

Herring responded, "No."

Jenkins also challenged Herring about HB 411, a bill that breezed through the House, and which called for the creation of an "aquaculture" permit for the raising and selling of freshwater gamefish, especially largemouth bass and sacalait.

Jenkins said he had been contacted repeatedly about objections to the bill and asked Herring for a departmental stance on the issue, one which Gov. Edwin Edwards personally supported by his testimony before the House NRC.

At first, neither Herring nor any LDWF personnel would comment.

"We had no problems with it," Herring said, after prodding from Jenkins. "It's something we need to look into."

HB 1797 passed through committee with amendments to expand the limit from five permittees to 10, though it kept the 50,000-acre ceiling on the entire mariculture operations.

Thursday, HB 411 was deferred by the Senate NRC, as was the controversial "cane-pole" repeal bill.

An even more terse and sharp exchange came in discussion of the topic of the LDWF's budget.

Reacting to Division of Administration demands, Herring told his staff in March that imposed budgetary constraints demanded the elimination of two divisions — Habitat

Conservation and Fish Research — and the divisions would be incorporated into other more long-standing divisions. The two eliminated divisions were created in the early days of the Roemer administration.

When Jenkins called for a budget update from undersecretary Fred Prejean, the commission members learned that instead of having to make cuts between \$2.2-\$3.1 million, the LDWF was facing a projected surplus of \$2.7 million for fiscal year 1991-92.

Prejean told the LWFC that, ". . . this was more than enough to restore the two programs. . . . Yes, we do have the funds."

Jenkins led a litany of questions which concerned the futures of both the HCD and the FRD.

Herring said that the plan was intact.

"Mr. Herring, we were led to believe that these changes were implemented because of a shortage of funds," Jenkins responded. "Now, you're telling us that that wasn't the case."

"Yes," Herring answered. "That was planned then, is planned now and still may be the plan. . . . It will give us more coordinated efforts."

Other items on the agenda:

- Proposed changes in the LDWF staff's recommendations for the 1992-93 hunting seasons moved the closing of squirrel season from Jan. 24, 1992 to Jan. 31; changed the portion of Area 6 which lies in Rapides Parish to a still-hunting season only for deer; moved lottery hunts on Sherburne and Thistlethwaite WMAs from Dec. 5 to Dec. 12; established muzzleloader and handicapped hunting days on several WMAs for Dec. 5; and, revised the turkey season on the Pearl River WMA to April 10-25, 1992. Proposed hunting seasons will be ratified at the July 2 meeting.

- Referred action on the Adopt a Pothole Program to committee. AAP sought a \$25,000 grant from the LWFC.

- Extended the emergency provision for mullet another 45 days which will allow mullet fishermen to take 1,500 pounds per day instead of the state limit of 200 pounds per day. LDWF biologist Henry Blanchet said the increased limits was not adversely affecting the state's stock of mullet.

- Department officials said applications for the experimental July alligator hunt on Marsh Island are being accepted.

- Announced the purchase 796 acres of "wet pine flatwood savannah" near Covington and the newly-acquired land will be called Lake Ramsey Savannah Wildlife Management Area.

- That the turkey hunting season reflected the concerns of LDWF biologists, who were worried that last spring's extraordinarily wet conditions would adversely affect this year's hunting success. There was a 25-percent reduction in the number of wild turkeys — 1,013 to 1991's 1,317 — brought into statewide voluntary weigh stations. From a public drawing at the meeting, Kevin Fontenot of Pineville, Monty Rizzo of New Iberia and Danny Bernard of Napoleonville won shotguns. The three were among several hundred hunters who participated in the voluntary check-in program.

- An additional \$5,000 was collected in the Civil Restitution Program last month.

- That LDWF enforcement agents worked 2,791 cases in May, 729 in the Baton Rouge district, of which 322 involved boating and another 390 involved fishing violations.

- Set the date for the September meeting for Sept. 3.

## SPORTS BRIEFS



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June 1, 1992

Mr. James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

It has come to my attention that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in connection with the Wildlife And Fisheries Commission has recently acquired an area north of the City of Covington in St. Tammany parish in the vicinity of Lake Ramsey for a conservation area. On behalf of our community, thank you for your efforts to preserve such a valuable and unique natural area.

As you are aware, St. Tammany Parish is experiencing a tremendous population explosion. Much of St. Tammany Parish was at one time a pine flatwood savannah. As a result of timbering operations and increased residential and mixed use development, the pine savannah has almost disappeared.

This area of Lake Ramsey is a significant natural habitat that offers an important contribution to St. Tammany's natural heritage. To my knowledge, no areas such as this are currently protected or managed.

Your action has insured that future generations will enjoy a habitat that includes many rare species of plants that might not otherwise survive development. As I will be unable to attend the meeting in Baton Rouge, I ask that you read aloud this correspondence to be entered into the meeting record.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely,

Keith J. Villere, ASLA  
Mayor

KJV/kjv

## AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
June 4, 1992

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 1992
3. Presentation of Winning Mount to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries by South Louisiana Taxidermist Association - David B. Bush
4. Adopt a Pothole Presentation - Lloyd Abadie and Charles Potter
5. Extension of Emergency Mullet Rule - John Roussel
6. Marsh Island Experimental Alligator Hunt/For Public Comment and Informational Purposes Only - Tommy Prickett
7. Presentation on the Lake Ramsey Purchase and Pomme de Terre Addition - Johnnie Tarver/Latimore Smith and Bob Love
8. Turkey Hunting Season Report and Drawing for Three Shotguns - Dave Morrison
9. Changes in the 1992-93 Hunting Season Proposals for Resident Game and Public Comment - Dave Morrison
10. Update on Civil Restitutions - Wynnette Kees
11. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/May - Winton Vidrine
12. Complete Legislative Report - Clyde Kimball
13. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe L. Herring
14. Set September Meeting Date
15. Public Comments

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Mike

③ Fred - Budget Update - #. Why change Dept.

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Fish  
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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), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) which delegates the authority to the Commission to set daily take and possession limits, based upon biological and technical data, and R.S. 56:333 which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish rules for the harvest of mullet; the Wildlife and Fisheries hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

Effective June 4, 1992, the limit for the commercial taking of mullet between June 4 and July 18 is hereby set as 1500 pounds per day.

The Commission finds that the present limit of 200 pounds for that season constitutes an immediate threat to markets established for mullet as a food fish during the June 4th to July 18th period. The Commission further finds that no biological evidence has been presented to support the 200 pound limit. The loss of the ability to harvest in these quantities constitutes an imminent peril to the public welfare because of the irrevocable loss of income and commerce to the state.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**MAY 1992**

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-MAY 1992**

**REGION I**

**TOTAL CASES-168**

**ENFORCEMENT-167**

**OTHER - 1**

92-Boating

21-Angling W/O A License

30-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

4-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear Lic.

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

1-Resisting An Officer

1-Simple Assault On An Officer

7-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

2-Littering

4-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

3-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

**CONFISCATIONS:**

9 undersize black bass, 1 fox squirrel.

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

92-Boating

57-Fishing

1-Hunting

18-Misc.

**REGION 2**

**TOTAL CASES-354**

**ENFORCEMENT-354**

**OTHER - 0**

151-Boating

75-Angling W/O A License

101-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

3-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.

2-Take Game Fish Illegally

2-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

3-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.

2-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

4-Take/Possess Frogs Closed Season

1-Possess Firearms While Frogging

1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

4-Resisting An Officer

1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

2-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Driving Without Operators License

**CONFISCATIONS:**

32 bream, 1 crappie, 72 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$149.25.

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

151-Boating

10-Other

2-Hunting

192-Fishing

**REGION 3**

**TOTAL CASES-313**

**ENFORCEMENT-308**

**OTHER - 5**

133-Boating

121-Angling W/O A License

36-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.

3-Take Game Fish Illegally

1-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.

3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

2-Take Commercial fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.

2-Take/Possess Frogs Closed Season

1-Possession Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds W/O Permit

4-Criminal Trespass On State Property

3-Littering

**CONFISCATIONS:**

4 bullfrogs, 9 catfish, 1-3 1/2 inch 30 foot gill net.

**GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3**

133-Boating

173-Fishing

7-Other

**REGION 4**

**TOTAL CASES-215**

**ENFORCEMENT-215**

**OTHER - 0**

90-Boating

64-Angling W/O A License

45-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.

4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. Of Commission

1-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Possession

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.

2-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

**CONFISCATIONS:**

3 hoop nets with leads, 1 spoonbill.

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

90-Boating

125-Fishing

**REGION 5**

**TOTAL CASES-235**

**ENFORCEMENT-232**

**OTHER - 13**

**81-Boating**

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

**2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.**

**2-Take Game Fish Illegally**

**2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum**

**4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum**

**1-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum**

**4-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.**

**5-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.**

**2-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.**

**4-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.**

**1-Fail To Maintain Records**

**2-Transport W/O Required Lic.**

**4-Take Or Poss. Undersize Commercial Fish**

**1-Set Crab Traps In Nav. Channels Or Entrance To Streams**

**1-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure Spotted Sea Trout**

**1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets**

**1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs**

**1-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit & Report Rules**

**6-Take/Possess Frogs Closed Season**

**2-Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs**

**2-Use Oversize Trawls, Trawl Board**

**1-Trawling in Lake Catherine & Lake Ponchartrain Sanctuary**

**REGION 5 CONT'D.**

- 2-Buying And/Or Selling Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds
- 1-Possess Live Wild Quadrupeds, Wild Birds W/O Permit
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Birds, Or Parts Thereof
- 4-Possess Firearms While Frogging
- 2-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
- 1-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins
- 1-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season
- 2-Resisting An Officer
- 11-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
- 1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
- 16-Littering

**CONFISCATIONS:**

2 alligators, 1 bobcat, 1 raccoon, 15 rabbits, 1 cast net, 350 feet of gill net, 1 speckled trout, 20 drum, 2 red snapper, 5 cobia, 1 amberjack, 3 sharks, 146 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$192.50, 90 lbs. of catfish.

**REGION 6**

**TOTAL CASES-263**

**ENFORCEMENT-263**

**OTHER - 2**

- 176-Boating
- 56-Angling W/O A License
- 15-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.
- 2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. Of Commission
- 3-Take Game Fish Illegally
- 3-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Possession
- 2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.
- 2-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.

**REGION 6 CONT'D.**

2-Trawl In Restricted Areas

1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

**CONFISCATIONS:**

182 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$210.00.

**REGION 7**

**TOTAL CASES-733**

**ENFORCEMENT-729**

**OTHER - 4**

322-Boating

288-Angling W/O A License

59-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

3-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.

14-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.

2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

3-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

2-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout

5-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.

2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.

1-Illegal Use Of Monofilament

2-Illegal Poss. Of Red Drum & Spotted Sea Trout

1-Leave Nets Unattended

3-Take/Possess Frogs Closed Season

1-Trawling In Lake Catherine & Lake Ponchartrain Sanctuary

**REGION 7 CONT'D.**

1-Possession Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds W/O Permit

12-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

6-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

**CONFISCATIONS:**

10 red fish, 49 speckled trout, 1-45 foot boat.

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

322-Boating

390-Fishing

1-Hunting

20-Other

**REGION 8**

**TOTAL CASES-250**

**ENFORCEMENT-187**

**OTHER - 63**

84-Boating

41-Angling W/O A License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.

4-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.

4-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

8-Take Or Poss.Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

3-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

4-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout

1-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

6-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

- 7-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.
- 9-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.
- 1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.
- 1-Leave Nets Unattended
- 1-Buy Commercial fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman
- 1-Blocking Passage Of Fish
- 1-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure Spotted Sea Trout
- 4-Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester Lic.
- 3-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets
- 2-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs
- 1-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name And Address
- 31-Trawling In Closed Season
- 6-Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs
- 4-Butterflying In Closed Season
- 5-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 2-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
- 1-Possession Of Untagged Oysters
- 3-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 1-Fail To Cull Oysters In Proper Location
- 2-Take Alligators W/O License
- 3-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
- 2-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins
- 2-Littering

**CONFISCATIONS:**

11 trawls, 6 skimmer nets, 20 drum, 217 speckled trout and 214 pounds of speckled trout sold for \$271.25.

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS CONT'D.**

1432 pounds of shrimp sold for \$1917.95, 5 alligators, 74 sacks of oysters, 5 baskets of crabs-released to water.

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

81-Boating

67-Sport Fishing

37-Commercial Fishing

46-Trawling

12-Oyster

7-Alligator

2-Misc.

**REGION 9**

**TOTAL CASES-310**

**ENFORCEMENT-276**

**OTHER - 34**

100-Boating

38-Angling W/O A License

11-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.

8-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.

6-Take Game Fish Illegally

1-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

2-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

1-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

3-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Poss.

7-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.

11-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.

8-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.

1-Use Illegal Mesh Nets

14-Leave Nets Unattended

1-Take Or Poss. Undersize Commercial Fish

5-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Fail To Have Commercial Fish Intact

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

6-Take/Possess Frogs Closed Season

25-Trawling In Closed Season

5-Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs

2-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

23-Butterflying In Closed Season

4-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear

4-Unlawful Removal Of Signs From Leased Areas

1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.

1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit

4-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Illegal Poss. Of Drugs Or Marijuana

2-DWI

**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

18 sac-au-lait, 69 frogs, 6 bass, 13 gaspergou, 1 white bass, 52 catfish, 41 bream, 49 drum, 3 crates of crabs-released to water, 3 spotted sea trout, 4 alligators, 200 lbs. of seafood released to water, 1952 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$4152.45, 20 butterfly nets, 22 trawl nets, 8 trawl boards, 2 skimmer nets, 1 cast net, 4 hoop nets, 13 boats, 1 outboard motor, 360 feet of gill nets.

**GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9**

133-Fishing

100-Boating

62-Trawling

4-Oysters

3-Hunting

4-Alligators

2-WMA

4-Misc.

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

**TOTAL CASES-35**

7-Take Oysters From Unleased Water Bottoms

6-Trawling In Closed Season

3-Failure To Have Oyster Harvester Lic.

3-Unlawful Removal Of Lease Signs

2-Failure To Have Written Permission

2-Take Oysters From Unmarked Lease

2-Theft Off Private Lease

1-Fail To Have Commercial Fisherman's Lic.

1-Fail To Have Vessel License

1-Unmarked Commercial Vehicle

4-Fail To Comply With PFD. Requirements

2-No Running Lights

1-Expired Boat Registration

**CONFISCATIONS:**

230 sacks of oysters.

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**S.W.E.P.**

**DELTA TIDE AND RIP TIDE**

**259-Running Hours**

**134-Boats Checked**

**TOTAL CASES-56**

**37-Trawling In Closed Season**

**4-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License**

**4-Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License**

**3-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Fishing License**

**2-Angling Without A License**

**4-Four Rigs In Two Rig Zone**

**2-Four Trawls With License For Two Trawls**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**31 trawls, 17,040 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$29,873.**

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**TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-2576**

**TOTAL CASES OTHER - 122**

**TOTAL CASES OSF - 37**

**TOTAL CASES SWEP - 56**

**GRAND TOTAL - 2791**

COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, June 4, 1992  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Jimmy Jenkins (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	—
Bert Jones	<u>✓</u>	—
Norman McCall (Vice Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	—
Tee John Mialjevich	—	<u>✓</u>
Warren Pol	<u>✓</u>	—
Jeff Schneider	<u>✓</u>	—
Peter Vujnovich	<u>✓</u>	—

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

Secretary Herring is also present.



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May 8, 1992

Mr. Herring:

It was quite an honor and a pleasure to have you present the Secretary's Cup Award at our annual state competition last month.

I hope you will excuse the tardiness of this letter. We regret that we were unable to attend the Commission meeting at U.N.O. If possible, Mr. Callahan and myself would like to attend the next Commission meeting to present the winning mount to the Department as well as have the photos taken for the Conservationist.

Mr. Herring, again, we thank you for your interest in our state association and we look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

David B. Bush  
Secretary Cup Chairman

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**1992 Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge Experimental  
Alligator Harvest Proposal**

**Submitted by**

**Noel Kinler**

**26 March 1992**

1992 Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge Experimental  
Alligator Harvest Proposal

Introduction

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has conducted alligator research on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge since 1981. This research program included night counts, nest counts, growth rates, movement and sex ratios. In 1986 this research program was expanded to include an annual experimental harvest. This harvest program was designed to collect data that would allow for better estimation of alligator populations. Knowledge of the population dynamics of alligators is necessary when calculating harvest quotas and would ensure that no segment of the population would be subject to overharvest as harvest quotas are increased. Emphasis has been placed on obtaining information on production rates, sex ratios, size class frequency distribution and accurate nest counts.

During 1986-1991 a total of 6,815 alligators (56% males and 44% females) were harvested (Kinler et al. 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990a, 1990b, 1991a, 1991b). Of all adult ( $\geq 6'$ ) alligators harvested, males and females each comprised 50%. In the immature size classes males comprised 65% while females contributed only 35%. As a group, adults comprised 59% of the total harvest. The size class frequency distribution of all alligators harvested on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge by baited hook and line harvest technique is listed in Table 1.

Sex ratios of harvested adult alligators have varied by harvest segment within years and by years of harvest. In 1986 the sex ratio of the adult segment of the harvest changed from 59M:41F (April-May) to 44M:56F (July). In July and August 1987, the sex ratio was 32M:67F. In 1989 the sex ratio of adult alligators harvested was 22M:78F in May and 51M:49F in July. In 1990 the sex ratio of adult alligators harvested was 23M:77F in May and 51M:49F in July. In July 1991 the sex ratio of adult alligators harvested was 47M:53F. When all years are combined the sex ratio of adults does not differ from 50M:50F. Knowledge of the relationship between the number of male and female adult alligators is critical when attempting to accurately estimate alligator populations. Therefore, we need to add to this database by continuation of this important harvest program.

Sex ratio of the immature alligators harvested on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge have remained consistent from 1986 to 1991 (65M:35F). Live capture of alligators for growth rate information has yielded a sex ratio of 55M:45F. The abrupt change in sex ratios of harvested adult and immature alligators requires further study.

Continuation of this experimental harvest is necessary to further our ability to better understand and estimate alligator populations. Continual assessment of the relationship between reproductive rate and annual nest counts will allow us to better estimate the adult female alligator population. Additionally, over 900 farm-raised alligators have been released on Marsh Island since

1989. This harvest program will facilitate collection of data necessary to assess this portion of Louisiana's alligator management program. This database of information will allow the La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to better manage this valuable renewable resource. This proposal details the objectives and procedures for the 1992 experimental harvest program on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1) To collect reproductive data to determine the proportion of adult-sized females ( $\geq 6$  feet) nesting annually. Also to determine reproductive rates as related to marsh management units on Marsh Island (weired marsh, natural marsh and impoundment).
- 2) To conduct intensive alligator nest counts to further establish the relationship between reproductive rate and nest production.
- 3) To evaluate an alternate time of annual harvest with the intent of changing the sex ratio in the harvest as compared to fall harvests. Also to evaluate size-class ratios in summer harvested alligators.
- 4) To evaluate the accuracy of a calculated optimum harvest rate.
- 5) To evaluate survival, growth rates, movement, food habits and body condition of farm-raised alligators released to the wild.

**PROCEDURES**

**Harvest Quotas**

Data collected from the 1986-91 experimental harvests were used to calculate a harvest quota for the 1992 harvest (Fig. 1). Since the beginning of this harvest program all available data has been used to estimate numbers of alligators present on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge and subsequently to calculate a harvest quota. Alligator nest count data from 1986-1991, nesting rate data from 1986-1991 and sex ratio and size class frequency distribution data from the 6,815 alligators harvested from Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge has been combined to calculate the 1992 quota. The 1992 quota is 1000 alligators. These alligators will be harvested in July 1992.

**Selection of Hunters**

A total of 16 hunters and 5 alternates will be selected for the experimental harvest. Each hunter will harvest approximately 32 alligators each segment. Preference will be given to the individuals with previous trapping and/or alligator hunting experience on Marsh Island. Other hunters will be selected by screening applications (Fig. 2), using the criteria listed below, and then drawing names.

- 1) Previous trapping and/or alligator hunting experience on Marsh Island Refuge.
- 2) Previous alligator hunting experience in Louisiana.

- 3) Ownership of essential equipment for alligator hunting on Marsh Island. Due to the location and topography of Marsh Island Refuge each hunter will need two boats.
  - a) Minimum 18' hull to cross the open water of Vermilion Bay on a daily basis.
  - b) A small boat (small flat, mudboat, etc.) to hunt the interior bayous and ponds.
- 4) Each applicant will be required to report to the refuge each morning until his quota is filled (no exceptions allowed).
- 5) Ability to follow specific instructions issued by Department personnel.
- 6) Ability to maintain required records.
- 7) All applicants will be checked for past wildlife violations. Any applicant possessing a wildlife violation in the past 5 years will be rejected.

All hunters will be required to sign and abide by an alligator hunting contract (Fig. 3).

#### **Unit Assignments**

Hunters will be assigned to specific units on Marsh Island. Assignment of hunting units will be done by a drawing. Hunting units will be distributed throughout the refuge so that hunting success, reproductive rates and size-class data can be evaluated by habitat types.

**Harvest Date**

In order to collect adequate reproductive data, the 1992 experimental harvest will be conducted in July. The harvest will continue on a daily basis until specified by Department officials. Assessment of economic feasibility for the Department, the purchaser, and the hunter will also be considered.

**Harvest Methods**

The base quota of 1,000 alligators will be harvested by the baited hook and line (fishing) method. The daily harvest quota for each hunter will be regulated as needed.

**Sale of Alligators**

As in previous years, these alligators will be sold to the highest bidder. Sale of these alligators will be advertised and bids solicited from alligator buyers and dealers.

**Data Collection**

All alligators will be brought to the refuge headquarters and loaded onto the transport boat. The following data will be collected:

- 1) Alligator hide tag numbers
  - 2) Length (feet and inches)
  - 3) Sex and weight
  - 4) Location where the alligator is captured
  - 5) Obvious mutilations (i.e., cuts, bobtails, missing legs)
- will be recorded.

Fur and Refuge Division personnel will analyze reproductive tracts for reproductive condition and stomachs of selected

alligators will also be collected immediately after the alligators are skinned. After completion of the 1992 harvest, data will be entered into a computer for analysis.

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Table 1. Size class frequency distribution by sex of alligators harvested by baited hook and line (fishing method) on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge (1986-1991).

Size Class	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2'	2	(<1)	1	(<1)	3	(<1)
3'	129	( 4)	93	( 3)	222	( 4)
4'	605	(18)	315	(11)	922	(15)
5'	680	(20)	432	(15)	1112	(18)
6'	581	(17)	778	(28)	1359	(22)
7'	325	(10)	874	(31)	1199	(19)
8'	240	( 7)	319	(11)	559	( 9)
9'	315	( 9)	11	( 1)	326	( 5)
10'	387	(11)	0	-	387	( 6)
11'	148	( 4)	0	-	148	( 2)
12'	9	(<1)	0	-	9	(<1)
13'	1	(<1)	0	-	1	(<1)
Total	3422	(55)	2823	(45)	6247	

\*2 - 4' alligators sex unknown

**Figure 1. Data and calculation utilized to establish the harvest quota for the 1992 Marsh Island Experimental Alligator Harvest Program.**

## CALCULATIONS FOR 1992 QUOTA

<u>Data</u>	<u>Source of Data</u>
23.9% nesting rate (1986-1991)	July 1986-91 Marsh Island data
462 nests (1986-91 avg.)	1986-91 aerial nest surveys
Size class frequency distribution of females	1986-91 Marsh Island data
Size class frequency distribution in Marsh Island harvests	1986-91 M.I. harvest data

The 1992 harvest quota is based upon the average nest density and the associated number of adult size females within the population.

Calculations

1. If 23.9% of  $\geq 6$  feet females produced 462 nests; then  
 $462 \div .239 = 1,933$  total females  $\geq 6$  feet in length.
2.  $1,933 \times 20\%$  harvest rate on  $\geq 6$  feet females = 387 tags  
for  $\geq 6$  feet females (Taylor and Neal 1984).
3. If  $\geq 6$  feet females = 30% of harvest (1986-91 data) then:  
 $387 \div .30 = 1,290$  total tags.
4.  $1,290 - 20\%$  (reduction for potential errors in data) =  
1,000 harvest quota.

**Figure 2. Hunter application form that will be utilized for the 1992 Marsh Island Experimental Alligator Harvest Program.**

ALLIGATOR HUNTING APPLICATION  
MARSH ISLAND EXPERIMENTAL HARVEST  
1992

Applications must be in by June , 1992 (no exceptions)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information on your previous alligator hunting experiences:

YEAR: 1990

Landowner (Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of tags issued \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tags used \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the same information on additional landowners on reverse side.

YEAR: 1989

Landowner (Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of tags issued \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tags used \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: 1988

Landowner (Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of tags issued \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tags used \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*  
Please provide the following information on the boats you own and plan to use for harvesting alligators.

Category I: Minimum 18' for open waters of Vermilion Bay.

Boat Registration Numbers: LA \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_  
Horsepower \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Engine \_\_\_\_\_

Category II: Smaller boat (flat boat, mud boat, etc.) for hunting interior ponds and bayous.

Boat Registration Numbers: LA \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_  
Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Engine \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*  
Are you self-employed (check one) YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not self-employed provide the following information:

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address

Immediate Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Telephone

\*\*\*\*\*  
I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true. I understand that falsifications of this information may cause my application to be rejected, my name removed from the eligible register and/or subject me to immediate dismissal from this project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

RETURN APPLICATION TO: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Fur & Refuge Division  
Rt. 4, Box 78, Darnell Road  
New Iberia, LA 70560

**Figure 3. Contract to be utilized between the La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries and hunters participating in the 1992 Marsh Island Experimental Alligator Harvest Program.**



- 12) Alligators must be tagged upon taking. Before you proceed to your next line, the alligator tag must be in place and fully locked.
- 13) Each selected hunter agrees to participate on a daily basis until officially released by Departmental personnel. The Department will hold a \$200.00 deposit from each hunter to ensure complete participation in this harvest. Each hunter agrees to forfeit this deposit if he chooses to quit hunting prior to being released by the Department.
- 14) Violation of any of these agreements by you or by your licensed helper will be grounds for cancellation of your alligator hunting privileges, revocation of all alligator tags and immediate removal from the area.
- 15) This agreement becomes effective July 1, 1992 and terminates at project completion.

I have read the above and understand that by signing below I agree to the above terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alligator Hunter Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alligator Helper Signature

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

UNIT ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*\*\* NEWS RELEASE \*\*\*\*\*

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have acquired a tract of land to serve as a conservation area about 7 miles northwest of Covington in the vicinity of Lake Ramsay, St. Tammany Parish. The land was acquired from the Wainer family of Metairie and the Salmen Company of St. Tammany Parish. The tract, called Lake Ramsay Savannah and totalling 796 acres, is comprised principally of longleaf pine flatwood savannah, but also encompasses bay swamp, hardwood slope forest, and floodplain forest along the Tchefuncte River. For five years prior to acquisition, the site had been on a list maintained by the Natural Heritage Program of the top sites in Louisiana in need of conservation attention. Lake Ramsay Savannah is known to support at least 18 rare plant species among the hundreds of species present on the area, and is considered the best example of a wet pine flatwood savannah remaining in southeastern Louisiana.

Longleaf pine flatwood savannahs are very special grass-dominated and fire-maintained wetland habitats noted for their high degree of species diversity, particularly of herbaceous plants, many of which are found only in these environs. It is here that plants such as the parrot pitcher-plant and pale grass-pink orchid may be found in Louisiana. Until now, none of this now-threatened habitat type was protected in conservation areas anywhere in the state. Management efforts will focus on restoring and maintaining natural habitat conditions so that all species native to the area will be sustained for the foreseeable future. A full range of recreational activities, consistent with conservation, may be permitted on the area. For more information, contact the Habitat Conservation Division of Wildlife and Fisheries at (504) 765-2821.

18 May 1992

Natural Heritage Program

**SITE NAME:** LAKE RAMSAY SAVANNAH

**CURRENT STATUS:** Very recent acquisition. Closings held 1 May 1992 and 11 May 1992.

**LOCATION:** St. Tammany Parish

Centroid about 7 miles northwest of Covington

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**ACREAGE:** Salmen Company Tract = 360 acres  
Lester Wainer Tract = 401 acres  
Pan American Investors Tract = 35 acres  
Total = 796 acres

See Map Attached

**COST:** Salmen Company Tract = \$296,820  
Lester Wainer Tract = 399,460  
Pan American Investors = 33,571  
Total \$729,851

**RESOURCE DESCRIPTION:**

Lake Ramsay Savannah is considered the most significant longleaf pine flatwood savannah remaining in eastern Louisiana. Heritage biologists have identified at least 18 state-rare plant species in the area, 6 of which are considered globally-rare. Because the area has not been comprehensively surveyed, there is high potential for additional rare species to be present.

Although most of the longleaf pines were removed early in this century, there is a substantial longleaf population on much of the proposed area. In the area south of Lake Ramsay Road, a few relic longleaf older than 100 years are scattered across the savannah, intermixed with other longleaf pines of many age classes. Most of the proposed savannah area has been subjected to frequent dormant-season fire that has curtailed establishment of hardwoods and shrubs, and maintained a very open aspect to the savannahs. The herb layer is extremely rich in native species, indicating minimal alteration by previous land management activities.

Longleaf systems are well-known among terrestrial conservation biologists for their high degree of species diversity, particularly herbaceous plants, most of which are restricted to these systems. Small-scale biodiversity levels in longleaf systems are believed to be among the highest of any ecosystem in the world, with 40 or more plant species possible in a single square meter. Throughout the range of longleaf systems in the southeast, there is considerable

variation in species composition in different regions and in different landscape positions. Because species complement varies in this way, it is important to protect/manage many examples of longleaf systems across the species' range (e.g., East Gulf Coast Plain vs. West Gulf Coast Plain) and in different physical settings (e.g., upland longleaf forests vs. flatwood longleaf savannahs) to secure the full array of species associated with longleaf pine.

The entire area proposed for acquisition supports a variety of natural communities, including longleaf pine flatwood savannahs (wetter and dryer phases), mesic longleaf pine flatwoods, bayhead swamp depressions, hardwood slope forest, small stream floodplain forest, and upland sandy stream (Tchefuncte River). This broad diversity of habitat types sustains a very large number of species indigenous to the area, including game and non-game wildlife species.

#### THREATS AND VULNERABILITY:

Without immediate conservation attention, the natural habitats at this site would have been progressively degraded and probably destroyed by housing developments, lack of appropriate fire, altered hydrology, installation of pine plantations, and other factors. The pressure to develop the general area north of Lake Pontchartrain, principally for suburban housing has been relatively high, and will probably soon increase with the projected recovery of Louisiana's economy, and consequent urbanization of the attractive North Shore Area.

It is very clear that the natural longleaf pine savannahs of southeastern Louisiana have been and are being lost at a rapid pace, primarily via conversion to agriculture and pine plantations. Forest statistics available from the U.S. Forest Service indicate the acreage of longleaf pine forests in eastern Louisiana declined by more than 60% in just the 10 year period, 1974-1984. We estimate that less than 5,000 acres of longleaf pine flatwood savannahs remain in eastern Louisiana from the original 100,000 acres or so present in the late 1800's. Most of the remaining longleaf savannahs are at extreme risk of conversion or further degradation by man's activities.

There are currently no longleaf pine flatwood savannahs within conservation areas anywhere in Louisiana.

#### PROPOSED USE:

Primary Objective: Establish as a Conservation Area for perpetual maintenance of the encompassed natural communities and all associated indigenous species.

#### Potential Compatible Uses:

- Hunting
- Fishing
- Education
- Research
- Day-Hiking
- Nature Study
- Wildlife Photography

**PRIMARY MANAGEMENT SUMMARY:**

**A. Prescribed Fire:**

Burn longleaf area randomly every 1 - 3 years. Apply prescribed burns at the natural time of fire in these systems, generally early April - mid June. To favor ground nesting species, apply fire in compartments, that is, do not burn the entire area at one time. Burns will be modified to accommodate longleaf regeneration (e.g., do not burn the year after a "mast" year).

**B. Timber Management:**

Thin overstocked timber areas in a manner consistent with enhancing ecosystem integrity; perhaps perform as pulp, pole and piling, and sawtimber sales; remove "off-site" species as appropriate.

**C. Rehabilitate Disturbed Areas:**

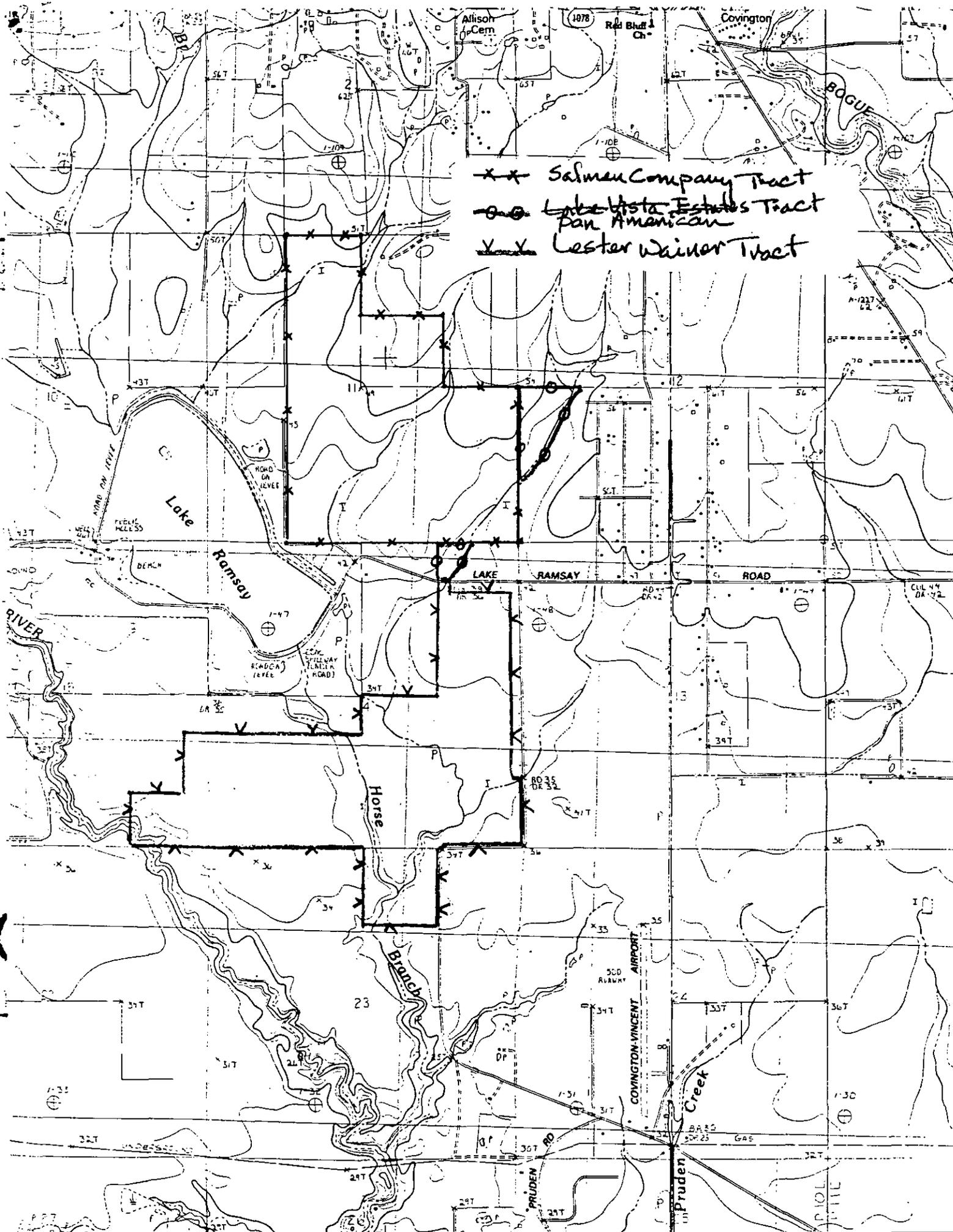
Cut-over and disturbed areas may be rehabilitated by various means, including use of prescribed fire, local transplantation of native species, re-introduction of native longleaf, and other methods.

**D. Monitor and Control Local Hydrology:**

To the degree possible, surface and ground-water hydrology affecting the site should be monitored and controlled to sustain and promote wet pine savannah conditions.

**E. Monitor and Control Unnatural Disturbances:**

Preclude or eliminate intrusions such as off-road vehicles, livestock, trash dumping, timber theft, etc. Control exotic (non-native) species as appropriate.



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 o o Lake Vista Estates Tract  
     Pan American  
 y y Lester Wainner Tract

Prior to Acquisition

**LAND ACQUISITION:  
LAKE RAMSAY SAVANNAH**

**PROPOSAL:**

**TO ACQUIRE LAKE RAMSAY SAVANNAH, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, AS A  
CONSERVATION AREA.**

**STATEMENTS OF REASONING:**

There is a compelling need for conservation of threatened or unusual habitats and the species they support, and the Department should be a leader in this endeavor. Longleaf pine flatwood savannahs, major centers of biological diversity, are critically threatened in Louisiana and Lake Ramsay Savannah represents the best known pine savannah in eastern Louisiana. It is known to support populations of many state-rare plant species.

It is anticipated the area will receive much attention and use from the relatively well-educated and affluent population of the "North Shore" (of Lake Pontchartrain) area. Because no other examples of habitats of this type are in conservation areas anywhere in the state, we anticipate people from distant areas will visit the site. Primary uses are expected to be environmental education and nature watching/study.

Acquisition and designation of Lake Ramsay Savannah as a conservation area will be a very positive public relations move for the Department. It will enhance our image among those who have said the Department is not doing enough for "non-consumptive" resources. It should also deflect arguments from anti-hunting groups that the Department cares little about "other" wildlife resources.

# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## NEWS RELEASE

**Joe L. Herring**  
Secretary



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5/29/92

### POMME DE TERRE EXPANDED

Officials of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries signed the Act of Sale Friday, May 22, 1992 which expanded the Pomme de Terre Wildlife Management Area by 890 acres.

The department purchased the land in Avoyelles Parish from Hilcliffe Farms, Inc. for \$362,400. It brings this WMA to a total of 7,084 acres, increasing the area by 14%.

The Game Division's land acquisitions manager Bob Love explained, "This land, like other lands that the department purchases, is now available to the public forever. The official deed, on record at the Avoyelles Parish Court House, reads that the area is dedicated to outdoor recreation 'in perpetuity' for the citizens of the state.

"The Game Division considers the land acquisition program an investment in the future of this state's renewable resources."

As in the past, the Pomme de Terre Swamp and adjoining wetlands which make up the WMA will be managed largely as a waterfowl wintering area. These wetlands also provide substantial

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fishing and deer and squirrel hunting opportunities.

The recently purchased addition, unlike the wet lowlands, is elevated woodland interspersed with abandoned pasture. It supports a host of upland wildlife and plant communities. "There is the potential for reforestation and management for native species, such as the wild turkey and the mourning dove," Love explains.

"One of the key incentives of this purchase," he adds, "is that it incorporates a diversity of habitats under our management on this WMA."

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(EDITORS: For further information, contact Bob Love at

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# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## NEWS RELEASE

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5/29/92

### DEPARTMENT ACQUIRES NEW AREA IN SOUTHEAST

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, in cooperation with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, has acquired 796 acres of longleaf pine flatwood savannah along the Tchefuncte River in St. Tammany Parish. The new property is located some seven miles northwest of Covington.

According to Johnnie Tarver, administrator of the Habitat Conservation Division, the tract also contains bay swamp and mixed hardwoods near the river.

"Known as Lake Ramsay Savannah, the area is known to support at least 18 rare plant species," Tarver noted, "and is considered to be the best example of a wet pine flatwood savannah remaining in southeastern Louisiana."

Part of the tract was purchased from a private landowner in Metairie, and the remainder from the Salmen Company of St. Tammany Parish.

Longleaf pine savannahs, in their natural state, are grass dominated and fire-maintained wetland habitats noted for a high degree of plant species diversity, particularly with regard to

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herbaceous plants. Many of the plants present exist only in the savannah environs. This includes plants such as the parrot pitcher-plant and the pale grass-pink orchid. Until now, none of this now-threatened habitat type was protected in any of the lands administered by the department, including Wildlife Management Areas or Wildlife Refuges. Neither was it protected by any other government agency nor any private program.

According to Natural Heritage Ecologist Latimore Smith, "Management efforts on the new tract will focus on restoring and maintaining natural habitat conditions so that all species of plants and wildlife native to the area will be sustained for the foreseeable future."

A full range of public recreational activities consistent with the department's conservation efforts and objectives will be permitted on the area.

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(Editors: For further information call Latimore Smith 504/765-2821.)

REPORTED SPRING TURKEY HARVEST (VOLUNTARY)

PARISH	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
ALLEN	7	1	3	0	1	
ASCENSION	0	1	1	0	0	
ASSUMPTION	0	0	0	0	0	
AVOUELLES	0	0	14	46	20	
BEAUREGARD	18	13	12	5	6	
BIENVILLE	25	21	15	11	20	
BOSSIER	0	2	3	83	45	
CADDO	0	0	0	0	1	
CALCASIEU	6	7	1	5	3	
CALDWELL	8	8	21	5	1	
CATAHOULA	0	0	3	0	0	
CLAIBORNE	9	7	22	27	32	
CONCORDIA	0	0	1	0	44	
DESOTO	0	0	0	1	4	
E. BATON ROUGE	26	28	32	4	5	
E. CARROLL	40	71	33	35	19	
E. FELICIANA	165	120	86	52	15	
EVANGELINE	0	0	1	1	0	
FRANKLIN	8	1	1	1	3	
GRANT	28	32	16	41	25	
IBERVILLE	32	66	45	46	55	
JACKSON	8	9	4	4	1	
JEFF DAVIS	0	0	0	0	0	
LASALLE	6	4	4	4	2	
LINCOLN	0	2	1	2	0	
LIVINGSTON	42	190	165	69	68	
MADISON	28	37	25	29	20	
NATCHITOCHE	35	17	34	35	35	
OUACHITA	6	4	5	1	0	
POINT COUPEE	27	29	37	27	24	
RAPIDES	101	88	55	44	28	
RED RIVER	1	1	0	0	0	
RICHLAND	1	0	0	0	0	
SABINE	5	2	9	2	1	
ST. HELENA	228	163	158	116	92	
ST. LANDRY	26	34	30	10	10	
ST. MARTIN	8	2	12	17	21	
ST. TAMMANY	42	62	25	40	37	
TANGIPAHOA	94	104	74	62	65	
TENSAS	21	75	44	43	26	
VERNON	110	103	72	81	46	
WASHINGTON	120	129	134	138	86	
WEBSTER	0	0	0	21	11	
W. BATON ROUGE	89	86	89	60	34	
W. FELICIANA	140	213	231	148	105	
WINN	4	4	2	1	2	
TOTALS	1514	1720	1520	1317	1013	

## 1992 Reported Turkey Harvest By Districts

### District I

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>Adults (%)</u>	<u>Juvenile (%)</u>
Caddo	1	1 (100%)	0
Bossier	45	35 (77%)	10 (23%)
Webster	11	10 (90%)	1 (10%)
DeSoto	4	3 (75%)	1 (25%)
Red River	0	0	0
Bienville	20	16 (80%)	4 (20%)
Claiborne	32	25 (78%)	7 (22%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>90 (79%)</b>	<b>23 (21%)</b>

### District II

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>Adults (%)</u>	<u>Juvenile (%)</u>
Lincoln	0	0	0
Jackson	1	1 (100%)	0
Ouachita	0	0	0
East Carroll	19	13 (68%)	6 (32%)
Richland	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14 (70%)</b>	<b>6 (30%)</b>

### District III

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>Adults (%)</u>	<u>Juvenile (%)</u>
Grant	25	17 (68%)	8 (32%)
Natchitoches	35	19 (54%)	16 (46%)
Rapides	28	18 (64%)	10 (36%)
Sabine	1	0	1 (100%)
Vernon	46	26 (56%)	20 (44%)
Winn	2	1 (50%)	1 (50%)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>81 (59%)</b>	<b>56 (41%)</b>

District IV

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>Adults (%)</u>	<u>Juvenile (%)</u>
Madison	20	20 (100%)	0
Tensas	26	26 (100%)	0
Concordia	44	38 (86%)	6 (14%)
Catahoula	0	0	0
LaSalle	2	1 (50%)	1 (50%)
Caldwell	1	1 (100%)	0
Franklin	3	2 (66%)	1 (34%)
TOTALS	96	88 (91%)	8 (9%)

District V

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>Adults (%)</u>	<u>Juvenile (%)</u>
Beauregard	6	4 (66%)	2 (34%)
Calcasieu	3	1 (33%)	2 (67%)
Allen	1	1 (100%)	0
Evangeline	0	0	0
Jeff Davis	0	0	0
TOTAL	10	6 (60%)	4 (40%)

District V

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>Adults (%)</u>	<u>Juvenile (%)</u>
St. Landry	10	9 (90%)	1 (10%)
Pointe Coupee	24	23 (95%)	1 (5%)
W. Baton Rouge	34	34 (100%)	0
Iberville	55	54 (98%)	1 (2%)
St. Martin	21	18 (85%)	3 (15%)
Ascension	0	0	0
Avoyelles	20	12 (60%)	8 (40%)
TOTALS	164	150 (91%)	14 (9%)

District VII

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>Adults (%)</u>	<u>Juvenile (%)</u>
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W. Feliciana	105	93 (88%)	12 (12%)
E. Feliciana	15	10 (66%)	5 (34%)
E. Baton Rouge	5	5 (100%)	0
St. Helena	92	84 (91%)	8 (9%)
Livingston	68	67 (98%)	1 (2%)
St. Tamme	37	34 (91%)	3 (9%)
Washington	86	69 (80%)	17 (20%)
Tangipahoa	65	50 (76%)	15 (24%)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>412 (87%)</b>	<b>61 (13%)</b>

**Statewide Totals**

<u>Total Harvest</u>	<u>Adults (%)</u>	<u>Juveniles (%)</u>
1013	841 (83%)	172 (17%)

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NOTES:

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...GARTNER MUST THINK THAT MAKING A MAJOR PUSH FOR THIS CHANGE AT THE HEIGHT OF THE 1992 ELECTION SEASON WILL GIVE HIM -- AND THE REST OF THE ANTI-GUNNERS -- THE VOTES IN CONGRESS THEY NEED TO TAKE AWAY YOUR INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO SELF-PROTECTION...

...AND UNLESS YOU AND MILLIONS OF GUN OWNERS THROUGHOUT AMERICA SPEAK UP, HE JUST MIGHT SUCCEED...

...I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THIS IS A VOLATILE ELECTION YEAR...WE ARE SEEING THINGS HAPPEN THAT HAVE NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE...WE SIMPLY CAN'T ALLOW THE FUTURE OF OUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS TO BE SACRIFICED TO THE PERSONAL PREJUDICE OF MICHAEL GARTNER, OR ANYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO USE THE POWER OF THE MEDIA FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL CRUSADE...

...YOUR CALL CAN STOP GARTNER...ONCE LOCAL NBC AFFILIATE OWNERS REALIZE THAT THEIR AUDIENCE WON'T BUY GARTNER'S PROPAGANDA, THEY'LL GET THE MESSAGE TO NEW YORK TO STOP GARTNER'S MISUSE OF NETWORK NEWS...

...PLEASE...ACT NOW...

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3. THEN, WRITE A CHECK FOR \$25 TO HELP NRA-ILA FIGHT GARTNER BY ALERTING THE MILLIONS OF AMERICAN GUN OWNERS WHO NEED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY ON THIS MATTER...

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...ACT NOW...DON'T LET NBC NEWS DELIVER A FATAL BLOW TO OUR CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS...THANK YOU...

SINCERELY,  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

WETLAND HABITAT OFFICE  
1500 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58501

June 1, 1992



Mr. James H. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
P.O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

I understand that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will be discussing the North American Wildlife Foundation's "Adopt-A-Pothole" program at your June 4, 1992, meeting. The Foundation's program is seeking matching grant funds to restore and protect prairie wetlands on private land in the Devils Lake Basin of North Dakota. The program includes the idling of adjacent uplands around protected wetlands to provide nesting cover and watershed protection.

The Bismarck Wetland Habitat Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is cooperating with the Foundation in the "Adopt-A-Pothole" program. We are paying for the costs associated with restoration of drained wetland enrolled in their program. We are also cooperating to provide the grass seed or a cost share for the grass seed for the adjoining upland.

Approximately 95 percent of North Dakota is in private ownership; much of it intensively farmed. By all accounts, 80 to 90 percent of all wildlife produced in the State, including waterfowl and migratory birds, comes from private land. This fact is the heart of our private land "Partners for Wildlife" program in North Dakota. Land acquisition is a valuable tool, but all the wildlife agencies together can't buy enough land to guarantee healthy wildlife populations for the future.

Working with landowners to do wetland restoration and upland enhancement projects on their lands is an excellent way to complement existing wildlife management areas. The Devils Lake Basin has excellent potential for restoration of high quality waterfowl and prairie pothole wildlife habitat.

Thank you for consideration of the North American Wildlife Foundation's request.

Sincerely,

Michael R. McEnroe  
Supervisor, ND Wetland Habitat Office

# AREA 2

## PROPOSED DEER HUNTING DATES FOR 1992 THRU 1995

### STILL SEASON

1992	OCTOBER 31 THRU NOVEMBER 29	(30 DAYS)
1993	OCTOBER 30 THRU NOVEMBER 28	(30 DAYS)
1994	OCTOBER 29 THRU NOVEMBER 27	(29 DAYS)
1995	NOVEMBER 4 THRU DECEMBER 3	(29 DAYS)

## 5 DAYS BLACK POWDER SEASON

### DOG SEASON

1992	DECEMBER 5 THRU JANUARY 1	(28 DAYS)
1993	DECEMBER 4 THRU DECEMBER 31	(28 DAYS)
1994	DECEMBER 3 THRU DECEMBER 31	(29 DAYS)
1995	DECEMBER 9 THRU JANUARY 5	(29 DAYS)

**Gulf Coast Conservation Association  
Mississippi Chapter**

P. O. Box 4434  
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May 30, 1992

Mr. Henry Mouton, President  
Louisiana Chapter  
Gulf Coast Conservation Association  
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Dear Henry,

Enclosed, as we discussed over the phone yesterday, is a copy of the Sun Herald newspaper article in its May 21 issue relative to the Roland Skinner incident at the north end of the Chandeleurs which occurred on Sunday May 17.

The Mississippi GCCA has not taken a publically announced position on this matter. The Board definately wants the alleged violation to be processed in the Louisiana courts. If Skinner - and his brother Gerald - are found guilty, we will go public then. We have asked CCA in Houston whether we could remove them from membership in GCCA if they are found guilty.

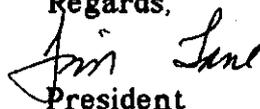
It is our understanding that there may be some ambiguity in the Louisiana regulations regarding filleting fish. We hope that this is not the case and that the Skinners' cases will be properly handled in the Louisiana courts.

We are concerned about this since we believe there have been some political moves initiated by Mississippi politicians with people in Louisiana to "take care of the ticket".

For your information, which you may wish to pass on to Mr. Jenkins, another member of our Board, Mr. Gordon Lyons, of Hattiesburg, was also in the area that weekend with a group on board the Cavu. They were boarded also. Their fish were all 14" or larger, were not filleted, and their catch was a little under the creel limit, so obviously they were not ticketed. Only Louisiana officers boarded their vessel. Gordon stated that the Louisiana officers were courteous, professional, and thorough.

We would appreciate whatever you can do to see that these cases do go to court and that the Skinners receive due procee in the court. Thanks very much.

Regards,

  
President

# **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

**CHAPTER 13 of TITLE 49**

**OF THE**

**LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES**

*As Amended Through 1991 Third Extraordinary Session*

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**August, 1991**

*Acts 1966, No. 382, §1, eff. July 1, 1967. Amended by Acts 1974, No. 284, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 1975; Acts 1975, No. 730, §1; Acts 1978, No. 252, §1; Acts 1979, No. 578, §1, eff. July 18, 1979; Acts 1987, No. 240, §1.*

*NOTE: See Acts 1987, No. 240, §2.*

**§952. Public information; adoption of rules; availability of rules and orders**

Each agency which engages in rulemaking shall:

(1) File with the Department of the State Register a description of its organization, stating the general course and method of its operations and the methods whereby the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests.

(2) Adopt rules of practice setting forth the nature and requirements of all formal and informal procedures available.

(3) Make available for public inspection all rules and all other written statements of policy or interpretations formulated, adopted, or used by the agency in the discharge of its functions and publish an index of such statements and interpretations on a regular basis.

(4) Make available for public inspection all final orders, decisions, and opinions.

*Acts 1966, No. 382, §2, eff. July 1, 1967. Amended by Acts 1978, No. 252, §1; Acts 1979, No. 578, §1, eff. July 18, 1979; Acts 1990, No. 1085, §1, eff. July 31, 1990.*

**§953. Procedure for adoption of rules**

A. Prior to adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule, the agency shall:

(1)(a) Give notice of its intended action and a copy of the proposed rules at least ninety days prior to taking action on the rule. The notice shall include:

(i) A statement of either the terms or substance of the intended action or a description of the subjects and issues involved;

(ii) A statement, approved by the legislative fiscal office, of the fiscal impact of the intended action, if any; or a statement, approved by the legislative fiscal office, that no fiscal impact will result from such proposed action;

(iii) A statement, approved by the legislative fiscal office, of the economic impact of the intended action, if any; or a statement, approved by the legislative fiscal office, that no economic impact will result from such proposed action;

(iv) The name of the person within the agency who has the responsibility for responding to inquiries about the intended action;

(v) The time when, the place where, and the manner in which interested persons may present their views thereon; and

(vi) A statement that the intended action complies with the statutory law administered by the agency, including a citation of the enabling legislation.

(b)(i) The notice shall be published at least once in the Louisiana Register and shall be submitted with a full text of the proposed rule to the Louisiana Register at least one hundred days prior to the date the agency will take action on the rule.

(ii) Upon publication of the notice, copies of the full text of the proposed rule shall be available from the agency proposing the rule upon written request within two working days.

(c) Notice of the intent of an agency to adopt, amend, or repeal any rule and the approved fiscal and economic impact statements, as provided for in this Subsection, shall be mailed to all persons who have made timely request of the agency for such notice, which notice and statements shall be mailed at the earliest possible date, and in

no case later than ten days after the date when the proposed rule change is submitted to the Louisiana Register.

(d) For the purpose of timely notice as required by this Paragraph, the date of notice shall be deemed to be the date of publication of the issue of the Louisiana Register in which the notice appears, such publication date to be the publication date as stated on the outside cover or the first page of said issue.

(2)(a) Afford all interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally, or in writing. In case of substantive rules, opportunity for oral presentation or argument must be granted if requested within twenty days after publication of the rule as provided in this Subsection, by twenty-five persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, by an association having not less than twenty-five members, or by a committee of either house of the legislature to which the proposed rule change has been referred under the provisions of R.S. 49:968.

(b) Make available to all interested persons copies of any rule intended for adoption, amendment, or repeal from the time the notice of its intended action is published in the Louisiana Register. Any hearing pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be held no earlier than thirty-five days and no later than forty days after the publication of the Louisiana Register in which the notice of the intended action appears. The agency shall consider fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed rule. If requested to do so by an interested person the agency shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against adoption of any amendments or changes suggested in the written or oral submissions at least five days prior to the day the legislative oversight subcommittee hearing is held on the proposed rule, and if no legislative oversight hearing is held, the agency shall issue a concise statement of such reasons to any requesting person not later than the time of publication of the final rule.

(3)(a) For the purposes of this Subsection, the statement of fiscal impact shall be prepared by the proposing agency and submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Office for its approval. Such fiscal impact statement shall include a statement of the receipt, expenditure, or allocation of state funds or funds of any political subdivision of the state.

(b) For the purposes of this Subsection, the statement of economic impact shall be prepared by the proposing agency and submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Office for its approval. Such economic impact statements shall include an estimate of the cost to the agency to implement the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork; an estimate of the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action; an estimate of the impact of the proposed action on competition and the open market for employment, if applicable; and a detailed statement of the data, assumptions, and methods used in making each of the above estimates.

B:(1) If an agency finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires adoption of a rule upon shorter notice than that provided in R.S. 49:953(A) and within five days of adoption states in writing to the governor of the state of Louisiana, the attorney general of Louisiana, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, and the Department of the State Register its reasons for that finding, it may proceed without prior notice or hearing or upon any abbreviated notice and hearing that it finds practicable to adopt an emergency rule. The provisions of this Paragraph also shall apply to the extent necessary to avoid sanctions or penalties from the United States, or to avoid a budget deficit in the case of medical assistance programs or to secure new or enhanced federal funding in medical assistance programs.

(2) Notice of the emergency rule shall be mailed to all persons who have made timely request of the agency for notice of rule changes, which notice shall be mailed within five days of adoption of the emergency rule. Any emergency rule shall be

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May 29, 1992

Dear Survey Respondent,

We are pleased that you took the time to respond to the 1990 Survey of Recreational Anglers and are interested in the results of this study. Analyses of the responses have been completed, and the major results are summarized in the attached Executive Summary. We were very encouraged by the responses we received for this survey (our second), and we hope that future surveys will be as successful in assessing the fishing activities, attitudes, preferences, expenditures, and demographics of Louisiana recreational anglers. These surveys are an important part of plans developed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and your contribution to this effort is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

William E. Kelso  
Associate Professor

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Survey of Louisiana Recreational Anglers - 1991

From March through May 1991, surveys were mailed to 9,602 recreational freshwater and saltwater anglers (identified from fishing license receipts) to assess their angling experiences during the calendar year 1990. A total of 3,730 anglers responded for an overall return rate of 38.8%, compared to 52.4% for the 1989 survey. This drop in return rate was attributed to the fact that the 1990 survey was almost twice as long as the 1989 survey, due to additional questions about expenditures and demographics. Due to this increased length, we suspect that responses to the survey contained a higher percentage from avid anglers compared to 1989, which may account in part for some of the differences in responses between the two surveys. Angler preference questions in the 1990 survey were nearly identical to the 1989 survey.

Respondents were grouped into several categories to investigate differences in attitudes and expenditures among different types of anglers. Categories included freshwater anglers (fished at least 1 day in fresh water, N=3,088), saltwater anglers (fished at least one day in salt water N=2,150), and those anglers that purchased hook and line licenses (N=123).

In freshwater, the most popular fishing months were from April through August, accounting for 57% of the expended fishing effort. June was the highest month and December was the lowest. Fishing from a boat in lakes, reservoirs, streams, or coastal marshes was the most popular activity, accounting for approximately 69% (60% in 1989) of the days spent freshwater fishing in Louisiana. Almost 82% (75% in 1989) of freshwater anglers fished for a particular species during their fishing trips, with largemouth bass (61% of first choices), crappie (19%), bluegill (11%) and catfish (8%) being the most popular fishes, as in 1989.

In fresh water, the Atchafalaya Basin was the most popular fishing area, accounting for over 12% of most favored fishing spots. It was followed by Toledo Bend (10%), Lake Verret (3%), Pearl River (2%), and False River (2%). The most favorite parish for fishing was Terrebonne (7%), followed by St. Martin (7%), Sabine (7%), St. Tammany (5%) and Lafourche (4%). On the average, an angler who used a vehicle for freshwater fishing traveled 40 miles per day (round trip), and an angler who used a boat for fishing travelled 11 miles.

For saltwater fishing, May through September were the most popular fishing months, accounting for 57% of the effort. July was the most popular (12% of the effort) and January was the least popular (4.3%). Almost 80% (82% in 1989) of the respondents fished inshore from a boat during 1989, which accounted for almost 62% (64% in 1989) of all days spent saltwater fishing. Similar to freshwater anglers, about 87% (76% in 1989) of saltwater anglers fished for a particular species during their fishing trips, with spotted seatrout and red drum accounting for 52% (50% in 1989) and 38% (42% in 1989), respectively, of first choice responses. The Grand Isle area was the most popular fishing spot, accounting for 8% of the first choice responses. It was followed by the Terrebonne Area (6%), Plaquemines (6%), Cameron (6%), and Jefferson (4%). On average, an angler who used a vehicle during saltwater fishing trips traveled 100 miles per day, whereas an angler who used a boat traveled 27 miles.

Respondents purchased 684 vehicles in 1990, with an estimated \$1,363,034 (18.8% of total expenditures for vehicles) of the purchase price and 1,236,717 miles (14.7% of the total miles traveled) being attributed to fishing trips. Respondents also purchased 415 boats, 322 motors, and 250 trailers in 1990. These items were valued at \$2,682,263 (\$2,246,265 attributable to fishing), resulting in an average expenditure of \$602 (\$701 in 1989) per angler ( $\$2,246,265/3,730$ ) for boats, motors, and trailers attributable to fishing in 1990. Louisiana anglers also expended an average of \$21.48 (\$31.74 in 1989) on camping equipment that was attributable to fishing. Respondents (N=1,594) spent an average of \$465.30 for boat maintenance in 1990, with an average slip cost of \$536.20 per year.

Expenditures on *freshwater* fishing trips averaged \$29.46 *per freshwater angler (N=3,088) per day*, primarily gasoline (45%) and groceries (25%) (Note: this question changed from *per trip* in 1990 to *per day* in 1991; thus the years are not comparable). For *saltwater* trips, expenditures averaged \$52.74 *per saltwater angler (N=2,150) per day*, with gasoline (50.0%) and groceries (20.3%) accounting for most of the expenses. Guides were employed by 4% (2% in 1990) of freshwater anglers, with average expenditures of \$130.30 (\$116.51 in 1989) for fresh water. In salt water, 6% of anglers used charter service (of 6 anglers or less) for an average expenditure of \$111.90; and 4% of the saltwater anglers used charter service (of more than 6 anglers) for an average expenditure of \$64.60.

A total of 535 survey respondents reported a total of 951 out-of-state fishing trips during 1990. Largemouth bass was the species being sought on 51% (53% in 1989) of these trips; the next most popular fish was spotted seatrout at 10% (9% in 1990). Mississippi, Texas, Florida, and Arkansas accounted for 81% (84% in 1989) of the trips, 78% (80% in 1989) of the days, and 59% (67% in 1989) of the expenditures spent fishing out of state. Based on reported expenditures of \$245,987 and 3,330 days, these 535 Louisiana anglers spent an average of \$459.78 and 6.2 days (\$466.47 and 6.8 days in 1989) fishing out of state during 1990. The 272 anglers who went fishing out-of-state for largemouth bass (50.5% of anglers taking out-of-state trips - 57.4% in 1989) accounted for 50% (53% in 1989) of the trips, 51% (55% in 1989) of the days, and 46% (43% in 1989) of the expenditures for all out-of-state trips, averaging \$412.75 and 6.3 days (\$349.19 and 6.5 days in 1989) fishing for largemouth bass outside Louisiana during 1990.

Respondents reported expenditures of \$1,808,275 for fishing tackle and related items purchased in Louisiana in 1990, with rods, reels, lures, and line accounting for more than 34% of the total expenditures for these items. For such items as well as other boat-related items (trolling motors, batteries, electronics, etc.) survey respondents averaged \$484.79 on these items in 1990. An additional \$105,289 (\$28.23 per angler) was spent by survey respondents for fishing tackle purchased out of state (catalog sales, etc.).

Sport fishing attitudes were fairly uniform across angler groups and answers were similar between 1989 and 1990. In general, satisfaction with a fishing trip increased with the number of fish caught. Similar to 1989, 1990 respondents agreed that a trip could theoretically be successful even if no fish were caught, but disagreed that they were just as happy if they caught no fish. Fish size appeared to be important to most anglers, although catching a trophy fish (a definition was not given) was less important to anglers as a whole. Having a diversity of species to fish for was important to all angler groups, and most anglers consumed fish caught during fishing trips.

Among the fishing regulations presented, anglers showed strong support for a minimum size limit and creel limit, and no preferences for or against slot limits. As in 1989, written responses indicated that the latter could have been due to a lack of knowledge about slot limits and what they are designed to do. Gear restrictions, closed seasons, and closed areas received marginal support, whereas prohibition of certain bait types received marginal opposition. Voluntary catch and release was much more favored than mandatory catch and release. Stocking Florida largemouth bass, hybrid striped bass, and red drum were highly favored.

The most desired topics for clinics included fish identification, water safety, fishing regulations, outdoor ethics, fisheries management, and fishing demonstrations. Publications that were viewed as being highly beneficial included fishing regulation booklets, maps of fishing lakes, guides to public fishing areas and public ramps.

Relaxation, being outdoors, and fun were the most important reasons why survey respondents fished. Most other reasons for fishing were also rated as moderately to very important, with the exception of testing equipment, obtaining a "trophy" fish, or winning a trophy or prize, which were not important to most anglers.

Female anglers comprised 16.3% (16.6% in 1989) of the survey respondents. The distributions of years spent angling differed between freshwater (median 25-29 years) and saltwater (median 20-25 years) anglers. Almost 15% of freshwater anglers, compared to only 8% for saltwater anglers, had fished more than 40 years. Only 10% of the survey respondents were members of fishing clubs or organizations, but 481 freshwater and 305 saltwater anglers participated in tournaments 2,940 times in 1990.

Over 89% of the respondents were moderately to extremely satisfied with fishing in Louisiana. When asked "I would go fishing more often if \_\_\_\_." the percentage of responses were: I had more time (68%); I could catch greater numbers of fish (9.9%); there was less pollution and more clean fishing areas (9.1%); I lived closer to a good fishing lake or stream (8.3%); I could catch bigger fish (2.9%); and I could catch a greater variety of species (1.7%).

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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June 1, 1992

Sent to All Louisiana Senators  
Senate Office  
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Dear Senator Picard:

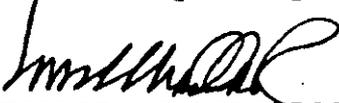
Enclosed is a copy of a photo of a redfish held by a young fisherman that my son, Steve, and I captured in Calcasieu Lake on May 22, 1992. A section of small mesh gill net was strangling this fine fish to death in spite of the fact that netting for either redfish or speckled trout was prohibited by law and regulation at the time.

The passage of H. B. 411 will result in this same scene being repeated for black bass, crappie and other wild gamefish. See the enclosed article by Joe Macaluso. That bill permits such gamefish to be commercially sold if raised on fish farms. The concept sounds good, but believe me, wild bass, crappie, perch, etc. will fall victim to the commercial fisherman's not as sorely as this redfish did. They will claim the gamefish was caught from a farm pond, just as Louisiana redfish are sold as fish from Mexico or elsewhere

Please vote against H. B. 411. Our children and grandchildren deserve to be able to catch gamefish. An L.S.U. study has shown sport fishing for redfish and speckled trout alone produce annual revenues of approximately one billion dollars. Imagine the loss in revenue to this state if bass, crappie and bream are plundered and destroyed.

Vote against H. B. 411.

Yours very truly,

  
WILLIAM E. SHADDOCK

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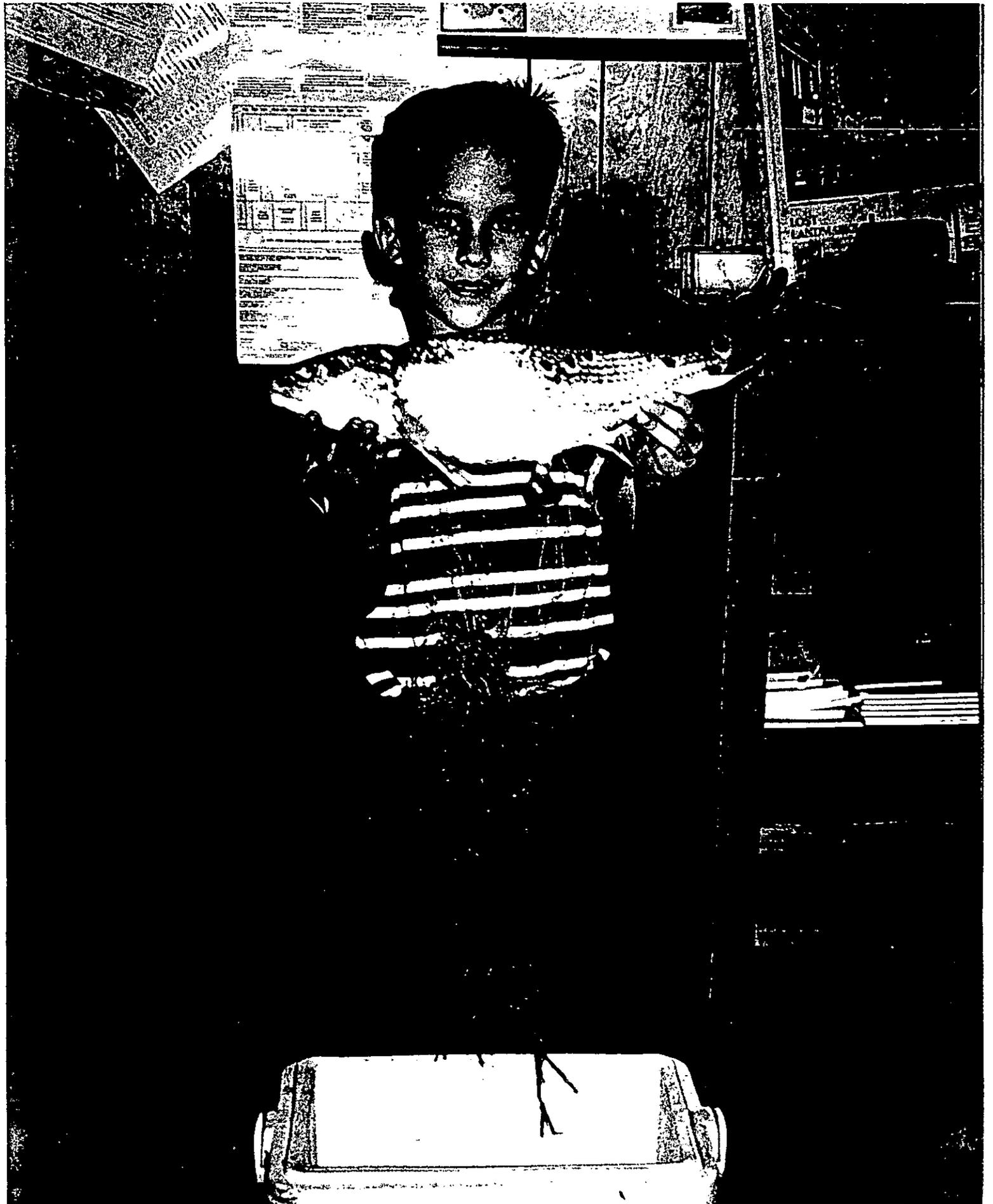
No - we did not cut the net, the fish was found swimming with the section of net shown. The day before he was caught, the area was full of redfish, then an illegal netter moved in and this is what remained. The crippled and maimed remained, the healthy redfish were gone. Do not let this happen to bass. Vote against H. B. 411.

STOCKWELL, SIEVERT, VICCELLIO, CLEMENTS & SHADDOCK

Senator  
June 1, 1992  
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## THE WILD SIDE



**JOE MACALUSO**  
OUTDOORS

### House NRC made big mistakes last week

Soon-to-be parents in Louisiana take heart. OK, so be elated.

None of the children born in our fair state over the next 20 years will have to worry about making dumb mistakes. Insurance on teen-age drivers will tumble. All of these children will graduate from high school, maybe college, and be successful in business and family. Finally, we will live in the Utopia we all knew Louisiana could be.

And, you can thank the Louisiana House Natural Resource Committee for it, because, over the last seven days, it used up Louisiana's 20-year quota of "dumb."

Need proof, you say.

Well, following on the heels of voting 9-5 to do away with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, this august body of freely elected men voted last week to 1) approve a bill allowing mariculture on two sportfish, bass and sac-a-lait; 2) pass along a bill to the full house to raise the limit on bass in the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Trophy Lake Program to 10, and allow two of those fish to be inside the 15-19 inch slot limit; and, 3) approved a bill which would do away with the \$2 license for those who fish with rods or poles without reels.

What kind of convincing could it have taken to lead these men to pass on a bill which would take two of the most popular sportfish in this state and allow them to be raised for commercial gain?

When these bass and sac-a-lait go into a commercial pond, are they going to come out with pink florescent tails? They're going to need something like that to guarantee they were raised commercially instead of being taken from our public waters. How are we to know? How is anyone to know that these fish were raised by a farmer?

# OUTDOORS

LDWF agents are having a devil of a time these days trying to fight a similar Arkansas law. An LDWF employee, who asked not to be identified, said Arkansas allows a bass mariculture industry and LDWF agents are continually trying to nab fishermen who come into Louisiana, seine a lake or bayou and then make a run back to Arkansas where they can sell their catch, all the while hiding behind Arkansas' mariculture regulations.

Then there was the Trophy Lakes Program. The LDWF sure has taken a lot of flak on this one. Folks who live on False River, a trophy lake, don't like the idea of being limited to an eight-bass creel with no fish between the 15-19 inch "slot" limit allowed in that creel.

What's happened here is simple. The TLP has been in existence for just under two years and some folks don't believe the program is working. How do they know? The program hasn't been around long enough to see its full effects. The LDWF's Florida bass stocking program has already shown it can produce big bass. The TLP needs more time.

The matter of the \$2 "cane pole" license is the kicker.

For years, a universal fishing license bill — one which would require the state's fishermen between 16 and 60 to buy a license — was continually beaten back in the legislature. Finally, in 1986, the legislature passed a bill requiring "cane pole" fishermen, those who don't fish with a rod and reel, to pay \$2 for a license. Last year, there were a little more than 16,000 of these licenses sold, but the benefit to the state was between \$200,000 to \$250,000.

The \$32,000 from the direct sale of the license is multiplied by monies from the federal Breaux-Wallop Fund so that each license produces between five to seven times as much revenue for the LDWF. B-W Funds, derived from a tax on fishing items, are distributed to the state according to the number of fishing licenses sold.

And you thought Alex Box Stadium was the only place in Baton Rouge where the adage "three strikes and you're out" applied last week.

It sure looks like the House Natural Resources Committee room was another.

# VENTURE

## Banner year: Biologists predict

VENTURE



Randy Gros holds a speck and a red taken near Lafitte.

PHOTO BY BOB MARSHALL

### They're back! Specks, reds plentiful again

By **BOB MARSHALL**  
*Outdoors editor*

Randy Gros was a happy fisherman. It wasn't that he'd been catching specks and reds most of the day. It was where he was catching them — off Bayou Riglets on the northern end of Barataria Bay.

In the parlance of local anglers, Gros was fishing "inside" — that is, far from the Gulf or even large coastal bays.

And that was cause for celebration.

"It's been three years since we've seen trout and reds in any numbers this far inside," said Gros, who has spent most of his 63 years fishing the marshes south of Lafitte.

"This tells me we can finally say goodbye to that 1989 freeze — and this should be a hell of a fishing year."

Gros isn't alone in that assessment.

See **BANNER YEAR, D-5**

# bumper crop

Veteran fishermen across the southeastern marshes are telling the same story, breathing the same sigh of relief. After two frustrating years of lean stringers, the fish are back, the marsh has healed.

The state's fisheries biologists agree.

"Everything looks on schedule for a really great fishing year — probably something on the order of those years between 1987 and 1989," said Harry Blanchet, head of marine finfish research for the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

"If I had to make a prediction, I'd say fishermen will see quite a few speckled trout between 14 and 16 inches, and a great number of reds between 18 and 24 inches.

"This is what we've expected. We're getting the big rebound from the freeze."

Few events have caused as much anxiety among local fishermen as the Arctic front that punched through the marsh Christmas week of 1989. Temperatures dropped into the teens and stayed there several days, throwing a layer of ice across many bayous, canals and some lakes. When the ice melted, fishermen found rows of dead redfish and speckled trout and other species clogging inland waters.

The official DWF assessment was that, while some total kills were recorded in some small, shallow marsh lakes and ponds, the record-setting cold snap had not dealt a catastrophic blow to fisheries resources. Barring more record cold, the marsh would rebound in two years, they said.

That forecast was based on experiences with previous freezes, especially a similar event in 1983, which also left the marsh littered with dead fish.

"When you have that type of event, you're actually making a lot of room in the resource," said John Roussell, head of the DWF's fisheries section. "And remember, nature abhors a vacuum."

Freezes and other similar natural events give pop-scientists a chance to watch nature heal itself.

That's, because most fish actually produce far more eggs than the habitat could possibly accommodate; only a small percentage of the total spawned actually survive predators and other natural obstacles to become fingerlings. Scientists believe that kind of overabundance is a safety feature that allows species to survive when environmental events such as freezes decimate adult populations.

When a severe freeze kills so many adult fish and other predators, the next spawning class has a much higher survival rate during its first few months. Then, as the young fish mature, they face less competition for food. The result is that the marsh, seemingly empty of fish the year after the freeze, suddenly blossoms with a bumper crop of young specks and reds. Two years later, those fish have grown into keepers — 12 inches for specks, 16 inches for reds.

"We saw that happen in 1986, and we've seen it again since 1989," Blanchet said. "We were also blessed with mild winters the two years following those freezes, which meant the spawning classes that came right after the freeze had almost ideal survival conditions."

not right. We had plenty of rain, and the fish didn't come all the way up till late.

"But what's happening now — specks inside in schools in June — that's the way things are supposed to be in this marsh.

"Things are back to normal, finally."

DWF research teams have been monitoring the progress of specks and reds since the 1989 event, using various nets to collect fish from coastal bays, lakes and bayous.

Using that information, Blanchet has put together this rough profile:

**Specks**

Trout had a big spawn in 1990, the year after the freeze, with a great survival rate. The largest number of fish recreational anglers keep this year will come from this big spawning class. A 2-year-old female will be 14 inches long, and a 2-year-old male will be about 12 inches.

The 1991 spawning class wasn't as large as 1990, something of a surprise. This probably can be attributed to the record rainfalls Louisiana experienced last summer and fall. Salinity levels were far below optimum in most areas, and that can hurt survival and growth rates.

**1992 prediction:** An excellent season, with more trout and more big trout than most people have seen since the 1989 season. But don't expect a 1986 — that year was an exception, something the DWF staff hasn't really been able to explain yet.

**Redfish**

The 1990 spawning class is the biggest the DWF has recorded (records go back only to 1987). You can cite the same probable reasons: lots of room in the habitat, very little competition and two mild winters with plenty of food.

The 1991 spawning class was average. That doesn't mean bad, just not exceptional like 1990. The DWF is not sure if the low salinities were that great a factor. One thing to consider, purely as speculation, would be that the 1990 class

was so big and strong, it just provided too much competition for the 1991 class.

**1992 prediction:** By the time fall gets here, fishermen better hold onto their poles with two hands.

There should be an incredible number of reds between 18 and 24 inches. DWF research points to an abundance of fish in the 3- to 6-pound range.

Blanchet's words come as comforting support for the dreams of most hoist and marina operators, a group of businessmen who have just struggled through the leanest years most can remember.

But most of them began picking up signs of the big rebound a month ago.

"The thing I notice about these specks is that they all seem so fat and healthy," said Blackie Campo, who runs a hoist at Shell Beach. "You get into a school of these fish, and they might not all be 2 and 3 pounds, but they'll all be thick — and there seems to be so many of them.

"We haven't seen this many specks in the lake (Lake Borgne) since 1986 and '87."

Joe Bourgeois, owner-operator of Joe's Landing in Lafitte, hopes old times are coming back again.

"We've been hanging on by our fingernails, but it looks like the wait could be over," he said. "We're not just seeing numbers of specks and reds, but we're seeing sizes again.

"Right now I'd have to say things look as good as they did just before the freeze in '89.

"People forget, but we were having a great year then, one of the best."

Gros hasn't forgotten.

"This marsh was full of fish that year," he recalled. "It was just like it had always been. A man could launch, run for 20 minutes and be on fish — and good fish. Then came the freeze.

"The summer after the freeze had to be one of the worst ever. I don't even remember if the trout ever showed up inside.

"Then last year was better, but still



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May 8, 1992

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Mr. James Jenkins, Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission  
P. O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of Resolution No. 71680 adopted by the Jefferson Parish Council on Wednesday, May 6, 1992, which is self explanatory.

Yours truly,

*Terrie T. Rodrigue*

Terrie T. Rodrigue, Parish Clerk  
Jefferson Parish Council

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encl.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Jones,  
the following resolution was offered:

**RESOLUTION NO. 71680**

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to pass a regulation prohibiting the feeding of alligators in the wild.

Whereas, the Jefferson Parish Marine Fisheries Advisory Board has recommended a prohibition on feeding alligators in the wild, and

Whereas, the expert testimony of herpetologists from Tulane University, the Louisiana Nature and Science Center and the Audubon Park and Zoological Garden has supported a prohibition on feeding alligators in the wild, and

Whereas, alligators in the wild fed by humans lose their fear of humans, boldly approach humans, and associate humans with food, and

Whereas, alligators in the wild repeatedly fed by humans have been known to attack humans in Louisiana, and

Whereas, tour boat operators operating in the wetlands and waterways of Louisiana feed alligators in the wild to attract them for tourist entertainment, and

Whereas, any alligator attack on a human could have a devastating impact on tourism, and

Whereas, the Parish of Jefferson has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of alligators in the wild parishwide;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said Parish:

**SECTION 1.** That the Jefferson Parish Council herewith requests the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to pass a regulation prohibiting the feeding of alligators in the wild.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

**YEAS:** 6      **NAYS:** None      **ABSENT:** (1) Vandenberghe

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the 6th day of May, 1992.

**THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED  
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY**

*Terrie T. Rodrigue*

**TERRIE T. RODRIGUE  
PARISH CLERK  
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL**

# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring  
Secretary



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5/29/92

### DEPARTMENT ACQUIRES NEW AREA IN SOUTHEAST

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, in cooperation with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, has acquired 796 acres of longleaf pine flatwood savannah along the Tchefuncte River in St. Tammany Parish. The new property is located some seven miles northwest of Covington.

According to Johnnie Tarver, administrator of the Habitat Conservation Division, the tract also contains bay swamp and mixed hardwoods near the river.

"Known as Lake Ramsay Savannah, the area is known to support at least 18 rare plant species," Tarver noted, "and is considered to be the best example of a wet pine flatwood savannah remaining in southeastern Louisiana."

Part of the tract was purchased from a private landowner in Metairie, and the remainder from the Salmen Company of St. Tammany Parish.

Longleaf pine savannahs, in their natural state, are grass dominated and fire-maintained wetland habitats noted for a high degree of plant species diversity, particularly with regard to

--more (over)--

ramsay/add-one

herbaceous plants. Many of the plants present exist only in the savannah environs. This includes plants such as the parrot pitcher-plant and the pale grass-pink orchid. Until now, none of this now-threatened habitat type was protected in any of the lands administered by the department, including Wildlife Management Areas or Wildlife Refuges. Neither was it protected by any other government agency nor any private program.

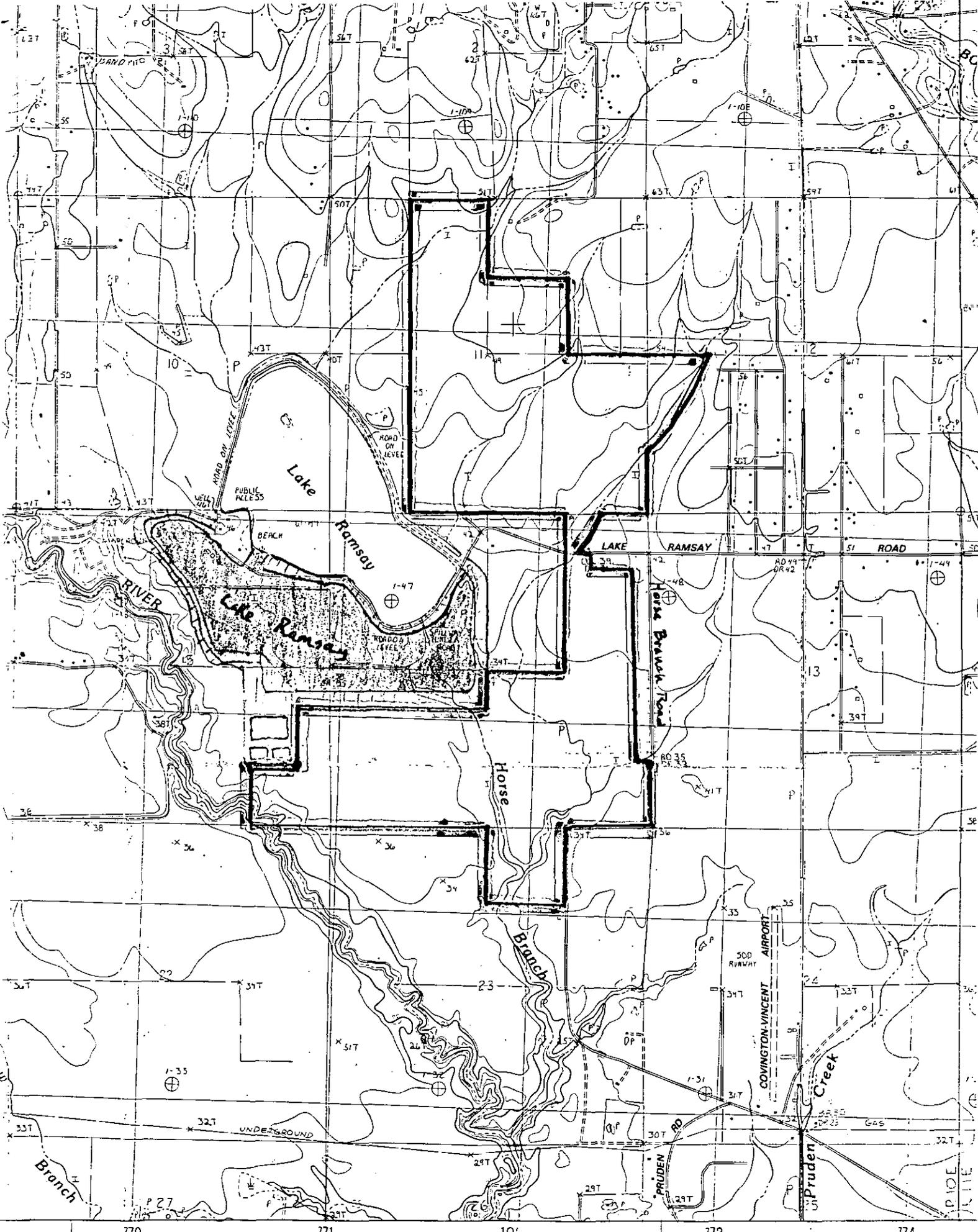
According to Natural Heritage Ecologist Latimore Smith, "Management efforts on the new tract will focus on restoring and maintaining natural habitat conditions so that all species of plants and wildlife native to the area will be sustained for the foreseeable future."

A full range of public recreational activities consistent with the department's conservation efforts and objectives will be permitted on the area.

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(Editors: For further information call Latimore Smith 504/765-2821.)





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May 28, 1992

Mr. James H. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
P.O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Please accept this letter as our Department's official endorsement of the North American Wildlife Foundation's "Adopt A Pothole" program. This program is designed to gain matching funds to restore and protect prairie potholes in the Devils Lake Basin of North Dakota on privately owned land. The program includes idling of adjacent uplands to provide nesting cover and protect the integrity of the wetlands from agricultural runoff.

In an average water year, North Dakota produces approximately 50 percent of the ducks produced in the lower 48 states. Over 95 percent of the state's land base is privately owned. It is critical that waterfowl management practices take place on private lands in the "duck factory" or we will fail to achieve the goals and objectives of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

Both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and our Department recognize the need for programs that provide habitat on private lands, and have existing programs in place. The Adopt A Pothole program provides another incentive on the menu for private landowners to choose from when making land use decisions regarding wildlife habitat. The Devils Lake Basin is intensively farmed and contains a high red fox population, both of which reduce the waterfowl production potential of the area. As the canid population shifts toward high coyote rather than fox densities, which is currently occurring, and more wetland and nesting habitat is made available, the waterfowl production potential will increase.

Land acquisition is a valuable tool in management of lands for wildlife, however, we simply cannot financially or politically acquire all the property needed to turn the waterfowl production situation around. Private efforts like these will be the ones that turn the tide on waterfowl production issues. I urge you to

approve the \$25,000 request from the North American Wildlife Foundation for the Adopt A Pothole program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lloyd A. Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lloyd A. Jones  
Director

cc: Charles S. Potter

# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring  
Secretary



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5/28/92

### COMMISSION SETS AGENDA FOR JUNE MEETING

The next regular public board meeting as set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, ~~June 4, 1992~~ June 4, 1992, in the Louisiana Room at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge.

The agenda is as follows:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of May 7, 1992 Minutes
3. South Louisiana Taxidermist Association presentation of the winning mount to the department
4. Presentation on Adopt a Pothole
5. Extension of Emergency Mullet Rule
6. Public comment and information only on Marsh Island experimental alligator hunt
7. Presentation on the Lake Ramsay purchase and the Pomme de Terre WMA addition
8. Turkey hunting season report and drawing for three shotguns
9. Changes in the 1992-93 hunting season proposals for resident game. Public comment.
10. Update on the Civil Restitutions Program
11. Monthly Law Enforcement Report
12. Complete Legislative Report
13. Secretary's Report to the Commission
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May 28, 1992

NEWS RELEASE

Approved 

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May 21, 1992

Edwin W. Edwards  
Governor

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary *JLH*  
RE: June Board Meeting Agenda

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### CORKY PERRET

4. Extension of Emergency Mullet Rule

### LEE CAUBARREAU

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FRED PREJEAN

9. Update on Civil Restitutions

WINTON VIDRINE

10. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/May

CLYDE KIMBALL

11. Complete Legislative Report

JOE L. HERRING

12. Secretary's Report to the Commission
13. Set September Meeting Date

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JLH:sb

C: Clyde Kimball  
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## MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary *[Signature]*

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- 1) Turkey Hunting Season - Report AND  
DRAWING FOR 3 SHOTGUNS (Local Turkey Chapters)  
like Lewis, etc.
- 2) CHANGES IN HUNTING SENSES FOR  
1992-93 PROPOSALS  
Resident Game AND Public Comment

*Corby*

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Copy to: Bennie F.  
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5/8/92 *CSZ*

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*Dear Corby!*

*I have no agenda items for June 4th meeting.*

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*Civil Restitution update*

*W. Kees*

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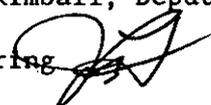
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Clyde Kimball, Deputy Secretary

FROM: Joe L. Herring 

RE: Commission Meeting - June 4, 1992

Clyde, Mr. Bert Jones has asked that you give a complete legislative report to the Commission at the June 4, 1992 meeting.

Thanks!

JLH/pc

cc: Mrs. Sharyn Bateman



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May 8, 1992

Mr. Herring:

It was quite an honor and a pleasure to have you present the Secretary's Cup Award at our annual state competition last month.

I hope you will excuse the tardiness of this letter. We regret that we were unable to attend the Commission meeting at U.N.O. If possible, Mr. Callahan and myself would like to attend the next Commission meeting to present the winning mount to the Department as well as have the photos taken for the Conservationist.

Mr. Herring, again, we thank you for your interest in our state association and we look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

David B. Bush  
Secretary Cup Chairman

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

June 4, 1992

Chairman James H. Jenkins, Jr. presiding.

Thursday June 4, 1992

Bert Jones  
Norman McCall  
Warren Pol  
Jeff Schneider  
Pete Vujnovich

Commissioner Tee John Mialjevich was absent from the meeting.

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Jenkins called for a motion for approval of the May 7, 1992, **Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Vujnovich and seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

A Presentation of the South Louisiana Taxidermist Association's Winning Mount to the department was given by Mr. David Bush. Mr. Bush states the goal of South Louisiana Taxidermist Association Secretary's Cup contest is to instill a closer working relationship between the taxidermists and the Department and to educate the public of the artistry of taxidermy. The Department selects a native species and type of mount and the winning mount is donated to the Department for display. The winning taxidermist wins a silver trophy cup. The native species for this year was an upland game bird native to Louisiana. The winner for this year was Howard Callahan of Denham Springs. A presentation of the mount was made to Secretary Herring. Chairman Jenkins congratulated Mr. Callahan for the mount of the dove. Mr. Callahan noted a pleasure working with the Department and the taxidermists of the State to continue the program. Secretary Herring recognized Robert Love of the Department and explained how the program got started six years ago with Mr. Howard Callahan. Secretary Herring also thanked the Association and expressed the appreciation of the Department for the gifts of the mounts for display.

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Chairman Jenkins asked for Robert Love to read a letter from Mayor Covington into the record.

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

Mr. James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
P. O. Box 15279  
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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

It has come to my attention that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in connection with the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has recently acquired an area north of the City of Covington in St. Tammany Parish in the vicinity of Lake Ramsey for a conservation area. On behalf of our community, thank you for your efforts to preserve such a valuable and unique natural area.

As you are aware, St. Tammany Parish is experiencing a tremendous population explosion. Much of St. Tammany Parish was at one time a pine flatwood savannah. As a result of timbering operations and increased residential and mixed use development, the pine savannah has almost disappeared.

This area of Lake Ramsey is a significant natural habitat that offers an important contribution to St. Tammany's natural heritage. To my knowledge, no areas such as this are currently protected or managed.

Your action has insured that future generations will enjoy a habitat that includes many rare species of plants that might not otherwise survive development. As I will be unable to attend the meeting in Baton Rouge, I ask that you read aloud this correspondence to be entered into the meeting record.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely,

Keith J. Villere, ASLA  
Mayor

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A presentation was presented on the **Lake Ramsey Purchase** by Mr. Latimore Smith. Mr. Smith made a slide presentation noting the history of the land and a brief description of the land acquisition. The area is located north of Covington and lies adjacent to Lake Ramsey to the north, east and south. Ninety percent of the area is long leaf pine flatwood savannah which is a very special wetland type. Most of the area is devoid of trees because of logging operations earlier in the century and the long leaf pines just did not regenerate. There are 18 different rare plant species and expect to find more. There are also animals on the site such as doves, bobwhites, and woodcocks. One of the things that has kept the system relatively natural is fire. Plans are being made to burn the area ~~quite often~~, every one to three

years on a random basis. Goal is to plant long leaf pine similar to the way it used to be based on the stump holes.

Questions posed to Mr. <sup>ed</sup>Smith from the Commissioners included the management of control fires, what type of rotation would be used; restrictions on being able to burn with the State; the access for the public; laws on the book that would fine people for picking plants.

Chairman Jenkins asked for comments and received none.

Another land acquisition was made last month on Pomme de Terre Addition and this was presented by Mr. Bob Love. The Department bought 890 acres in Avoyelles Parish from Hill Cliff Farms and ~~is~~ adjacent to the Pomme de Terre WMA for \$362,400. This area is open and available for public use and recreation. At the closing it was noticed there was an abundance of both non-game and game species. Thirty percent is in pasture; five percent is in cypress slough breaks that intersect it; thirty-five percent in mature bottomland hardwood; and about thirty percent ~~that~~ has been cut over in the last few years. Mr. Love expressed his appreciation to Mr. Don Puckett and the Commissioners who ~~showed for~~ <sup>Attended</sup> the closing.

Chairman Jenkins asked for questions for Mr. Love and received none.

AND Making a presentation for the "Adopt a Pothole" program <sup>was</sup> is Charlie Potter, Executive Vice-President of the North American Wildlife Foundation. Reason for presentation is to ask for support of the "Adopt a Pothole" program which is a revolutionary approach to waterfowl management in the prairies during a time of change. Purpose is to preserve the small, privately owned prairie potholes ~~in~~ the uplands around them on a three to one basis. The "Adopt a Pothole" program is attempting to ~~do so~~ to prove that there is economic value to a landowner to raise waterfowl just as they would raise grain. The response from the farmers has been outstanding. The potholes ~~we are working with~~ are 5 acres or less in size. The program contracts with farmers to raise ducks. ~~The history of~~ this program was announced in Louisiana in 1990 with the sponsorship of the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association and put into a full scale basis in 1991. Thirty thousand dollars was raised in 1991. By the end of 1992 there should be a total of 12,000 acres adopted in North Dakota, Minnesota and in Manitoba ~~and have raised~~ a total of 1.5 million dollars in commitments over the next 5 years. Proposal is for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to support the "Adopt a Pothole" program in 1992 with a \$25,000 contribution. This would be used in the Devil's Lake Watershed of North Dakota. This contribution ~~will~~ <sup>would</sup> be matched by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and by private individuals. This \$50,000 will be matched by the North Dakota Wetlands Trust thereby having \$100,000 to work in the Devil's Lake Watershed. All monies will be spent on private lands ~~every~~ pothole will have the uplands around

it secured on a three to one ratio. The program has received quite a number of sponsors such as the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association, the U.S. Wetlands Council, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Dakota Fish & Game Commission. In return for Louisiana's contribution, ~~we will~~ adopt 1,200 acres of habitat this summer in the Devil's Lake Watershed in the name of the State of Louisiana. This acreage ~~will~~ be planted to upland nesting cover, nesting baskets ~~will~~ be installed <sup>wanted</sup> ~~will provide you with 2 reports next year, one in June and one in July.~~ <sup>would be provided</sup> ~~Expect to raise a minimum of 1,000 mallards and an equal number of other ducks through this program next year.~~ <sup>they would</sup>

A question from the Commission was asked concerning practices that were being done that were biologically improper such as raising and releasing. Mr. Robert Helm and Mr. Potter both addressed this issue. Commissioner Jones posed questions to Mr. Potter relative to formal leases being secured with the farmers; what the formal lease said, do you have the surface rights; what are the hunting rights of the farmer; if there was any management authority over the property; why they could not stop the release or whether you are convinced that that is good or bad; the cost on a per acre basis to lease the potholes; had they thought of just buying the property and in 10 years more than likely <sup>they would</sup> have paid for it twice with the lease monies.

Chairman Jenkins posed a question concerning access to the potholes and ~~needed~~ <sup>the</sup> to acquire more land.

Commissioner Schneider continued the discussion with questioning the control of predators.

Chairman Jenkins made a note that he had received a letter from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department encouraging the Commission to <sup>join the</sup> Adopt a Pothole program and approve the contribution request.

A comment from Mr. <sup>Noted</sup> Chris <sup>BERZAS</sup> Bereaz, President, Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association, ~~noting~~ their support of the program. Mr. Potter addressed the Commission with production figures; how information is gathered to try to find out how to raise more ducks.

Chairman Jenkins inquired about the total number of potholes and was informed by Mr. Potter that by the end of this year there should be about 15,000 acres in total of which 1/3 would be potholes which range in size from 1/2 acre to 5 acres. Chairman Jenkins asked for comments from someone with the Department.

Mr. Robert Helm commented that the concept is very good, habitat is a problem with waterfowl populations and we want to encourage anything that will promote production. Better approach is a program that promotes broad changes in landscape. This money would be taken away from an existing program with Ducks Unlimited and

giving it to the "Adopt a Pothole" Program. Mr. Helm reiterated a law that states "an amount equal to 10% of the fees collected from the sale of hunting licenses shall be dedicated by the Commission to the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl. The funds to be expended for such purposes through Duck Unlimited, Inc. or under the direction of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its discretion." Mr. Helm questioned diverting money from a proven program to a program, as he states, is unproven. Another area of concern is the hatchery program. Louisiana and most of the Flyway Councils has opposed duck hatcheries in Canada and the U.S. with the primary problem being the transfer of disease to the wild population. Mr. Helm further informed Chairman Jenkins that \$200,000 in sales from the licenses goes to DU.

Secretary Herring made a comment recommending that a subcommittee be formed of not more than 5 people with representatives from Outdoor Writers and other organizations and make a final decision on the program.

Mr. Potter made comments concerning their working relationship with Ducks Unlimited and the research program being performed on Delta.

~~Comment from Mr. Lloyd Abadie that he did not write any such article.~~

Chairman Jenkins agreed with Secretary Herring's idea of appointing a subcommittee <sup>to</sup> and come back with a final recommendation.

An **Emergency Declaration on Daily Take of Mullet** was presented by Mr. Harry Blanchet of the Marine Fisheries Division. This extends an Emergency Declaration that was passed in February which set the daily limit of taking mullet commercially at 1500 pounds per day. A stock assessment is completed but is in the final review stage. This shows that fishing with existing regulations does not pose a threat to the species.

Commissioner Schneider inquired when the mullet plan would be ready and was advised a draft would possibly be ready by the next Commission meeting. Discussion continued on the time limit that the Declaration of Emergency was in effect for and amended the Declaration of Emergency for 45 days only.

Chairman Jenkins asked for comments from the public. Mr. Oliver Kelly from Buras, Louisiana, advised the Commission on why the original Declaration of Emergency was requested and the need for maintaining the 1500 pound limit. Another comment was received from Mr. Stephen Hotoph from Grand Isle, Louisiana, elaborated on the previous comment; the feasibility of mullet being a food fish and the need for the larger limit.

Chairman Jenkins made a <sup>Recommendation</sup> motion to accept the amended Declaration of

Emergency. Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to adopt the amended Declaration of Emergency and <sup>it was</sup> seconded by Commissioner McCall.

(The full text of the emergency declaration is made a part of the record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) which delegates the authority to the Commission to set daily take and possession limits, based upon biological and technical data, and R.S. 56:333 which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish rules for the harvest of mullet; the Wildlife and Fisheries hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

Effective June 4, 1992, the limit for the commercial taking of mullet between June 4 and July 18 is hereby set as 1500 pounds per day.

The Commission finds that the present limit of 200 pounds for that season constitutes an immediate threat to markets established for mullet as a food fish during the June 4th to July 18th period. The Commission further finds that no biological evidence has been presented to support the 200 pound limit. The loss of the ability to harvest in these quantities constitutes an imminent peril to the public welfare because of the irrevocable loss of income and commerce to the state.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.  
Chairman

Chairman Jenkins requested the specific rule for adopting emergency rules and how this was administered from Mr. Mike Landrum and advised this would be discussed later during the meeting.

Mr. Tommy Prickett gave a report on the Marsh Island Alligator Hunt for informational purposes and called for public comment. Intentions are to harvest about 1,000 alligators ~~and will contract~~ on a cost/share basis which will result in the biological information needed to properly manage alligators.

*AND* Discussion from the Commissioners involved how to go about hunting on Marsh Island; the supervisor in charge of this hunt; whether the hunt is on a day by day basis; the new bill in the legislature now on albino alligators. At this point Chairman Jenkins refers to a

letter from the Jefferson Parish Council requesting the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to pass a regulation prohibiting the feeding of alligators in the wild. Mr. Prickett gave a brief explanation for the Jefferson Parish request stating feeding of alligators is an unsafe practice. Commissioner Vujnovich commented about the danger in feeding alligators with people in the area trying to fish in small boats. Chairman Jenkins requested Mr. Prickett get with the Legal Staff and obtain what options the Commission may have.

The **Turkey Hunting Season Report** was given by Mr. Dave Morrison and the **Drawing for Three Shotguns** was held. Trapping season for 1992 was very poor with only 107 birds being trapped and 10 more coming from Alabama. Seventy-six of these birds were relocated in the northern part of the state and 41 were released in the southeastern part of the state. Restocking efforts will continue in 1993 mainly in the Winn Parish area and Districts 6 and 7. The 1992 harvest was poor compared to other years because of the poor reproduction as a result of the wet spring. Red Rivers/Three Rivers WMA had its first turkey hunting season with great success in 1992. A voluntary weigh-in station program was started in 1988 to gather biological information on the turkeys harvested. To maintain hunters interest for this program, a drawing for three shotguns is held. Commissioner Pol drew for the shotguns. The winners are: from the northern and central part of Louisiana - Kevin Fontenot of Pineville, Louisiana - 14 1/2 pound bird; from the southeastern part of Louisiana - Monty Rizzo of New Iberia - 16 1/2 pound bird; and from the southwestern part of Louisiana - Danny Bernard of Napoleonville - 16 pound bird.

Discussion continued again on information requested earlier by Chairman Jenkins regarding rules on adopting Emergency Rules. Mr. Landrum quoted from the APA, Section 953 B(1). Chairman Jenkins further discussed the imminent peril to public health, public safety or public welfare. Chairman Jenkins requests an expansion of the definition.

Chairman Jenkins requested information from Mrs. Karen Foote on legislative bills that would do away with size limits on speckled trout and details of a study from Texas on catch and release of speckled trout and redbird. If the information from the study could be obtained, Chairman Jenkins suggested obtaining the report for the next meeting and informing the public.

Changes in the **1992-93 Hunting Season Proposals** for resident game ~~and~~ were given by Mr. Dave Morrison and public comments were called for. Comments the Game Division has received ~~has been~~ directed towards the deer season, such as allocation of still hunting and dog hunting days, Area 7, the Kisatchie season and the general setting of deer season. Also comments have been received from the Game Division harvest survey that states what the people think about what the Department is doing. The proposed changes are: moving ~~ing~~ *have* *E*

the squirrel season from January 24 to January 31; change<sup>E</sup> the portion of Rapides Parish that is in Area 6 and make it <sup>A</sup> still-hunting-only area; extend the squirrel dog season on the WMA's to run concurrent with the end of the squirrel season; add~~a~~ a squirrel dog season to Saline WMA; established a rabbit beagle season on Boise-Vernon WMA; implemented a muzzleloader season on Sherburne WMA that will run the same as the Handicapped Season; ~~lottery hunt for Sherburne WMA has been rescheduled to December 12;~~ <sup>Reschedule</sup> moved bucks only season from December 6 to 13 to December 13 to 16; ~~add~~ Handicapped hunts on the Pearl River WMA and Attakapas WMA utilizing only a portion of the area; ~~lottery hunt on Thistlewaite WMA was changed as was for Sherburne WMA;~~ <sup>Reschedule</sup> changed deer season on Jackson-Bienville to October 31 to November 1 and November 14 to November 15 - either sex season with daily permits; November 16 through 22, November 27 through 29 and December 5 through December 6 - either sex days with season permit, bucks only season - November 23 through 26, December 26 through January 26. Fort Polk has requested redefining the organized drive statement. Proposed changes for the turkey hunting season on Pearl River WMA is from March 20 through April 11 to April 10 through 25. Rules and regulations will be developed for the Lake Ramsey season. These changes will be presented as a final Rule at the July Commission Meeting. Mr. Morrison further added that pending legislative bills may impact the proposal and suggested meeting with the Hunting Regulations Committee prior to the July meeting.

Chairman Jenkins agreed with the proposed meeting of the Hunting Regulations Committee and the Department Staff.

Commissioner Pol inquired about the deadline for adopting the final Rule. Chairman Jenkins asked for comments from the audience at this time.

Mr. Carl McCain, Chairman of the Central Louisiana Dog Hunters Association, opposed any changes in dog hunting in Rapides Parish and throughout the state.

Mr. Glen Bienview from New Iberia presented a petition signed by 606 individuals requesting consideration be given to dog hunters in the new Area 7 to maintain at least 44 days of dog running.

Mr. Bob Tibbit requested the rights of the landowners should be considered when hunters are trespassing or destroying property and suggested that dog hunting days should stay at 23 days. He asked about obtaining a copy of law book; if records are maintained from the 1-800 number; what prosecutions the Department handles; and why deer dogs are not allowed to run on WMA's.

Mr. Lamar Burgess from Sulphur, Louisiana commented on dog hunters destroying property and not respecting the landowners rights.

Mr. Dick Smith commented on bill passed in 1990 that protects

landowners rights. <sup>have</sup> Also commented that some states around the Atlantic going north ~~has~~ no less than 30 days of dog hunting. Mr. Smith gave a handout on proposed deer hunting dates for 1992 through 1995 in Area 2.

Ms. Wynnette Kees presented an **Update on Civil Restitutions**. An additional \$5,000 has been collected since the last Commission meeting which made a total of approximately \$55,000. The vacant position that processes the assessments has been filled and is trained. The Legal Section has contracted with an attorney to handle collections.

Chairman Jenkins asked Mr. Fred Prejean to give an update on the budget. Mr. Prejean informed the Commission that the budget request was at \$39,000,000 overall which involved cuts mandated by the Division of Administration. Efforts have been made to restore these cuts which included personnel and acquisitions. New projections have been made as to surpluses which amounts to \$2.7 million that are anticipated. Of this \$2.7 million surplus, \$1.495 million is in dedicated funds and \$1.273 million is in non-dedicated funds. The money is available to restore the cuts.

Discussion continued as to the reason why the Department went from a proposed deficit to a surplus and the programs that were cut. Secretary Herring provided the Commission with information pertaining to where some of the unanticipated funds came from and possible areas to bring in revenue. The shell dredging revenue issue was also discussed. Chairman Jenkins inquired to Secretary Herring on the status of the Fisheries Research Division, the Habitat Conservation Division and proposed layoffs.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for May** was given by Colonel Winton Vidrine. The following number of citations were issued during the month of May.

Region I - Minden - 168 cases.

Region II - Monroe - 354 cases.

Region III - Alexandria - 313 cases.

Region IV - Ferriday - 215 cases.

Region V - Lake Charles - 235 cases.

Region VI - Opelousas - 263 cases.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 733 cases.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 250 cases.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 310 cases.

The Oyster Strike Task Force issued 35 citations and 56 citations were issued by SWEP.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of May was 2,791 cases of which 22 cases were DWI boating cases.

Colonel Vidrine reported the outcome of the redfish case to Commissioner Jones. The person cited plead guilty to taking 1,000 pounds of redfish, paid a fine of \$400.00 plus court costs and given a suspended sentence of 120 days in jail on the first count of over the limit of redfish. For the second count, he paid \$150.00 fine, no court cost and no jail time. A letter was sent on May 19, 1992 of \$7,847.00 for civil penalties. Discussion continued which centered around the normal time frame for civil penalties. Also explained was the process from an arrest to the end.

Chairman Jenkins requested Colonel Vidrine to follow a case in which a gentleman from Mississippi, appointed by the Governor to a Board, was caught in Louisiana waters breaking this State's law, made threats to the officers and told them he would have their jobs.

Colonel Winton Vidrine gave a Complete Legislative Report for the 1992 session as requested by the Commissioners for Deputy Secretary Clyde Kimball. A complete legislative package will be presented at the next Commission Meeting. Specific bills that were discussed were the Cane Pole bill; House Bill 411; House Bill 198; House Bill 1645 and a similar senate bill by Mr. McPherson; House Bill 316; House Bill 449; House Bill 476; House Bill 648; House Bill 882; House Bill 1016; House Bill 1182; House Bill 1233; House Bill 1247; House Bill 1248; House Bill 1365; House Bill 1513; Senate Bill 594; Senate Bill 595; House Bill 466; House Bill 1797.

Chairman Jenkins continued the discussion by inquiring about a permit using wild redfish in a mariculture operation. Also discussed were seismic bills in the legislature this session.

The Secretary's Report to the Commission was given by Secretary Joe L. Herring. Shell Oil Company will be presenting a check for \$150,000 for Rigs to Reef program. June 1-7 is National Fishing Week and the Commission adopted June 6 & 7 as Free Fishing Days. During this week, there will be free fishing clinics conducted by Information & Education Section, Fish Division, Enforcement and other volunteers throughout the State.

The next issue of the Conservationist will be the calendar which will have old photographs and articles of the 70 year history of the magazine.

Secretary Herring acknowledged Mrs. Sharyn Bateman in working with the Commission and for Secretary Herring over the past years. Don

Puckett also expressed his personal regards to Mrs. Bateman for her work with the APA and the Commission and Department Rules passed thus far. Chairman Jenkins thanked Mrs. Bateman on behalf of the Commission for her work.

The Meeting Date for September was set for Thursday, September 3, 1992 at the Baton Rouge office.

Chairman Jenkins called for Public Comments with none being made.

Further discussion was held on rescheduling the August Commission Meeting because of information to be presented on the waterfowl season not being available but <sup>IT WAS</sup> decided to leave as previously set for August 6.

Commissioner Jones presented a question to Secretary Herring concerning when the divisions proposed to be dissolved will ~~take place~~. *Be dissolved.*

M. B. Watson clarified to the Commission about a one of a kind permit on the taking of wild redfish and selling them which has expired. The Representative Ackal bill in the legislature now deals mainly with shellfish, there being no finfish involved. Commissioner Jones requested to be informed on who can sell redfish commercially and how the operation is done. Mr. Watson told him of 4 permits in existence now and explained how the fingerlings are stocked and raised.

There being no other business, Chairman Jenkins called for a motion for Adjournment. A motion to adjourn the June 4, 1992, Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Pol and seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed unanimously.

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Joe L. Herring  
Secretary

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