

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, July 6, 1995
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Perry Gisclair (Chairman)	—	✓
Glynn Carver	✓	—
Jeff Schneider	—	✓
Tee John Mialjevich	—	✓
Joseph Cormier	✓	—
Jerald Hanchey	✓	—
Peter Vujnovich	✓	—

Mr. Chairman:

There are 3⁴ Commissioners in attendance and we ~~do not~~ have a quorum.

Secretary Herring is also present.

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS
1995-96 Hunting Seasons
FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days (Division's Recommendation)

September 2 (Sat.)-10 (Sun)	9 days
October 21 (Sat.)-November 20 (Mon.)	31 days
December 16 (Sat.)-January 14 (Sun.)	30 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24	

OR

Split season, Statewide, 60 days

September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun.)	9 days
October 21 (Sat.)-November 12 (Sun.)	23 days
December 16 (Sat.)-January 12 (Fri.)	30 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30	

TEAL: September 16 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.) 9 days
Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8; Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

RAILS: Split Season

September 16 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.)	9 days
November 11 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.)	61 days

KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30.
SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.

GALLINULES: Split season

September 16 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.)	9 days
November 11 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.)	61 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30	

SNIPE: November 4 (Sat.)-February 18 (Sun.)

Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16 107 days

WOODCOCK: November 28 (Tue.)-January 31 (Wed.)

Daily bag limit 5, Possession 10 65 days

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Gallinule: One half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove: One half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on Sept. 2-3, Oct. 21-22, and Dec. 16-17 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
JULY 6, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D. C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

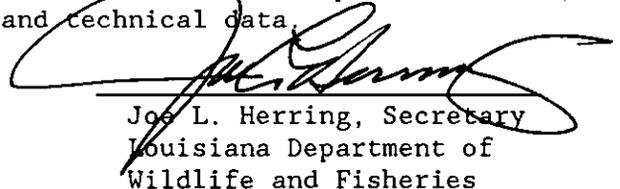
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt those season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this Resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.



Perry Gisclair, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and
Fisheries Commission



Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING

JULY 6, 1995

**PERRY GISCLAIR
CHAIRMAN**

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
JULY 6, 1995

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 6, 1995

Vice-Chairman Glynn Carver presiding.

Peter Vujnovich
Jerald Hanchey
Joseph B. Cormier

Commissioners Perry Gisclair, Jeff Schneider, and Tee John Mialjevich were absent from the meeting.

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Acknowledge and Presentation to the Big Buck Hunting Club began with Mr. Kerney Sonnier stating the Club allowed the Department to trap 13 wild turkeys on their land and transport them to the Ferriday area. He expressed the appreciation of the Department and further stated a plaque would be presented to the Big Buck Hunting Club.

A **Notice of Intent on Trail Ride Prohibition for WMA's** was presented by Mr. Tommy Prickett. He stated a Notice of Intent was prepared to prohibit trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges. He explained the environmental damage that was caused by these trail rides and how they are incompatible with the purpose and mission of the WMA program. Secretary Herring stated the Department was for the charitable part of the Boeuf WMA event but that it should be stopped from the point where it is now. A video on the event was prepared and shown at this time. Mr. Prickett stated the video summarized the problems the trail rides caused on WMAs. He then gave a history of how roads used by 4-wheel drive vehicles were converted for use by ATV's only to improve hunter access and reduce maintenance. The estimate to repair the damage on the Boeuf WMA was approximately \$500,000, however, the Department was not proposing to repair the trail. Due to the environmental damage and the damage to the trail, the staff was recommending the prohibition of this type activity. Mr. Prickett read a Resolution for the Commission's consideration. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. Then Vice-Chairman Carver asked for public comments.

Mr. Joe Cagnolatti, representative of the State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, stated they do support the prohibition. The reason for the support was because the trail rides occurred the same time turkeys are nesting.

Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated he was appalled at what occurred on Boeuf Wildlife Management Area and noted he did not see how the Department could continue with this type activity. He stated the Federation was in support of the prohibition.

Mr. Richard Yancey, a former Department employee, began his comments on how the Department got into the land acquisition program. When the program was implemented, the Department felt there would be no outdoor recreational activity that would cause damage to the wildlife. But he felt this type activity should be stopped before it went any further. These activities are not compatible with the purposes for which the lands were established, stated Mr. Yancey. He then urged the Commission to adopt the Resolution and put the Rule into effect before it spread to other areas.

Mr. Russell Lantilet, Bayou State Bowhunters Association, stated he appreciated and understood the objective of the trail ride, however the Association supported the Department's effort to suspend the organized trail rides.

Mr. Gil Lovelady, President of Wish I Could, Inc., assured that Boeuf would be healed within six weeks to six months with good rains. He stated there were around 1,800 people with 1,313 bikes registered for the event. Mr. Lovelady also stated he spent four weekends picking up trash and that it was all gone. He noted the road in question has not changed that much over the last ten years. If there would have been some type of communication on the alcohol ban, Mr. Lovelady stated he would have advertised as such and there would have been no problem. Mr. Lovelady concluded stating the lack of communication between the Department and the organization was the biggest problem.

Mr. Brad Tullos stated the entire mud hole could fit into the Louisiana Room and it was the only one of that caliber in the swamp. He felt the Commission should stay in touch with the public and grant them what they want. The Department was headed for trouble if the Department singled out one group and allowed them to do an activity and not allow another group to do the same activity.

Mr. John Pittman stated he did not agree with the video. He also stated he did not see the mud hole to be as bad as when mud trucks were allowed to run through there.

Hearing no further comments, Vice-Chairman Carver called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Prickett stated the action taken would initiate the process to promulgate a Final Rule and that the Department wanted to work with the Wish I Could Organization.

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

RESOLUTION

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS, organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas are becoming more popular each year, and
- WHEREAS, this growing popularity has resulted in crowds of up to 3,000 participants using access trails and roads designed for low volume traffic, and
- WHEREAS, organized trail rides have caused excessive damage to roads and trails, and
- WHEREAS, organized trail rides have caused environmental damage by destroying trees and vegetation necessary to support wildlife by riding off the designated trails, and
- WHEREAS, riding off the designated trails has also damaged sensitive wetland soil, and
- WHEREAS, organized trail rides have resulted in large quantities of litter defacing pristine areas, and
- WHEREAS, organized events with large numbers of participants have caused conflicts with other WMA users, and
- WHEREAS, the use of alcohol and the conduct of some participants are dangerous and expose the state to excessive liabilities, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife Division does not have adequate staff to affectively police crowds of up to 3,000 people, and
- WHEREAS, the mission of the Wildlife Management Area program is to propagate native wildlife, protect and enhance wildlife habitat, and to provide compatible outdoor recreation, and
- WHEREAS, organized trail rides, while recreation, have been determined to be incompatible with this mission, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the responsibility of stewardship for these dedicated wildlife management areas, and the authority to promulgate such rules as necessary to carry out the above stated mission, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that organized trail rides shall not be permitted on Wildlife Management Areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary the authority to promulgate the Final Rule provided no significant controversies arise.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting in July, hereby gives its Notice of Intent to promulgate a Rule governing trail rides and related activities on Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges. Authority is vested in the Commission by Title 56, Sections 109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782, 785.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 1. Responsibilities, Duties and Regulations

§109. Trail Rides on WMAs

A. Organized trail rides are not consistent with the purpose and operations of Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and/or State of Louisiana and shall not be permitted. No special permits or exemptions to existing rules shall be issued by the Department for organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges managed by the Department under lease from other parties.

B. For the purposes of this rule, an Organized Trail Ride shall include but not be limited to:

1. Any gathering where participants tender a fee or donation to any entity other than the Department to participate in a group activity such as all terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, or wagon riding; or

2. Any event whose primary purpose is the use of trails that is advertised in any way to attract participants; or

3. Any event involving the use of trails at which there are vendors selling commodities whether such commodities are sold for profit or not; or

4. Any organized event or gathering of individuals involving any manner of conveyance or conveyances to be used on the WMA that causes excessive damage to roads, trails, or to the habitat.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782 and 785.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Interested parties may submit any comments in writing to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000. Comments must be submitted by Tuesday, September 5, 1995.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Carver called for a motion for approval of the June 1, 1995 Commission Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Vujnovich and seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

Discussion to Change the Opening Date for Speckled Trout Season, Change Recreational Size Limit on Speckled Trout from 12" to 14" and the Rule Ratification - License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines was addressed by Secretary Herring. He stated House Bill 815 puts a lot of things into effect and the Department does not know how it will affect either the Department, the public or the fishermen. The Department held a staff meeting and felt they did not know how it would affect the three agenda items and Secretary Herring asked the Commission not to take any action. Each division was asked to review House Bill 815 and get a list of questions that would affect their division and then additional staff meetings would be held.

Mr. Oliver Kelley, South Louisiana Finfisherman's Association, asked Secretary Herring if the meetings were open to the public for observation. Secretary Herring felt the meetings were mainly for the staff to get a handle on House Bill 815.

Mr. Lee Caubarreaux stated the April and May Aircraft Reports were in the Commissioners folders for review. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the reports as they are and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. This motion passed with no opposition.

Ratification of 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Seasons began with Mr. Hugh Bateman reminding everyone the Notice of Intent was

promulgated in March 1995 and today the ratification was requested. The rule had additional regulations contained in the packet such as federal refuges, FmHA lands owned by the Department, special seasons for Avery Island, Barksdale Air Force Base, and the Army Ammunition Plant and reduced the size of a deer hunting area around the Avondale Boy Scouts camp. Mr. Bateman then asked Mr. Bob Love to report a new land acquisition to the Commission.

Mr. Bob Love stated the acquisition of property containing approximately 8,955 acres in the NE portion of the state was purchased on June 20, 1995 and cost \$3,339,012. The history behind acquiring the property was then reviewed by Mr. Love as well as the significant importance of the land. The different animals on the property include migrant waterfowl, wading and shore birds, migrating songbirds, mourning doves, hawks, owls, deer, rabbits, squirrel, furbearing animals, reptiles and amphibians. The new property would be called Buckhorn Wildlife Management Area after a hunting club that operated in that area for decades. Vice-Chairman Carver felt the state was very lucky to acquire this land and that it should be an excellent WMA. Mr. Bateman stated this acquisition was the most complex and difficult to pull off. He then complimented Mr. Love on the fine job he did in securing this land for the Department. The hunting seasons for Buckhorn WMA would be included in the packet and would be the same as those for the Big Lake WMA.

Mr. Bateman stated the U.S. Corps of Engineers acquired a piece of property in the Atchafalaya Basin area and would be signing the final contract before the 1995-96 seasons began. Mr. Mike Palmieri with the Corps of Engineers announced the Corps would take possession of an additional 15,000 acres of land in the Atchafalaya Basin area. He then asked the Commission to promulgate the same seasons and bag limits as they have on current lands owned by the Corps.

At this point, Mr. Bateman read the statewide season dates for the record. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the regulations and this was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. Vice-Chairman Carver complimented the staff in trying to make everyone happy and asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, supported the efforts and request by the Bayou State Bowhunters Association to extend the deer season in Areas 6 and 8. Also, the Federation requested the Commission consider allowing the use of tracking dogs to locate wounded deer. Mr. Bateman stated the tracking dogs issue was an enforcement problem. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 1995.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and public comment, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1995 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule. For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request at Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 and at the Office of the State Register, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours - one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 23 - Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 7 - Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 7 - Jan. 28	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6/season (By all Methods)
Turkey	Separate turkey hunting regulations will be promulgated in November 1995 and published in December 1995.		

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 15	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 28-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
3	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Dec. 1 Dec. 16-Jan. 4	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Dec. 9-Jan. 7	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	

5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Nov.26	Dec. 2-Dec. 8 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 21
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Nov. 5 Nov. 18-Nov.26	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 16 - Jan. 21
8	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 21	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4

CITATION: None - Changes annually

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: (July 1995).

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

A Notice of Intent for the 1996 Spring Turkey Hunting Dates and WMA Regulations began with Mr. Hugh Bateman reminding the Commission the staff recommended the turkey regulations be separated from the hunting season pamphlet. One reason for this change was to gather additional data and make better recommendations. This Notice of Intent would go through the normal Administrative Procedure Act process. Mr. Bateman read the dates for the three areas for the 1996 turkey season. The dates were only calendar adjustments from the 1995 season along with consolidation of areas in an effort to reduce the number of different seasons in the state. Vice-Chairman Carver stated his business was a check station for turkeys and asked if there was any way to let the public know where the different stations are located? Mr. Bateman stated the staff has discussed this and felt that maybe a listing of one in each parish could be included in the new pamphlet. He then explained the concept of hunting turkeys and explained the Division was trying to raise the profile of the wild turkey by consolidating some of the rules and regulations on the wildlife management areas. The resolution was read by Mr. Bateman. Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to accept the resolution. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey and passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, the authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allowing for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary of the Department the authority to promulgate the final rule provided no significant controversies arise.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting Hours - one-half hour before
sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 16 - April 21
B	April 6 - April 21
C	March 16 - March 24

CITATION: None - Changes Annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from August through November. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 29, 1995 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent on Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds was handled by Mr. Fred Kimmel. Mr. Kimmel stated the wild quadrupeds included black bears, grizzly bears, polar bears, gray wolves, red wolves and mountain lions or cougars. Possession has been prohibited since 1988 and now the Department felt this rule should be separate from the Game Breeders Rule. The possession of the animals poses a threat not only to the owners but to the general public as well, commented Mr. Kimmel. Some of the animals included are endangered and others are very similar in appearance to endangered subspecies. Those individuals with one of these type animals would be "grandfathered" into this Rule and exceptions would be granted to zoos, scientific organizations and educational institutions. Mr. Kimmel stated wolf-dog hybrids were not included in this Rule because of the difficulty in identifying this particular animal.

Mr. Hilton Cole, East Baton Rouge Parish Animal Control Center, began commending the Department on this process because of the fact it is a public health and safety issue. He then explained why he would like to see wolf hybrids included in this rule as well because of the dangers they pose. A USDA approved vaccine has not

been developed yet to prevent rabies in these animals and so if one should bite a person, that animal would have to be sacrificed to test it for rabies. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta as well as all of the major Humane Societies are against wolf hybrids being kept as pets. Mr. Cole requested the following being added to the Notice of Intent that would require certain criteria before enforcing the law. These include: an advertisement selling wolf hybrids, if the animal is registered as a wolf hybrid, or if the animal has a rabies vaccination tag stating it is a wolf hybrid, or if a citizen signs a notarized affidavit that an animal is a wolf hybrid.

Vice-Chairman Carver stated he would like to see the wolf hybrids added to this rule. He then asked for a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, authority to regulating possession of wild quadrupeds is vested with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, 56:1904F, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted rules and regulations for the Game Breeders program in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act in October of 1988, and prohibited possession of certain wild quadrupeds and

WHEREAS, these rules and regulations for pen specifications, licensing procedures and general requirements have been in effect since 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has reviewed these rules and created a separate rule prohibiting possession of certain wild quadrupeds which must be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the attached rules governing the Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Notice of Intent is also being submitted in order to establish a permanent rule concerning this issue through the Administrative Procedure Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary of the Department the authority to promulgate the Final Rule provided no significant controversy arises.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, 56:171 and 56:1904F, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§115. Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds

A. This Commission finds that possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrupeds poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species.

The size and strength of such animals in concert with their natural and unpredictable predatory nature can result in severe injury or death when an attack upon a human occurs. Often such attacks are unprovoked and a person other than the owner, often a child, is the victim. Furthermore, there is no approved rabies

vaccine for such animals, so even minor scratches and injuries inflicted upon humans or other animals could be deadly.

Responsible possession of these potentially dangerous wild quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities. Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

Certain of these animals are listed as endangered species and others are so similar in appearance to endangered subspecies as to make practical distinction difficult. This similarity of appearance may provide a means to market illegally obtained endangered animals and can limit the effective enforcement of endangered species laws.

B. This Commission regulation prohibits possession of certain wild quadruped as follows.

C. No person shall possess within the State of Louisiana, any of the following species or its subspecies of live wild quadrupeds, domesticated or otherwise:

1. Cougar or mountain lion (Felis concolor)
2. Black bear (Ursus americanus)
3. Grizzly bear (Ursus arctos)
4. Polar bear (Ursus maritimus)
5. Red wolf (Canis rufus)
6. Gray wolf (Canis lupus)

D. Valid game breeder license holders for these species legally possessed prior to October 1, 1988, will be "grandfathered" and renewed annually until existing captive animals expire, or are legally transferred out of state, or are transferred to a suitable public facility. No additional animals may be acquired.

E. Qualified educational institutions, zoos, and scientific organization may be exempted from this prohibition on a case by case basis upon written application to the Secretary. Minimum pen requirements for exempted educational institutions, zoos and scientific organization are as follows:

1. Bears
 - a. single animal - 25 feet long x 12 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;

b. pair - 30 feet long x 15 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;

c. materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;

d. safety perimeter rail;

e. pool - 6 feet x 4 feet x 18 inches deep with facilities for spraying or wetting bear(s);

2. Wolf

a. 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 6 feet high per animal, covered roof;

b. secluded den area 4 feet x 4 feet for each animal;

c. materials - chain link wire or equivalent;

d. safety perimeter rail;

3. Cougar, Mountain lion

a. single animal - 10 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;

b. pair - 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;

c. materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;

d. safety perimeter rail;

e. claw log;

f. shelf - 24 inch wide x 8 feet long, 40 inches off floor.

F. This rule supersedes any prior Commission rule regulating possession of the live wild quadrupeds listed herein on specifically subparagraphs 10, 11 and 12 of paragraph B, Title 76, Part V, Chapter 1, §107.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, and 56:1904F.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m. September 5, 1995.

The Commission finds that possession of the wild quadrupeds listed herein poses significant hazards to public safety and health and is detrimental to the welfare of the animals. This Declaration of Emergency will allow for continued possession of those animals currently licensed and will not prohibit possession by bonafide zoos, educational and scientific institutions. This Commission will take the necessary steps to establish a permanent rule governing possession of the animals listed by means of normal rule making process.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules governing possession of certain wild quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§115. Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds

A. This Commission finds that possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrupeds poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species.

The size and strength of such animals in concert with their natural and unpredictable predatory nature can result in severe injury or death when an attack upon a human occurs. Often such attacks are unprovoked and a person other than the owner, often a child, is the victim. Furthermore, there is no approved rabies vaccine for such animals, so even minor scratches and injuries inflicted upon humans or other animals could be deadly.

Responsible possession of these potentially dangerous wild quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities.

Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

Certain of these animals are listed as endangered species and others are so similar in appearance to endangered subspecies as to make practical distinction difficult. This similarity of appearance may provide a means to market illegally obtained endangered animals and can limit the effective enforcement of endangered species laws.

B. This Commission regulation prohibits possession of certain wild quadruped as follows.

C. No person shall possess within the State of Louisiana, any of the following species or its subspecies of live wild quadrupeds, domesticated or otherwise:

1. Cougar or mountain lion (Felis concolor)
2. Black bear (Ursus americanus)
3. Grizzly bear (Ursus arctos)
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5. Red wolf (Canis rufus)
6. Gray wolf (Canis lupus)

D. Valid game breeder license holders for these species legally possessed prior to October 1, 1988, will be "grandfathered" and renewed annually until existing captive animals expire, or are legally transferred out of state, or are transferred to a suitable public facility. No additional animals may be acquired.

E. Qualified educational institutions, zoos, and scientific organization may be exempted from this prohibition on a case by case basis upon written application to the Secretary. Minimum pen requirements for exempted educational institutions, zoos and scientific organization are as follows:

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Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Mr. Dave Morrison handled the Tentative Season Dates for Early Season Migratory Birds (Dove, Teal, Rails, Snipes, Gallinules & Woodcock) stating the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established tentative frameworks for doves, snipes, rails, gallinules and teal season. Louisiana's official adoption of the dates by the Fish and Wildlife Service would occur in August 1995. Mr. Morrison reviewed the Wildlife Division's recommendations for the different seasons:

Dove: 70 day option, Daily bag limit 12, possession limit 24
September 2 - September 10, October 21 - November 20 and
December 16 - January 14. Shooting hours: One-half hour before
sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on September 2-3, October
21-22 and December 16-17. A 60 day option was also noted by Mr.
Morrison.

Teal: September 16 - September 24, daily bag limit 4,
possession limit of 8, blue-winged, green-winged and Cinnamon teal
only. Outlook for teal and ducks was very promising.

Rails: September 16 - September 24, and November 11 - January
10. King and Clapper - daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate,
possession 30; Sora and Virginia - daily bag and possession 25 in
the aggregate.

Gallinules: September 16 - September 24, and November 11 -
January 10; daily bag limit 15, possession 30.

Snipe: November 4 - February 18, daily bag limit 8,
possession 16.

Woodcock: November 28 - January 31, daily bag limit 5,
possession 10.

Hearing no questions, Mr. Morrison read the Therefore Be It
Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Vujnovich made a
motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner
Hanchey. The motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA,
July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt those season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this Resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

A Declaration of Emergency for the Wild Alligator Harvest Dates Recommendation was handled by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. Since 1972 when hunting began on the alligator, close to 400,000 alligators have been harvested. In 1994, harvesting numbers reached approximately 27,000 with the size averaging 7 feet. The wild alligator harvest brings about \$7,000,000 into the economy for the

skins and about \$3,000,000 from the meat. The average price for 1994 was \$37.00 a foot and it was anticipated to be as good or a little better for 1995. Mr. Tarver read the Declaration of Emergency for the record. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency 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), and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly meeting held July 6, 1995 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana does hereby set the 1995 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be September 2, 1995 through October 1, 1995.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Rule Ratification on the Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne began with Mr. Ron Dugas asking for a final vote on action taken at the March 1995 meeting. He noted the Department did not receive any written comments on the proposed rule. Commissioner Vujnovich asked if this area would be an addition to the public oyster seed ground? Feeling this was a good idea, Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to accept the Rule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and passed with no opposition.

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

RULE

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

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set aside additional areas in Lake Borgne, St. Bernard Parish as public oyster seed grounds. This is being done under the authority vested in them through R.S. 56:434.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§513. Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne

The Lake Borgne Public Oyster Seed Ground is described as that portion of the state waterbottoms beginning at the most northerly point of Malheureux Point (Y-518,620) (X-2,584,920) on the southern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence southwesterly a distance of 16.6 miles to the most easterly point of Proctor Point (Y-468,858) (X-2,512,804) on the southwestern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northerly a distance of 5.6 miles to the most easterly point of Alligator Point (Y-498,467) (X-2,511,442) on the northern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northeasterly along the northern shore line of Lake Borgne a distance of 19.1 miles to the intersection with the western shore line of the Pearl River (Y-553,875) (X-2,569,290); thence northerly along the western shore line of the Pearl River a distance of 0.25 miles to a point (Y-555,214) (X-2,569,277) on the western shore line of the Pearl River; thence easterly a distance of 1.15 miles to the Pearl River Beacon No. 8 (Y-556,011) (X-2,571,507); thence southeasterly a distance of 7.5 miles to the point of beginning.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:434.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: (July 1995).

**Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman**

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update for the month of June was provided by Mrs. Wynnette Kees. During the month, 45 cases were assessed for a value of \$31,000 and payment was received on 18 cases which totaled \$3,600. The Department entered into a new contract with Mr. Brian Babin as collecting attorney and to represent the Department in cases that are appealed through the

court system. Demand letters were also sent out by Mr. Babin on 12 outstanding cases.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** was given by Captain Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of June.

Region I - Minden - 64 citations.
Region II - Monroe - 140 citations.
Region III - Alexandria - 110 citations.
Region IV - Ferriday - 52 citations.
Region V - Lake Charles - 98 citations.
Region VI - Opelousas - 125 citations.
Region VII - Baton Rouge - 120 citations.
Region VIII - New Orleans - 232 citations.
Region IX - Thibodaux - 142 citations.
Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 17 citations.
Statewide Strike Force - 74 citations.
Oyster Strike Force - 32 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,312.

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. During the month of June, a field trip was taken by Secretary Herring, Mr. Corky Perret and Commissioner Vujnovich to the Marine Lab where the Department and LSU were conducting a workshop for the upland teachers in Louisiana. Commissioner Vujnovich gave a history of the oyster industry to the teachers. From the teachers, the Department received word that they enjoyed the workshop and learned a lot from it and hoped to come back for an advanced course next year.

In the lobby of the Baton Rouge Headquarters building was a display of the posters produced by the Information & Education Division. Secretary Herring then explained about the different sections within the Department that are trying to market some of their productions. Future publications are being worked on such as for endangered species for Louisiana. A new publication, "Viewing Wildlife in Louisiana", was due to be available by September or October.

Mr. Marvin McGraw, Channel 2 News, went to the Marine Lab and began a documentary on the brown pelican. Also, he obtained some footage of the classroom activities with the teachers.

Thirteen different types of Information & Education courses were taught during June with 62 classes and 2,459 students participating.

Nichols Construction Company donated a front end loader to the Department for use on all of the Wildlife Management Areas. Secretary Herring expressed the Department's appreciation for the donation.

On Sherburne WMA vandals damaged one of the water control structures and this resulted in the flooding of 300 acres of freshly planted hardwood trees. Operation Game Thief was offering a \$1,000 reward with hopes of finding the vandals.

On the Fisher Tract land a timber practice would begin this year after cleaning up after a storm that went through the area.

Bobwhite quail counts continued where the red-cockaded woodpecker appeared on some of the WMA lands and the U.S. Forest Service's land.

Senator John Breaux visited the Rockefeller Refuge and brought with him the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries and the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He looked at two or three different projects while in Louisiana but the main reason for the trip was to possibly establish a sea turtle hatchery in Louisiana.

The renovation of the Beechwood Fish Hatchery was completed and the Department accepted it from the contractor. Work is moving faster in construction than expected on the new fish hatchery being built adjacent to the Beechwood Hatchery. It was hoped to have a dedication ceremony for the hatchery in November or December 1995.

Nesting surveys on the double-crested cormorants were conducted on Toledo Bend by the Inland Fisheries Division for a study.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed approximately 3,951 acres by boat. The reduction in employees and mild winters over the last three years have caused problems in controlling the water hyacinths.

Shell planting activities on Sister Lake were completed. This project was visited by Secretary Herring, Mr. Corky Perret and Commissioner Vujnovich while visiting the Marine Lab.

Various meetings were held with the Department of Natural Resources and private oyster people on oyster production and how the freshwater diversions were affecting the oyster industry, permits required and wording to protect the Department from future law suits.

A lot of different activities occurred at the Marine Lab including work on the spotted seatrout, redfish and other species. Also, personnel from LUMCON, Texas A&M, LSU and other universities were down at the Marine Lab visiting and conducting coastal work.

The Seismic Section personnel inspected 73 different sites and attended meetings with the different oil companies.

The Wildlife Division was again contacting individual land owners and requesting lands be leased for use during the upcoming dove season by the public.

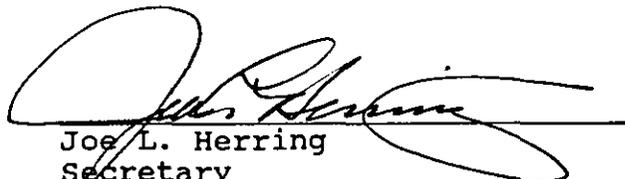
From his trip with Secretary Herring, Commissioner Vujnovich stated it has been a long time since he has seen the population of brown pelicans on Queen Bess Island. He then stated he felt the restoration of the barrier islands would help the coast and the seafood industry in Louisiana.

Vice-Chairman Carver stated the August meeting site needed to be changed due to certain circumstances. The Commissioners voted to hold the August Commission meeting in Baton Rouge. Commissioner Vujnovich abstained from voting since he lives in the Buras area.

Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to hold the November 1995 Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 1995 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and passed with no opposition.

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Cormier made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and was seconded Commissioner Hanchey.


Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 6, 1995

Vice-Chairman Glynn Carver presiding.

Peter Vujnovich
Jerald Hanchey
Joseph B. Cormier

Commissioners Perry Gisclair, Jeff Schneider, and Tee John Mialjevich were absent from the meeting.

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Acknowledge and Presentation to the Big Buck Hunting Club began with Mr. Kerney Sonnier stating the Club allowed the Department to trap 13 wild turkeys on their land and transported them to the Ferriday area. He expressed the appreciation of the Department and further stated a plaque would be presented to the Big Buck Hunting Club.

A Notice of Intent on Trail Ride Prohibition for WMA's was ~~next~~ presented by Mr. Tommy Prickett. He stated a Notice of Intent was prepared to prohibit trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges. He explained the environmental damage that was caused by these trail rides and how ~~it was~~ incompatible with the purpose and mission of the WMA program. Secretary Herring stated the Department was for the charitable part of the Boeuf WMA event ~~and~~ that it should be stopped from the point where it is now. A video on the event was prepared and shown at this time. Mr. Prickett stated the video summarized the problems the trail rides ~~had~~ on WMAs. He then gave a history of how roads used by 4-wheel drive vehicles were converted for use by ATV's only to improve hunter access and reduce maintenance. The estimate to repair the damage on the Boeuf WMA was approximately \$500,000, however, the Department was not proposing to repair the trail. Due to the environmental damage and the damage to the trail, the staff was recommending the prohibition of this type activity. Mr. Prickett read a Resolution for the Commission's consideration. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. Then Vice-Chairman Carver asked for public comments.

Mr. Joe Cagnolatti, representative of the State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, stated they do support the prohibition. The reason for the support was because the trail rides occurred the same time turkeys are nesting.

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Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, stated he was appalled at what occurred on Boeuf Wildlife Management Area and noted he did not see how the Department could continue with this type activity. He stated the Federation was in support of the prohibition.

Mr. Richard Yancey, a former Department employee, began his comments on how the Department got into the land acquisition program. When the program was implemented, the Department felt there would be no outdoor recreational activity that would cause damage to the wildlife. But he felt this type activity should be stopped before it went any further. ~~These activities are not compatible with the purposes of why the lands were established,~~ *Fear which* stated Mr. Yancey. He then urged the Commission to adopt the Resolution and put the Rule into effect before it spread to other areas.

Mr. Russell Lantilet, Bayou State Bowhunters Association, stated he appreciated and understood the objective of the trail ride, however the Association supported the Department's effort to suspend the organized trail rides.

Mr. Gil Lovelady, President of Wish I Could, Inc., assured that Boeuf would be healed within six weeks to six months with good rains. He stated there were around 1,800 people with 1,313 bikes registered for the event. Mr. Lovelady also stated he spent four weekends picking up trash and that it was all gone. He noted the road in question has not changed that much over the last ten years. If there would have been some type of communication on the alcohol ban, Mr. Lovelady stated he would have advertised as such and there would have been no problem. Mr. Lovelady concluded stating the lack of communication between the Department and the organization was the biggest problem.

Mr. Brad Tullos stated the entire mud hole could fit into the Louisiana Room and it was the only one of that caliber in the swamp. He felt the Commission should stay in touch with the public and grant them what they want. The Department was headed for trouble if the Department singled out one group and allow them to do an activity and not allow another group to do the same activity. *ed*

Mr. John Pittman stated he did not agree with the video. He also stated he did not see the mud hole to be as bad as when mud trucks were allowed to run through there.

Hearing no further comments, Vice-Chairman Carver called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Prickett stated the action taken would initiate the process to promulgate a Final Rule and that the Department wanted to work with the Wish I Could Organization.

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

RESOLUTION

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS,** organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas are becoming more popular each year, and
- WHEREAS,** this growing popularity has resulted in crowds of up to 3,000 participants using access trails and roads designed for low volume traffic, and
- WHEREAS,** organized trail rides have caused excessive damage to roads and trails, and
- WHEREAS,** organized trail rides have caused environmental damage by destroying trees and vegetation necessary to support wildlife by riding off the designated trails, and
- WHEREAS,** riding off the designated trails has also damaged sensitive wetland soil, and
- WHEREAS,** organized trail rides have resulted in large quantities of litter defacing pristine areas, and
- WHEREAS,** organized events with large numbers of participants have caused conflicts with other WMA users, and
- WHEREAS,** the use of alcohol and the conduct of some participants are dangerous and expose the state to excessive liabilities, and
- WHEREAS,** the Wildlife Division does not have adequate staff to affectively police crowds of up to 3,000 people, and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the Wildlife Management Area program is to propagate native wildlife, protect and enhance wildlife habitat, and to provide compatible outdoor recreation, and
- WHEREAS,** organized trail rides, while recreation, have been determined to be incompatible with this mission, and
- WHEREAS,** the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the responsibility of stewardship for these dedicated wildlife management areas, and the authority to promulgate such rules as necessary to carry out the above stated mission, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that organized trail rides shall not be permitted on Wildlife Management Areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary the authority to promulgate the Final Rule provided no significant controversies arise.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting in July, hereby gives its Notice of Intent to promulgate a Rule governing trail rides and related activities on Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges. Authority is vested in the Commission by Title 56, Sections 109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782, 785.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 1. Responsibilities, Duties and Regulations

§109. Trail Rides on WMAs

A. Organized trail rides are not consistent with the purpose and operations of Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and/or State of Louisiana and shall not be permitted. No special permits or exemptions to existing rules shall be issued by the Department for organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges managed by the Department under lease from other parties.

B. For the purposes of this rule, an Organized Trail Ride shall include but not be limited to:

1. Any gathering where participants tender a fee or donation to any entity other than the Department to participate in a group activity such as all terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, or wagon riding; or

2. Any event whose primary purpose is the use of trails that is advertised in any way to attract participants; or

3. Any event involving the use of trails at which there are vendors selling commodities whether such commodities are sold for profit or not; or

4. Any organized event or gathering of individuals involving any manner of conveyance or conveyances to be used on the WMA that causes excessive damage to roads, trails, or to the habitat.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782 and 785.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Interested parties may submit any comments in writing to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000. Comments must be submitted by Tuesday, September 5, 1995.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Carver called for a motion for approval of the **June 1, 1995 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Vujnovich and seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. The motion passed with no opposition.

Discussion to **Change the Opening Date for Speckled Trout Season, Change Recreational Size Limit on Speckled Trout from 12" to 14" and the Rule Ratification - License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines** was addressed by Secretary Herring. He stated House Bill 815 puts a lot of things into effect *AND* that the Department does not know how it will affect either the Department, the public or the fishermen. The Department held a staff meeting and felt they did not know how it would affect the three agenda items and Secretary Herring asked the Commission not to take any action. Each division was asked to review House Bill 815 and get a list of questions that would affect their division and then additional staff meetings would be held.

Mr. Oliver Kelley, South Louisiana Finfisherman's Association, asked Secretary Herring if the meetings were open to the public for observation. Secretary Herring felt the meetings were mainly for the staff to get a handle on House Bill 815.

Mr. Lee Caubarreaux stated the April and May **Aircraft Reports** were in the Commissioners folders for review. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the reports as they are and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. This motion passed with no opposition.

Ratification of 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Seasons began with Mr. Hugh Bateman reminding everyone the Notice of Intent was

promulgated in March 1995 and today the ratification was requested. The rule had additional regulations contained in the packet such as federal refuges, FmHA lands owned by the Department, special seasons for Avery Island, Barksdale Air Force Base, Army Ammunition Plant and reduced the size of a deer hunting area around the Avondale Boy Scouts camp. Mr. Bateman then asked Mr. Bob Love to report a new land acquisition to the Commission. *and the*

Mr. Bob Love stated the acquisition of property containing approximately 8,955 acres in the NE portion of the land was purchased on June 20, 1995 and cost \$3,339,012. The history behind acquiring the property was then reviewed by Mr. Love as well as the significant importance of the land. The different animals on the property include migrant waterfowl, wading and shore birds, migrating songbirds, mourning doves, hawks, owls, deer, rabbits, squirrel, furbearing animals, reptiles and amphibians. The new property would be called Buckhorn Wildlife Management Area after a hunting club that operated in that area for decades. Vice-Chairman Carver felt the state was very lucky to acquire this land and that it should be an excellent WMA. Mr. Bateman stated this acquisition was the most complex and difficult to pull off. He then complimented Mr. Love on the fine job he did in securing this land for the Department. The hunting seasons for Buckhorn WMA would be included in the packet and would be the same as those for the Big Lake WMA. *state*

Mr. Bateman stated the U.S. Corps of Engineers acquired a piece of property in the Atchafalaya Basin area and would be signing the final contract before the 1995-96 seasons began. Mr. Mike Palmieri with the Corps of Engineers announced the Corps would take possession of an additional 15,000 acres of land in the Atchafalaya Basin area. He then asked the Commission to promulgate the same seasons and bag limits as ~~what~~ they have on current lands owned by the Corps.

At this point, Mr. Bateman read the statewide season dates for the record. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the regulations and this was seconded by Commissioner Cormier. Vice-Chairman Carver complimented the staff in trying to make everyone happy and asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, supported the efforts and request by the Bayou State Bowhunters Association to extend the deer season in Areas 6 and 8. Also, the Federation requested the Commission consider allowing the use of tracking dogs to locate wounded deer. Mr. Bateman stated the tracking dogs issue was an enforcement problem. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 1995.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and public comment, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1995 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule. For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request at Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 and at the Office of the State Register, 1051 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS

(Shooting hours - one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 23 - Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 7 - Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 7 - Jan. 28	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6/season (By all Methods)
Turkey	Separate turkey hunting regulations will be promulgated in November 1995 and published in December 1995.		

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 15	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 28-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
3	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Dec. 1 Dec. 16-Jan. 4	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Dec. 9-Jan. 7	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	

5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Nov.26	Dec. 2-Dec. 8 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 21
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Nov. 5 Nov. 18-Nov.26	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 16 - Jan. 21
8	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 21	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4

CITATION: None - Changes annually

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: (July 1995).

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

A Notice of Intent for the 1996 Spring Turkey Hunting Dates and WMA Regulations began with Mr. Hugh Bateman reminding the Commission the staff recommended the turkey regulations be separated from the hunting season pamphlet. One reason for this change was to gather additional data and make better recommendations. This Notice of Intent would go through the normal Administrative Procedure Act process. Mr. Bateman read the dates for the three areas for the 1996 turkey season. The dates were only calendar adjustments from the 1995 season along with consolidation of areas in an effort to reduce the number of different seasons in the state. Vice-Chairman Carver stated his business was a check station for turkeys and asked if there was any way to let the public know where the different stations are located? Mr. Bateman stated the staff has discussed this and felt that maybe a listing of one in each parish could be included in the new pamphlet. He then explained the concept of hunting turkeys and explained the Division was trying to raise the profile of the wild turkey by consolidating some of the rules and regulations on the wildlife management areas. The resolution was read by Mr. Bateman. Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to accept the resolution. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey and passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, the authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allowing for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary of the Department the authority to promulgate the final rule provided no significant controversies arise.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting Hours - one-half hour before
sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 16 - April 21
B	April 6 - April 21
C	March 16 - March 24

CITATION: None - Changes Annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from August through November. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 29, 1995 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent on Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds was handled by Mr. Fred Kimmel. Mr. Kimmel stated the wild quadrupeds included black bears, grizzly bears, polar bears, gray wolves, red wolves and mountain lions or cougars. Possession has been prohibited since 1988 and now the Department felt this rule should be separate from the Game Breeders Rule. The possession of the animals poses a threat not only to the owners but to the general public as well, commented Mr. Kimmel. Some of the animals included are endangered and others are very similar in appearance to ~~their endangered~~ subspecies. Those individuals with one of these type animals would be "grandfathered" into this Rule and exceptions would be granted to zoos, scientific organizations and educational institutions. Mr. Kimmel stated wolf-dog hybrids were not included in this Rule because of the difficulty in identifying this particular animal.

Mr. Hilton Cole, East Baton Rouge Parish Animal Control Center, began commending the Department on this process because of the fact it is a public health and safety issue. He then explained why he would like to see wolf hybrids included in this rule as well *BECAUSE OF* the dangers they pose. A USDA approved vaccine has not been

developed yet to prevent rabies in these animals and so if ~~it~~^{it} should bite a person, that animal would have to be sacrificed to test it for rabies. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta as well as all of the major Humane Societies are against wolf hybrids being kept as pets. Mr. Cole requested the following being added to the Notice of Intent that would require certain criteria before enforcing the law. These include: an advertisement selling wolf hybrids, if the animal is registered as a wolf hybrid, or if the animal has a rabies vaccination tag stating it is a wolf hybrid, or if a citizen signs a notarized affidavit that an animal is a wolf hybrid.

Vice-Chairman Carver stated he would like to see the wolf hybrids added to this rule. He then asked for a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, authority to regulating possession of wild quadrupeds is vested with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, 56:1904F, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted rules and regulations for the Game Breeders program in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act in October of 1988, and prohibited possession of certain wild quadrupeds and

WHEREAS, these rules and regulations for pen specifications, licensing procedures and general requirements have been in effect since 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has reviewed these rules and created a separate rule prohibiting possession of certain wild quadrupeds which must be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the attached rules governing the Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrapeds by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Notice of Intent is also being submitted in order to establish a permanent rule concerning this issue through the Administrative Procedure Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary of the Department the authority to promulgate the Final Rule provided no significant controversy arises.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, 56:171 and 56:1904F, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrapeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrapeds

§115. Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrapeds

A. This Commission finds that possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrapeds poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species.

The size and strength of such animals in concert with their natural and unpredictable predatory nature can result in severe injury or death when an attack upon a human occurs. Often such attacks are unprovoked and a person other than the owner, often a child, is the victim. Furthermore, there is no approved rabies

vaccine for such animals, so even minor scratches and injuries inflicted upon humans or other animals could be deadly.

Responsible possession of these potentially dangerous wild quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities. Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

Certain of these animals are listed as endangered species and others are so similar in appearance to endangered subspecies as to make practical distinction difficult. This similarity of appearance may provide a means to market illegally obtained endangered animals and can limit the effective enforcement of endangered species laws.

B. This Commission regulation prohibits possession of certain wild quadruped as follows.

C. No person shall possess within the State of Louisiana, any of the following species or its subspecies of live wild quadrupeds, domesticated or otherwise:

1. Cougar or mountain lion (Felis concolor)
2. Black bear (Ursus americanus)
3. Grizzly bear (Ursus arctos)
4. Polar bear (Ursus maritimus)
5. Red wolf (Canis rufus)
6. Gray wolf (Canis lupus)

D. Valid game breeder license holders for these species legally possessed prior to October 1, 1988, will be "grandfathered" and renewed annually until existing captive animals expire, or are legally transferred out of state, or are transferred to a suitable public facility. No additional animals may be acquired.

E. Qualified educational institutions, zoos, and scientific organization may be exempted from this prohibition on a case by case basis upon written application to the Secretary. Minimum pen requirements for exempted educational institutions, zoos and scientific organization are as follows:

1. Bears
 - a. single animal - 25 feet long x 12 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;

b. pair - 30 feet long x 15 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;

c. materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;

d. safety perimeter rail;

e. pool - 6 feet x 4 feet x 18 inches deep with facilities for spraying or wetting bear(s);

2. Wolf

a. 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 6 feet high per animal, covered roof;

b. secluded den area 4 feet x 4 feet for each animal;

c. materials - chain link wire or equivalent;

d. safety perimeter rail;

3. Cougar, Mountain lion

a. single animal - 10 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;

b. pair - 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;

c. materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;

d. safety perimeter rail;

e. claw log;

f. shelf - 24 inch wide x 8 feet long, 40 inches off floor.

F. This rule supersedes any prior Commission rule regulating possession of the live wild quadrupeds listed herein on specifically subparagraphs 10, 11 and 12 of paragraph B, Title 76, Part V, Chapter 1, §107.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, and 56:1904F.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m. September 5, 1995.

The Commission finds that possession of the wild quadrupeds listed herein poses significant hazards to public safety and health and is detrimental to the welfare of the animals. This Declaration of Emergency will allow for continued possession of those animals currently licensed and will not prohibit possession by bonafide zoos, educational and scientific institutions. This Commission will take the necessary steps to establish a permanent rule governing possession of the animals listed by means of normal rule making process.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules governing possession of certain wild quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§115. Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds

A. This Commission finds that possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrupeds poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species.

The size and strength of such animals in concert with their natural and unpredictable predatory nature can result in severe injury or death when an attack upon a human occurs. Often such attacks are unprovoked and a person other than the owner, often a child, is the victim. Furthermore, there is no approved rabies vaccine for such animals, so even minor scratches and injuries inflicted upon humans or other animals could be deadly.

Responsible possession of these potentially dangerous wild quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities.

Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

Certain of these animals are listed as endangered species and others are so similar in appearance to endangered subspecies as to make practical distinction difficult. This similarity of appearance may provide a means to market illegally obtained endangered animals and can limit the effective enforcement of endangered species laws.

B. This Commission regulation prohibits possession of certain wild quadruped as follows.

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3. Grizzly bear (Ursus arctos)
4. Polar bear (Ursus maritimus)
5. Red wolf (Canis rufus)
6. Gray wolf (Canis lupus)

D. Valid game breeder license holders for these species legally possessed prior to October 1, 1988, will be "grandfathered" and renewed annually until existing captive animals expire, or are legally transferred out of state, or are transferred to a suitable public facility. No additional animals may be acquired.

E. Qualified educational institutions, zoos, and scientific organization may be exempted from this prohibition on a case by case basis upon written application to the Secretary. Minimum pen requirements for exempted educational institutions, zoos and scientific organization are as follows:

1. Bears
 - a. single animal - 25 feet long x 12 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;
 - b. pair - 30 feet long x 15 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;
 - c. materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;

- d. safety perimeter rail;
 - e. pool - 6 feet x 4 feet x 18 inches deep with facilities for spraying or wetting bear(s);
2. Wolf
- a. 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 6 feet high per animal, covered roof;
 - b. secluded den area 4 feet x 4 feet for each animal;
 - c. materials - chain link wire or equivalent;
 - d. safety perimeter rail;
3. Cougar, Mountain lion
- a. single animal - 10 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;
 - b. pair - 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;
 - c. materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;
 - d. safety perimeter rail;
 - e. claw log;
 - f. shelf - 24 inch wide x 8 feet long, 40 inches off floor.

F. This rule supersedes any prior Commission rule regulating possession of the live wild quadrupeds listed herein on specifically subparagraphs 10, 11 and 12 of paragraph B, Title 76, Part V, Chapter 1, §107.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, and 56:1904F.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m. September 5, 1995.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Mr. Dave Morrison handled the **Tentative Season Dates for Early Season Migratory Birds (Dove, Teal, Rails, Snipes, Gallinules & Woodcock)** stating the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established tentative frameworks for doves, snipes, rails, gallinules and teal season. Louisiana's official adoption of the dates by the Fish and Wildlife Service would occur in August 1995. Mr. Morrison reviewed the Wildlife Division's recommendations for the different seasons:

Dove: 70 day option, Daily bag limit 12, possession limit 24
September 2 - September 10, October 21 - November 20 and
December 16 - January 14. Shooting hours: One-half hour before
sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on September 2-3, October
21-22 and December 16-17. A 60 day option was also noted by Mr.
Morrison.

Teal: September 16 - September 24, daily bag limit 4,
possession limit of 8, blue-winged, green-winged and Cinnamon teal
only. Outlook for teal and ducks was very promising.

Rails: September 16 - September 24, and November 11 - January
10. King and Clapper - daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate,
possession 30; Sora and Virginia - daily bag and possession 25 in
the aggregate.

Gallinules: September 16 - September 24, and November 11 -
January 10; daily bag limit 15, possession 30.

Snipe: November 4 - February 18, daily bag limit 8,
possession 16.

Woodcock: November 28 - January 31, daily bag limit 5,
possession 10.

Hearing no questions, Mr. Morrison read the Therefore Be It
Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Vujnovich made a
motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner
Hanchey. The motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA,
July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt those season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this Resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Glynn Carver, Vice-Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

A Declaration of Emergency for the Wild Alligator Harvest Dates Recommendation was handled by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. Since 1972 when hunting began on the alligator, close to 400,000 alligators have been harvested. In 1994, harvesting numbers reached approximately 27,000 with the size averaging 7 feet. The wild alligator harvest brings about \$7,000,000 into the economy for the

skins and about \$3,000,000 from the meat. The average price for 1994 was \$37.00 a foot and it was anticipated to be as good or a little better for 1995. Mr. Tarver read the Declaration of Emergency for the record. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency 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), and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly meeting held July 6, 1995 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana does hereby set the 1995 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be September 2, 1995 through October 1, 1995.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Rule Ratification on the **Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne** began with Mr. Ron Dugas asking for a final vote on action taken at the March 1995 meeting. He noted the Department did not receive any written comments on the proposed rule. Commissioner Vujnovich asked if this area would be an addition to the public oyster seed ground? Feeling this was a good idea, Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to accept the Rule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and passed with no opposition.

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

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set aside additional areas in Lake Borgne, St. Bernard Parish as public oyster seed grounds. This is being done under the authority vested in them through R.S. 56:434.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§513. Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne

The Lake Borgne Public Oyster Seed Ground is described as that portion of the state waterbottoms beginning at the most northerly point of Malheureux Point (Y-518,620) (X-2,584,920) on the southern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence southwesterly a distance of 16.6 miles to the most easterly point of Proctor Point (Y-468,858) (X-2,512,804) on the southwestern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northerly a distance of 5.6 miles to the most easterly point of Alligator Point (Y-498,467) (X-2,511,442) on the northern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northeasterly along the northern shore line of Lake Borgne a distance of 19.1 miles to the intersection with the western shore line of the Pearl River (Y-553,875) (X-2,569,290); thence northerly along the western shore line of the Pearl River a distance of 0.25 miles to a point (Y-555,214) (X-2,569,277) on the western shore line of the Pearl River; thence easterly a distance of 1.15 miles to the Pearl River Beacon No. 8 (Y-556,011) (X-2,571,507); thence southeasterly a distance of 7.5 miles to the point of beginning.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:434.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: (July 1995).

Glynn Carver
Vice-Chairman

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update for the month of June was provided by Mrs. Wynnette Kees. During the month, 45 cases were assessed for a value of \$31,000 and payment was received on 18 cases which totaled \$3,600. The Department entered into a new contract with Mr. Brian Babin as collecting attorney and to represent the Department in cases that are ~~repealed~~ through the

appealed

court system. Demand letters were also sent out by Mr. Babin on 12 outstanding cases.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** was given by Captain Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of June.

- Region I - Minden - 64 citations.
- Region II - Monroe - 140 citations.
- Region III - Alexandria - 110 citations.
- Region IV - Ferriday - 52 citations.
- Region V - Lake Charles - 98 citations.
- Region VI - Opelousas - 125 citations.
- Region VII - Baton Rouge - 120 citations.
- Region VIII - New Orleans - 232 citations.
- Region IX - Thibodaux - 142 citations.
- Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 17 citations.
- Statewide Strike Force - 74 citations.
- Oyster Strike Force - 32 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,312.

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. During the month of June, a field trip was taken by Secretary Herring, Mr. Corky Perret and Commissioner Vujnovich to the Marine Lab where the Department and LSU ~~was~~ ^{were} conducting a workshop for the upland teachers in Louisiana. Commissioner Vujnovich gave a history of the oyster industry to the teachers. From the teachers, the Department received word that they enjoyed the workshop and learned a lot from it and hoped to come back for an advanced course next year.

In the lobby of the Baton Rouge Headquarters building was a display of the posters produced by the Information & Education Division. Secretary Herring then explained about the different sections within the Department that are trying to market some of their productions. Future publications are being worked on such as for endangered species for Louisiana. A new publication, "Viewing Wildlife in Louisiana", was due to be available by September or October.

Mr. Marvin McGraw, Channel 2 News, went to the Marine Lab and began a documentary on the brown pelican. Also, he obtained some footage of the classroom activities with the teachers.

Thirteen different types of Information & Education courses were taught during June with 62 classes and 2,459 students participating.

Nichols Construction Company donated a front end loader to the Department for use on all of the Wildlife Management Areas. Secretary Herring expressed the Department's appreciation for the donation.

On Sherburne WMA vandals damaged one of the water control structures and this resulted in the flooding of 300 acres of freshly planted hardwood trees. Operation Game Thief was offering a \$1,000 reward with hopes ^{of} finding the vandals.

On the Fisher Tract land a timber practice would begin this year after cleaning up after a storm that went through the area.

Bobwhite quail counts continued where the red-cockaded woodpecker appeared on some of the WMA lands and the U.S. Forest Service's land.

Senator John Breaux visited the Rockefeller Refuge and brought with him the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries and the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He looked at two or three different projects while in Louisiana but the main reason for the trip was to possibly establish a sea turtle hatchery in Louisiana.

The renovation of the Beechwood Fish Hatchery was completed and the Department accepted it from the contractor. Work is moving faster in construction than expected on the new fish hatchery being built adjacent to the Beechwood Hatchery. It was hoped to have a dedication ceremony for the hatchery in November or December 1995.

Nesting surveys on the double-crested cormorants were conducted on Toledo Bend by the Inland Fisheries Division for a study.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed approximately 3,951 acres by boat. The reduction in employees and mild winters over the last three years ^{has} caused problems in controlling the water hyacinths.

Shell ^{HAVE} ~~planning~~ ^{PLANTING} activities on Sister Lake were completed. This project was visited by Secretary Herring, Mr. Corky Perret and Commissioner Vujnovich while visiting the Marine Lab.

Various meetings were held with ^{the} Department of Natural Resources and private oyster people on oyster production and how

the freshwater diversions were affecting the oyster industry, permits required and wording to protect the Department from future law suits.

A lot of different activities occurred at the Marine Lab including work on the spotted seatrout, redfish and other species. Also, personnel from LUMCON, Texas A&M, LSU and other universities were down at the Marine Lab visiting and conducting coastal work.

The Seismic Section personnel inspected 73 different sites and attended meetings with the different oil companies.

The Wildlife Division was again contacting individual land owners and requesting ~~these~~ lands be leased for use during the upcoming dove season by the public.

From his trip with Secretary Herring, Commissioner Vujnovich stated it has been a long time since he has seen the population of brown pelicans on Queen Bess Island. He then stated he felt the restoration of the barrier islands would help the coast and the seafood industry in Louisiana.

Vice-Chairman ^{CARVER} stated the August meeting site needed to be changed due to certain circumstances. The Commissioners voted to hold the August Commission meeting in Baton Rouge. Commissioner Vujnovich abstained from voting since he lives in the Buras area.

Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to hold the **November 1995 Meeting** on Thursday, November 2, 1995 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cormier and passed with no opposition.

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Cormier made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded Commissioner Hanchey.

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
July 6, 1995
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
- II-208 2. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 1995
- I-48 3. Acknowledge and Presentation to the Big Buck Hunting Club - Kerney Sonnier
4. Discussion to Change Opening Date for Speckled Trout Season - Tee John Mialjevich
5. Discussion to Change Recreational Size Limit on Speckled Trout from 12" to 14" - Tee John Mialjevich
- II-291 6. Aircraft Report - Lee Caubarreaux
- II-308 7. Ratification of 1995-96 Resident Game Hunting Seasons - Hugh Bateman
- II-526 8. Notice of Intent - 1996 Spring Turkey Hunting Dates and WMA Regulations - Hugh Bateman
- III-000 9. Declaration of Emergency & Notice of Intent - Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds - Fred Kimmel
10. Tentative Season Dates for Early Season Migratory Birds (Dove, Teal, Rails, Snipes, Gallinules & Woodcock) - Dave Morrison
- I-93 11. Notice of Intent on Trail Ride Prohibition for WMA's - Tommy Prickett VIDEO
- III-328 12. Wild Alligator Harvest Dates Recommendation - Declaration of Emergency - Johnnie Tarver
- III-360 13. Rule Ratification - Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne - Ron Dugas
14. Rule Ratification - License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines - Harry Blanchet
- III-382 15. Civil Restitution/Class 1 Update - Wynnette Kees
- III-399 16. Enforcement Report/June - Winton Vidrine
- III-474 17. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe Herring
- IV-170 18. Set November 1995 Meeting Date

19. Public Comments

20. Adjourn

Resolution
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas are becoming more popular each year, and

WHEREAS, this growing popularity has resulted in crowds of up to 3,000 participants using access trails and roads designed for low volume traffic, and

WHEREAS, organized trail rides have caused excessive damage to roads and trails, and

WHEREAS, organized trail rides have caused environmental damage by destroying trees and vegetation necessary to support wildlife by riding off the designated trails, and

WHEREAS, riding off the designated trails has also damaged sensitive wetland soils, and

WHEREAS, organized trail rides have resulted in large quantities of litter defacing pristine areas, and

WHEREAS, organized events with large numbers of participants have caused conflicts with other WMA users, and

WHEREAS, the use of alcohol and the conduct of some participants are dangerous and expose the state to excessive liability, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Division does not have adequate staff to effectively police crowds of up to 3,000 people, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Wildlife Management Area program is to propagate native wildlife, protect and enhance wildlife habitat, and to provide compatible outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, organized trail rides, while recreation, have been determined to be incompatible with this mission, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the responsibility of stewardship for these dedicated wildlife management areas, and the authority to promulgate such rules as necessary to carry out the above stated mission, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that organized trail rides shall not be permitted on Wildlife Management Areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary the authority to promulgate the Final Rule provided no significant controversies arise.



Perry Gisclair, Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



Joe L. Herring, Secretary
LA Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

RULE
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1995 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting in July, hereby ratifies regulations pertaining to organized trail riding activities on wildlife management areas and refuges. Authority is vested in the Commission by Title 56, Sections 109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782, 785.

Title 76
Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 1. Responsibilities, Duties and Regulations
Section 109. Trail Rides on WMAs

Organized trail rides are not consistent with the purpose and operations of Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and/or State of Louisiana and shall not be permitted. No special permits or exemptions to existing rules shall be issued by the Department for organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges managed by the Department under lease from other parties.

For the purposes of this rule, an Organized Trail Ride shall include but not be limited to:

1. Any gathering where participants tender a fee or donation to any entity other than the Department to participate in a group activity such as all terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, or wagon riding; or

2. Any event whose primary purpose is the use of trails that is advertised in any way to attract participants; or

3. Any event involving the use of trails at which there are vendors selling commodities whether such commodities are sold for profit or not; or
4. Any organized event or gathering of individuals involving any manner of conveyance or conveyances to be used on the WMA that causes excessive damage to roads, trails, or to the habitat.

Authority Note: Promulgated in accordance with RS 56:109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782 and 785.

Historical Note: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR __: (1995)

NOTICE OF INTENT
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting in July, hereby gives its Notice of Intent to promulgate a Rule governing trail rides and related activities on Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges. Authority is vested in the Commission by Title 56, Sections 109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782, 785.

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Interested parties may submit any comments in writing to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000. Comments must be submitted by Tuesday, September 5, 1995.

Authority Note: Promulgated in accordance with RS 56:109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782 and 785.

Historical Note: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 1995.

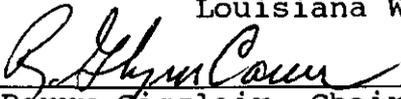
WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

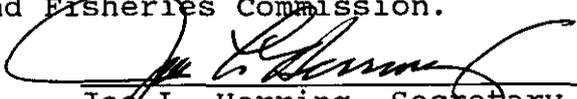
WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and public comment, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Perry Gislair, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission



Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1995 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1995-August 31, 1996. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule along with the complete copy of the regulations.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000.

CITATION: None - changes annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
 (Shooting hours - one-half hour
 before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 23 - Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 7 - Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 7 - Jan. 28	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6/season (By all Methods)
Turkey	Separate turkey hunting regulations will be promulgated in November 1995 and published in December 1995.		

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 15	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 28-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
3	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Dec. 1 Dec. 16-Jan. 4	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Dec. 9-Jan. 7	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	
5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Nov. 26	Dec. 2-Dec. 8 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 21
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Nov. 5 Nov. 18-Nov. 26	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 16 - Jan. 21
8	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 21	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, authority to regulating possession of wild quadrupeds is vested with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, 56:1904F, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted rules and regulations for the Game Breeders program in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act in October of 1988, and prohibited possession of certain wild quadrupeds and

WHEREAS, these rules and regulations for pen specifications, licensing procedures and general requirements have been in effect since 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has reviewed these rules and created a separate rule prohibiting possession of certain wild quadrupeds which must be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, and

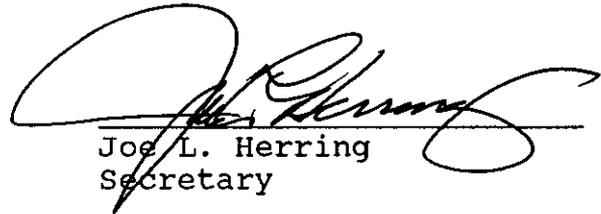
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the attached rules governing the Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Notice of Intent is also being submitted in order to establish a permanent rule concerning this issue through the Administrative Procedures Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary of the Department the authority to promulgate the Final Rule provided no significant controversy arises.



Perry Gisclair
Chairman



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Declaration of Emergency

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, 56:171 and 56:1904F, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

A. This Commission finds that possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrupeds poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species.

The size and strength of such animals in concert with their natural and unpredictable predatory nature can result in severe injury or death when an attack upon a human occurs. Often such attacks are unprovoked and a person other than the owner, often a child, is the victim. Furthermore, there is no approved rabies vaccine for such animals, so even minor scratches and injuries inflicted upon humans or other animals could be deadly.

Responsible possession of these potentially dangerous wild quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities. Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

Certain of these animals are listed as endangered species and others are so similar in appearance to endangered subspecies as to make practical distinction difficult. This similarity of appearance may provide a means to market illegally obtained endangered animals and can limit the effective enforcement of endangered species laws.

B. This Commission regulation prohibits possession of certain wild quadruped as follows.

C. No person shall possess within the State of Louisiana, any of the following species or its subspecies of live wild quadrupeds, domesticated or otherwise:

1. Cougar or mountain lion (Felis concolor)
2. Black bear (Ursus americanus)
3. Grizzly bear (Ursus arctos)
4. Polar bear (Ursus maritimus)
5. Red wolf (Canis rufus)
6. Gray wolf (Canis lupus)

D. Valid game breeder license holders for these species legally possessed prior to October 1, 1988, will be "grandfathered" and renewed annually until existing captive animals expire, or are legally transferred out of state, or are transferred to a suitable public facility. No additional animals may be acquired.

E. Qualified educational institutions, zoos, and scientific organization may be exempted from this prohibition on a case by case basis upon written application to the Secretary. Minimum pen requirements for exempted educational institutions, zoos and scientific organization are as follows:

Bears

- a. Single animal - 25 feet long x 12 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;
- b. Pair - 30 feet long x 15 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;
- c. Materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;
- d. Safety perimeter rail;
- e. Pool - 6 feet x 4 feet x 18 inches deep with facilities for spraying or wetting bear(s);

Wolf

- a. 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 6 feet high per animal, covered roof;
- b. Secluded den area 4 feet x 4 feet for each animal;
- c. Materials - chain link wire or equivalent;
- d. safety perimeter rail;

Cougar, Mountain lion

- a. Single animal - 10 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;
- b. Pair - 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high,

covered roof;

c. Materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;

d. Safety perimeter rail;

e. Claw log;

f. Shelf - 24 inch wide x 8 feet long, 40 inches off floor.

F. This rule supersedes any prior Commission rule regulating possession of the live wild quadrupeds listed herein on specifically sub parts 10, 11 and 12 of Title 76, Part V, Chapter 1, Section 107.

The Commission finds that possession of the wild quadrupeds listed herein poses significant hazards to public safety and health and is detrimental to the welfare of the animals. This Declaration of Emergency will allow for continued possession of those animals currently licensed and will not prohibit possession by bonafide zoos, educational and scientific institutions. This Commission will take the necessary steps to establish a permanent rule governing possession of the animals listed by means of normal rule making process.

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

Notice of Intent

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules governing possession of certain wild quadrupeds.

Title 76 Wildlife and Fisheries

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

Section 115. Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds

A. This Commission finds that possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrupeds poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species.

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quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities. Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

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- a. Single animal - 10 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;
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- d. Safety perimeter rail;
- e. Claw log;
- f. Shelf - 24 inch wide x 8 feet long, 40 inches off floor.

F. This rule supersedes any prior Commission rule regulating possession of the live wild quadrupeds listed herein on specifically sub parts 10, 11 and 12 of Title 76, Part V, Chapter 1, Section 107.

Authority Note: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, and 56:1904F.

Historical Note: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R.____:95.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Post Office Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m. September 5, 1995.

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and

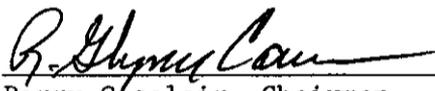
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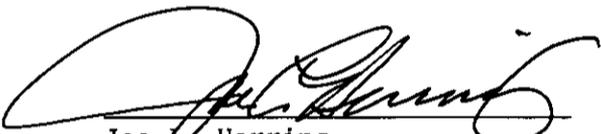
WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary of the Department the authority to promulgate the final rule provided no significant controversies arise.


Perry Gasclair, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission


Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from August-November. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 29, 1995 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

CITATION: None - Changes annually

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
 (Shooting hours - one-half hour
 before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 16-Apr. 21
B	April 6-Apr. 21
C	March 16-March 24

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TURKEY HUNTING
REGULATIONS
1996

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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1996 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON
SCHEDULE

Daily limit one gobbler, three per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys are illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

Turkey baiting is hereby defined as the placing or distributing of harvested grain such as, but not limited to, corn, wheat or milo in such a manner so as to constitute a lure or attraction to any area where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A person shall be deemed to be hunting over bait if he is in the act of hunting (calling or in a blind) within 100 yards of a baited site. A baited site is only and specifically that immediate area where bait is deposited.

Any area where a hunter or hunters are found hunting or attempting to take turkeys over bait during the open turkey hunting season shall be immediately closed to hunting by posting signs circumscribing the bait site by a distance of 100 yards in all directions from the bait site. The signs shall read "Posted--Baited Area--Closed to Hunting." The area shall remain closed until all bait has been removed and for fifteen (15) days afterward.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

TURKEY HUNTING SEASON
Open Only in the Following Areas:

Area A
March 16-April 21
(Formerly Areas A & B)

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Ascension, Assumption, Iberville:

North of La. 70 from La. 1 to the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the east protection levee northward to I-10, south of I-10 from

its jct. with the east protection levee at Ramah to La. 1, south and west of La. 1 from I-10 to La. 70. Also, that portion of Iberville Parish lying north of I-10 EXCEPT see Sherburne for special season on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne's boundaries.

Avoyelles - That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport; on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. Hwy. 1, on the south by La. 1, eastward to Simmesport, EXCEPT that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Beauregard - North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, west of Hwy. 171 from the jct. of Hwy. 26 south to Calcasieu Parish.

Calcasieu - West of U. S. 171 north of I-10 and north of I-10 from the jct. of U. S. 171 to Texas State line.

Caldwell - West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula - West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. Hwy. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126.

ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed below.

Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas - East of U. S. 65 from the Arkansas line to U. S. 80, south of U. S. 80 westward to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U. S. 65 from Clayton to jct. of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in East Carroll, Tensas and Madison Parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Evangeline - North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

LaSalle - All lands lying west of La. 127 from Caldwell Parish line to junction of La. 124. South of La. 124 to junction of La. 124 and La. 126. West of La. 126 to junction with La. 503. North of La. 503 to Summerville. West of La. 127 from Summerville to Little River. Also that portion of land east of La. 126 from Caldwell parish line to Catahoula Parish line.

Pointe Coupee - All EXCEPT that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10 northward from U. S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlange to U. S. 190

St. Landry, Upper St. Martin - Those portions bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, south by the

Southern Natural Pipeline from the west guide levee south of Catahoula to its jct. with the Atchafalaya River - Whiskey Bay Channel northward to I-10. Also that portion of St. Martin lying north of I-10, EXCEPT, see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal, and private lands within the Sherburne boundaries. Also that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the west Atchafalaya Guide Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O. G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R right-of-way westward to U. S. 71 and the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10

Winn - Only that portion within the boundaries of National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve.

Area B
April 6-April 21
(Formerly Area D)

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from Texas line to U. S. 71, east of U. S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the Desoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84 from U.S. 171 to the Texas line.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north of La. 146 from Chatham to La. 155, north of La. 155 to La. 542, north of La. 542 to Quitman, north of La. 155 to Bienville parish line.

Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line.

Union: West of Bayou DeLoutre from Arkansas line to La. 33, west and north of La. 33 to La. 15 west of D'Arbonne Lake, west of La. 15 to La. 145, north of La. 145 to Downsville and Lincoln parish line. - West of U.S. 167

AREA C
March 16-March 24
(Formerly Area E)

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Concordia - North and east of Old River (Deer Park) from State line northward to Deer Park Road, north of Deer Park Road to Mississippi River Levee, east and north of Mississippi River levee to Tensas Line.

Tensas - East and south of Mississippi River Levee northward from Concordia parish line to Hwy. 3078. South of 3078 (Port Gibson Ferry Road) to Mississippi River.

1996
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

GENERAL

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Consult the 1995-96 Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for more detailed rules and regulations governing the Wildlife Management Areas.

Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off road travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only.

Bag limits on WMAs are a part of your season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Area shall be one per area, not to exceed 2 per season for all WMAs. Be reminded that the bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three per season including those taken on WMAs.

No hunting within 100 yards of designated (marked) turkey plotson Bens Creek and Tunica Hills WMAs.

PERMITS

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS: All turkey hunts are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

LOTTERY HUNTS: Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou and Sherburne WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is January 31, 1996. Application fee of five dollars must be sent with application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any District office for application forms. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters on these areas must have their turkey checked and validated at the appropriate stations prior to leaving the area.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055, Phone (318) 371-3050; 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203, Phone (318) 343-4044; 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360, Phone (318) 487-5885; P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334, Phone (318) 757-4571; 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, 70601, Phone (318) 491-2575; 105 Avenue of the Acadians, Opelousas, 70570, Phone (318) 948-0255; or P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898-9000, Phone (504) 765-2360.

Wildlife Management Turkey Hunting Schedule*

Wildlife Management Area	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates** (See Page)
Bens Creek	March 16-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Beouf	March 16-March 24	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 16-March 24	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	April 6-April 21	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 16-April 7	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 16-March 31	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	March 16-17 March 18-20
Fort Polk	March 16-April 21	Self-clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 6-April 14	Self-clearing	April 6-7 April 8-10
Grassy Lake	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	April 6-April 21	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 16-March 31	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 6-April 14	Self-clearing	April 6-7 April 8-10
Pearl River	March 16-March 31	Self-clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 16-April 21	Self-clearing	None

Pomme de Terre	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	None
Sandy Hollow	March 16-April 7	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	March 16-17 March 18-20
Three Rivers	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 16-March 31	Self-clearing	None

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed shall have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED.

**THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL TURKEY LOTTERY HUNTS ON WMAs IS JANUARY 31,1996.

Volunteer Turkey Weigh and Check Stations

In an effort to better manage Louisiana's turkey population, volunteer check and weigh stations are located throughout the state at local sporting good stores, grocery stores and hunting clubs. Scales and data sheets are located at the stations for your convenience. Please have your turkey weighed and measured at one of these stations. By recording your turkey, you automatically are eligible for one of three shotguns to be given away in the early summer. Contact your local district office for a location near you.

OUTDOORS/GOLF/CYCLING

LWFCC passes 70-day dove season with 12 bag limit

New turkey hunting proposals, changes raise a few eyebrows

By JOE MACALUSO
Advocate outdoors writer

A proposal returning dove hunters to a 70-day season with a bag limit of 12 doves a day was passed by Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its monthly meeting Thursday.

For the last four years, the seasons have gone back and forth between a 70-day season and a 12-bird daily limit—a 60-day season with a 15-bird daily limit.

The 60-day seasons and increased bag limit is preferred by hunters in North Louisiana. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologists have suggested the 70-day seasons each year. Biologist Dave Morrison said hunter surveys indicate a preference for the 70-day season.

Also included in the migratory birds package were approved recommendations for a Sept. 16-24, special nine-day teal season along with seasons and bag limits for ralls, gallinules, snipe and woodcock.

These will be forwarded to Washington, D.C., for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for approval.

"We don't anticipate any holdup in these seasons," Wildlife Division administrator Hugh Bateman said. "All the signs point to these dates and bag limits being approved and ready for hunters."

The first split of the morning dove season is set, as usual, for the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2).

The commission, working with only four of its seven members present,

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also ratified hunting seasons on resident game — deer, squirrels, rabbits and quail — and posted a Notice of Intent on the 1996 turkey hunting season. Commission chairman Perry Glaslar was having minor complications after gall-bladder surgery, while Jeff Schneider was out of the country. Tee John Malajevich announced his resignation from the commission last week.

The turkey hunting season raised the most eyebrows, because it held several changes for the state's growing number of turkey hunters. The proposed regulations have trimmed the long-standing five-turkey hunting areas in the state to three — areas A, B and C.

The Wildlife Division's plan also calls for changes in its turkey hunting scheme on wildlife management areas (WMA). Changes will prohibit all-terrain vehicle use on roads designated "ATV Only" and limits the area to walk-in hunting only.

The new rules also call for hunters to include any turkeys taken on WMAs to be included in their overall season limit of three turkeys, and that a hunter will be allowed to take

only two turkeys a season on WMA lands.

Next season's regulations also established lottery hunts on Sherburne, Logey Bayou, Georgia-Pacific and Dewey Willis WMAs. All lottery applications must be received at either district or state Wildlife and Fisheries offices by Jan. 31, 1996.

The only major change to the seasons on resident game came in the muzzleloader-only season for deer. Instead of having two separate dates, there will be a statewide Dec. 2-8 season for muzzleloading weapons. It will be an either-sex take, meaning hunters can take bucks and does (antlerless deer), except in Area 5 in West Carroll Parish, which will be a bucks-only area.

In Area 8, which takes in Baton Rouge and all of the Florida Parishes, deer hunters will get two more (from 5 to 7), either-sex hunting days, and the small portion of East Feliciana Parish that had been in Area 2 is now part of Area 8.

In other action, the LWFCC ratified the wild alligator season for Sept. 2-Oct. 1; passed a Notice of Intent to prohibit the possession of wild ani-

mals like bears, mountain lions and red and gray wolves.

At the urging of Baton Rouge Animal Control director Hilton Cole, it's possible that wolf-dog hybrids could also be included. Cole said the cross-breeds "have trouble because they don't know if they're a wolf or a dog... and they have a strong predatory drive."

The LWFCC also voted on a Notice of Intent to ban organized ATV trail rides on wildlife management areas. Wildlife Division assistant administrator Tommy Prickett said an organized ride — the Marango Suicide Run — did an estimated \$500,000 in damage on the Boeuf WMA in May.

Prickett said the only way to stop the damage is to ban the rides. Opposition came from ride organizer Gill Lovelady from Columbia. He said the ride raised \$21,000 for terminally ill children in North Louisiana.

Lovelady, along with Monroe's Brad Tullos, said the ride does no more damage to the WMA than do ATV's used by hunters during the deer season. Tullos vowed to take the matter to the State Legislature if the rule passes.

The LWFCC also learned of this week's purchase of nearly 9,000 acres of bottomland hardwoods in Tensas Parish for a cost of \$8.3 million. The new area will be called the Buckhorn WMA.

The commission also changed the site for its Aug. 3 meeting to Baton Rouge, which will also be the site for the approved Nov. 2 meeting.

HUNTING SEASONS

1995-96 RESIDENT GAME SEASONS

Statewide 1995-96 seasons and bag limits on resident game ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Thursday. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. All possession limits begin the day following open day of seasons: Quail — Nov. 23-Feb. 29. Daily limit 10. Possession limit 20. Rabbit — Oct. 7-Feb. 29. Daily limit 8. Possession limit 16. Squirrel — Oct. 7-Jan. 28. Daily limit 8. Possession limit 16. State divided into eight areas. Daily limit is one buck, except during either-sex seasons when one antlered and one antlerless deer can be taken. Season limit is 6 by all methods. Statewide recovery season runs from Oct. 1-Jan. 21, except in Oct. 1-Jan. 31 in Area 1.

PROPOSED MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS

Proposed statewide 1995-96 seasons and bag limits on migratory birds passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Thursday and subject to approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except for mourning doves. All possession limits begin the day following open day of seasons: Mourning Doves (70 days) — Sept. 2-10, Oct. 21-Nov. 20. Dec. 18-Jan. 14. Daily limit 12. Possession limit 24. Shooting hours are noon-sunset on Sept. 2-9, Oct. 21-22 and Dec. 16-17. All other days one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

PROPOSED TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

Proposed statewide 1996 seasons for wild turkeys by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Proposed daily limit is 1. Proposed season limit is 3. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. (NOTE: The proposal has reduced the areas in the state from five in 1995 to three in 1996.) Area A — March 16-April 21 Area B — April 5-21 Area C — March 16-March 24 Area A — All of the land in East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, St. Landry, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Vernon, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana (including Racoon Island) parishes, and parts of Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Calumet, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, Evangeline, L'Asselle, Pointe Coupee, St. Landry, Upper St. Martin and Winn parishes. Area B — All of the land in Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River and Webster parishes, and parts of Caddo, DeSoto, Jackson, Morehouse and Union parishes. Area C — Portions of Acyetteles, Concordia and Tensas parishes (formerly Area C).



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BATON ROUGE, LA
July 6, 1995
10:00 AM

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Resolution
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas are becoming more popular each year, and

WHEREAS, this growing popularity has resulted in crowds of up to 3,000 participants using access trails and roads designed for low volume traffic, and

WHEREAS, organized trail rides have caused excessive damage to roads and trails, and

WHEREAS, organized trail rides have caused environmental damage by destroying trees and vegetation necessary to support wildlife by riding off the designated trails, and

WHEREAS, riding off the designated trails has also damaged sensitive wetland soils, and

WHEREAS, organized trail rides have resulted in large quantities of litter defacing pristine areas, and

WHEREAS, organized events with large numbers of participants have caused conflicts with other WMA users, and

WHEREAS, the use of alcohol and the conduct of some participants are dangerous and expose the state to excessive liability, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Division does not have adequate staff to effectively police crowds of up to 3,000 people, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Wildlife Management Area program is to propagate native wildlife, protect and enhance wildlife habitat, and to provide compatible outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, organized trail rides, while recreation, have been determined to be incompatible with this mission, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the responsibility of stewardship for these dedicated wildlife management areas, and the authority to promulgate such rules as necessary to carry out the above stated mission, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that organized trail rides shall not be permitted on Wildlife Management Areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary the authority to promulgate the Final Rule provided no significant controversies arise.

Perry Gisclair, Chairman
LA Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
LA Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular meeting in July, hereby gives its Notice of Intent to promulgate a Rule governing trail rides and related activities on Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges. Authority is vested in the Commission by Title 56, Sections 109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 782, 785.

Title 76
Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 1. Responsibilities, Duties and Regulations
Section 109. Trail Rides on WMAs

Organized trail rides are not consistent with the purpose and operations of Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and/or State of Louisiana and shall not be permitted. No special permits or exemptions to existing rules shall be issued by the Department for organized trail rides on Wildlife Management Areas or Refuges managed by the Department under lease from other parties.

For the purposes of this rule, an Organized Trail Ride shall include but not be limited to:

1. Any gathering where participants tender a fee or donation to any entity other than the Department to participate in a group activity such as all terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, or wagon riding; or

2. Any event whose primary purpose is the use of trails that is advertised in any way to attract participants; or

3. Any event involving the use of trails at which there are vendors selling commodities whether such commodities are sold for profit or not; or

4. Any organized event or gathering of individuals involving any manner of conveyance or conveyances to be used on the WMA that causes excessive damage to roads, trails, ~~the banks of water courses~~, or to the habitat.

Interested parties may submit any comments in writing to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000. Comments must be submitted by Tuesday, September 5, 1995.

Authority Note: Promulgated in accordance with RS 56:109, 115, 752, 754, 763, 7782 and 785.

Historical Note: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

June 22, 1995

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Lee Caubarreaux, Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Aviation Report - May 1995
Total hours listed are:

PILOT	TOTAL HOURS
G. Rackle	8.2
B. Stamey	12.4
M. Windham	2.2
D. Clause	12.2
TOTAL HOURS	35.00

PLANE	FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED ¹ COST (TOTAL)	ACTUAL ² COST (TOTAL)	COMMISSION METHOD
N61092 Amphib	4.7	550.51	2,282.74	982.07
70365 Float-DC	12.2	1,125.21	4,714.67	1,599.91
N2576K Float-MW	8.1	1,041.42	804.33	
N9467Y 210	9.0	1,005.66	11,382.61	1,861.29
N223MS Partenavia	3.4	534.21	3,940.14	926.43
N57266 Aero Commander	3.5			
TOTALS	40.90	4,257.01	19,574.49	5,369.70

¹Estimated Cost is based on an historical average per flight hour.

²Actual Cost substitutes actual maintenance for the month for the average maintenance costs used in the previous figure. This is the only figure used in the calculation of estimated costs that varies significantly from month to month.

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

MAY, 1995

PLANE: N223MS (PARTENAVIA)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/16/95	STAMEY	BR-SHERBURNE WMA-PEARL RIVER WMA-BR: photos	2.5	K. Ribbeck
05/22/95	STAMEY	BR-LAFYETTE: 100 hr. inspection	.9	none
		TOTAL	3.4	
PLANE: N9467Y (210)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/26/95	STAMEY	BR-LOCAL: maintenance flight, new engine	2.2	none
05/26/95	STAMEY	BR-LOCAL: dredging survey, Comite/Amite River	.7	J.W. Smith
05/30/95	STAMEY	BR-MEMPHIS, TN-BR: Lower Miss. Valley Comm. board meeting	4.3	J. Emfinger R. Helm
05/31/95	STAMEY	BR-COLUMBIA-BR: Boeuf WMA	1.8	J. Herring L. Caubarreaux
		TOTAL	9.0	
PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/01/95	CLAUSE	ARA-GRAND ISLE: shrimp patrol	1.4	G. Adams C. Pitre
05/02/95	CLAUSE	GRAND ISLE: shrimp patrol	.5	G. Adams C. Pitre
05/03/95	CLAUSE	GRAND ISLE-ARA: shrimp patrol	1.6	G. Adams C. Pitre
05/25/95	CLAUSE	ARA-NEW ORLEANS-CHANDELEUR SOUND-ARA: out-of-state boats	3.5	D. Folse C. Pitre J. Whitehead
05/27/95	CLAUSE	ARA-GRAND ISLE-ARA: gill nets, shrimp	2.0	C. Pitre
05/28/95	CLAUSE	ARA-OYSTER BAYOU-ARA: shrimp	2.1	C. Pitre
05/29/95	CLAUSE	ARA-VERMILLION BAY AREA-ARA: gill nets	1.1	C. Pitre
		TOTAL	12.2	

PLANE: N61092 (AMPHIB)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/03/95	RACKLE	NO-BR-NO: maintenance	1.7	none
05/10/95	RACKLE	NO-MENA, ARKANSAS: drop off at paint shop	3.0	none
		TOTAL	4.7	

PLANE: N2576K (FLOAT-MW)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/02/95	WINDHAM	NO-POINTE-AU-CHIEN-NO: review Montegut Unit	2.2	J. Tarver
05/15/95	RODRIGUEZ	NO-GONZALES-COASTAL-GONZALES-NO: shrimp opening	5.9	J. Roussel C. Perret
		TOTAL	8.1	

PLANE: N25766 (AERO COMMANDER)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
05/04/95	RACKLE	BR-HOUSTON, TX-BR: sea turtle meeting	3.5	C. Perret B. Savoie
		TOTAL	3.5	

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

June 22, 1995

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Lee Caubarreaux, Assistant Secretary *LC*

SUBJECT: Aviation Report - April 1995
Total hours listed are:

PILOT	TOTAL HOURS
G. Rackle -	50.5
B. Stamey -	24.5
M. Windham -	2.4
D. Clause -	15.1
TOTAL HOURS -	92.50

PLANE	FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED ¹ COST (TOTAL)	ACTUAL ² COST (TOTAL)	COMMISSION METHOD
N61092 Amphib -	33.9	3,970.71	5,173.46	7,083.41
70365 Float-DC -	15.1	1,392.67	3,479.05	1,980.21
N2576K Float-MW -	2.4	308.57	238.32	
N9467Y 210 -	22.8	2,547.67	2,217.53	4,715.27
N223MS Partenavia -	18.3	2,875.30	1,491.21	4,986.38
N57266 Aero Commander -				
TOTALS	92.50	11,094.92	12,599.57	18,765.27

¹Estimated Cost is based on an historical average per flight hour.

²Actual Cost substitutes actual maintenance for the month for the average maintenance costs used in the previous figure. This is the only figure used in the calculation of estimated costs that varies significantly from month to month.

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

APRIL 1995

PLANE: N223MS (PARTENAVIA)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
04/05/95	STAMEY	BR-SE COASTAL ZONE-BR: aquatic weed survey Proj. #5148201	3.2	C. Biggar
04/25/95	STAMEY	BR-N LA WATERWAYS-BR: aquatic weed survey Proj. #	5.1	M. Leatherman
04/26/95	STAMEY	BR-ALEX-BR: Federal Aid No. 5133018	2.9	F. Kimmel
04/27/95	STAMEY	BR-AUBURN, AL: fisheries meeting, Proj. #5140341	2.3	B. Fontenot D. Arnoldi
04/28/95	STAMEY	AUBURN, AL-BR: return flight, Proj. #5140341	2.3	B. Fontenot D. Arnoldi
04/29/95	RACKLE	BR-BASTROP-BR: Law Enforcement Day, display	2.5	none
		TOTAL	18.3	
PLANE: N9467Y (210)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
04/03/95	RACKLE	BR-LCH-W. LA-BR: eagle survey	5.3	G. Perry
04/05/95	RACKLE	BR-NO: reposition	.5	-----
04/07/95	RACKLE	NO-ROCKEFELLER-COASTAL-NO: brown pelican meeting survey	8.3	L. McNeese G. Perry L. Wilson/NRSCS
04/10/95	STAMEY	BR-OP-SW COASTAL ZONE-BR: aquatic weed survey	2.9	C. Dugas
04/12/95	STAMEY	BR-COASTAL ZONE-BR: Loop pipeline	2.1	R. Allemand
04/13/95	STAMEY	BR-LCH-BR: dredging survey	1.7	J. W. Smith
04/18/95	STAMEY	BR-LCH-BR: dredging survey	2.0	J. W. Smith
		TOTAL	22.8	
PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
04/06/95	CLAUDE	MAINT. FLIGHT	1.4	-----
04/13/95	CLAUDE	NI-VERMILLION BAY AREA-NI: gill nets	.9	C. Pitre

04/14/95	CLAUSE	NI-VERMILLION BAY-MARSH ISLAND-NI: shrimp, 3 mi. area	1.3	C. Pitre
04/18/95	CLAUSE	NI-LAKE ARTHUR-NI: ser. & rescue	1.1	-----
04/20/95	CLAUSE	ARA-GRAND ISLE-NI: shrimp	1.2	C. Pitre G. Adams
04/21/95	CLAUSE	GRAND ISLE-LOCAL-ARA: shrimp	1.9	C. Pitre G. Adams
04/26/95	CLAUSE	ARA-GRAND ISLE: shrimp	2.0	C. Pitre G. Adams
04/27/95	CLAUSE	GRAND ISLE-LOCAL: shrimp	1.0	C. Pitre G. Adams
04/28/95	CLAUSE	GRAND ISLE-MARSH ISLAND-FRESHWATER BAYOU-ARA: shrimp	3.0	C. Pitre G. Adams
04/29/95	CLAUSE	MARSH ISLAND-FRESHWATER BAYOU: shrimp	1.3	C. Pitre G. Adams
		TOTAL	15.1	

PLANE: N61092 (AMPHIB)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
04/05/95	RACKLE	NO-BR-NO: maintenance	1.5	-----
04/12/95	RACKLE	NO-COASTAL-MARINE LAB-NO: gill net survey & conference	3.5	J. Roussel Sen. C. Ullo L. Williams, TP
04/13/95	RACKLE	NO-WOODWORTH-PASS-A-LOUTRE-NO: pick up & release Florida bass	5.2	M. Windham
04/18/95	RACKLE	NO-BR: 50hr inspection	1.5	-----
04/20/95	RACKLE	NO-COASTAL-NO: Plaquemine shrimp, boat survey	3.9	-----
04/21/95	RACKLE	NO-COASTAL-BR: facility inspection & fact finding	4.6	C. Perret B. Savoie T. Simmons, Adv.
04/24/95	RACKLE	NO-WOODWORTH-PASS-A-LOUTRE-NO: pick up & release Florida bass	5.5	M. Windham
04/27/95	RACKLE	NO-BR-TEXARKANA-BR-NO: Black Bear conference	5.2	J. Sturgis P. Davison
04/28/95	RACKLE	BR-MINDEN-HOMER-ALEX-BR: meetings	3.0	J. Herring L. Caubarreaux
		TOTAL	33.9	

PLANE: N2576K (FLOAT-MW)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
04/25/95	WINDHAM	NO-SALVADOR WMA-POINTE AU CHIEN WMA-NO: Montegut levee repair, also review management area activities-Salvador WMA	2.4	I. Dares
		TOTAL	2.4	

PLANE: N25766 (AERO COMMANDER)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
		NO FLIGHTS		

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, July 6, 1995.

- WHEREAS,** it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and
- WHEREAS,** authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and
- WHEREAS,** this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and
- WHEREAS,** the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and public comment, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Perry Gisclair, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife &
Fisheries

RULE
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the March 1995 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period September 1, 1995-August 31, 1996. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. A synopsis of season dates is attached and made part of this rule along with the complete copy of the regulations.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge LA 70898-9000.

CITATION: None - changes annually.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
 (Shooting hours - one-half hour
 before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 23 - Feb. 29	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 7 - Feb. 29	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 7 - Jan. 28	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6/season (By all Methods)
Turkey	Separate turkey hunting regulations will be promulgated in November 1995 and published in December 1995.		

DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	ARCHERY	STILL HUNT	MUZZLELOADER (All Either Sex)	WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS
1	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 15	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
2	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 28-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4
3	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Dec. 1 Dec. 16-Jan. 4	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	
4	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Dec. 9-Jan. 7	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	
5	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Nov. 26	Dec. 2-Dec. 8 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 21
7	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Oct. 21-Nov. 5 Nov. 18-Nov. 26	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 16 - Jan. 21
8	Oct. 1 - Jan. 21	Nov. 18-Dec. 1 Jan. 5-Jan. 21	Dec. 2-Dec. 8	Dec. 9 - Jan. 4

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted as a Notice of Intent by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary of the Department the authority to promulgate the final rule provided no significant controversies arise.

Perry Gisclair, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring
Secretary, La. Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July meeting does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of wild turkeys. A synopsis of said rule is attached to and made part of this notice of intent, along with a complete copy of the regulations.

Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meetings from August-November. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until September 29, 1995 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

CITATION: None - Changes annually

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR ____: (1995).

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting hours - one-half hour
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SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	3/season

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULE

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 16-Apr. 21
B	April 6-Apr. 21
C	March 16-March 24

LOUISIANA
TURKEY HUNTING
REGULATIONS
1996

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
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1996 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON
SCHEDULE

Daily limit one gobbler, three per season. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys are illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited.

Turkey baiting is hereby defined as the placing or distributing of harvested grain such as, but not limited to, corn, wheat or milo in such a manner so as to constitute a lure or attraction to any area where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A person shall be deemed to be hunting over bait if he is in the act of hunting (calling or in a blind) within 100 yards of a baited site. A baited site is only and specifically that immediate area where bait is deposited.

Any area where a hunter or hunters are found hunting or attempting to take turkeys over bait during the open turkey hunting season shall be immediately closed to hunting by posting signs circumscribing the bait site by a distance of 100 yards in all directions from the bait site. The signs shall read "Posted--Baited Area--Closed to Hunting." The area shall remain closed until all bait has been removed and for fifteen (15) days afterward.

It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

TURKEY HUNTING SEASON
Open Only in the Following Areas:

Area A
March 16-April 21
(Formerly Areas A & B)

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Livingston, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104.

Ascension, Assumption, Iberville:

North of La. 70 from La. 1 to the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the east protection levee northward to I-10, south of I-10 from

its jct. with the east protection levee at Ramah to La. 1, south and west of La. 1 from I-10 to La. 70. Also, that portion of Iberville Parish lying north of I-10 EXCEPT see Sherburne for special section on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne's boundaries.

Avoyelles - That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River northward from Simmesport; on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by La. 452 from Brouillette to La. Hwy. 1, on the south by La. 1, eastward to Simmesport, EXCEPT that portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Beauregard - North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, west of Hwy. 171 from the jct. of Hwy. 26 south to Calcasieu Parish.

Calcasieu - West of U. S. 171 north of I-10 and north of I-10 from the jct. of U. S. 171 to Texas State line.

Caldwell - West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula - West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. Hwy. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126.

ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed below.

Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas - East of U. S. 65 from the Arkansas line to U. S. 80, south of U. S. 80 westward to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U. S. 65 from Clayton to jct. of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in East Carroll, Tensas and Madison Parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Evangeline - North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to La. 13, west of La. 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of La. 104 west of Mamou.

LaSalle - All lands lying west of La. 127 from Caldwell Parish line to junction of La. 124. South of La. 124 to junction of La. 124 and La. 126. West of La. 126 to junction with La. 503. North of La. 503 to Summerville. West of La. 127 from Summerville to Little River. Also that portion of land east of La. 126 from Caldwell parish line to Catahoula Parish line.

Pointe Coupee - All EXCEPT that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10 northward from U. S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlange to U. S. 190

St. Landry, Upper St. Martin - Those portions bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, south by the

Southern Natural Pipeline from the west guide levee south of Catahoula to its jct. with the Atchafalaya River - Whiskey Bay Channel northward to I-10. Also that portion of St. Martin lying north of I-10, EXCEPT, see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal, and private lands within the Sherburne boundaries. Also that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the west Atchafalaya Guide Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O. G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R right-of-way westward to U. S. 71 and the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10

Winn - Only that portion within the boundaries of National Catahoula Wildlife Management Preserve.

Area B
April 6-April 21
(Formerly Area D)

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River, Webster

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from Texas line to U. S. 71, east of U. S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line.

DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84 from U.S. 171 to the Texas line.

Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north of La. 146 from Chatham to La. 155, north of La. 155 to La. 542, north of La. 542 to Quitman, north of La. 155 to Bienville parish line.

Morehouse: West of U.S. 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, north of U.S. 165 from Bastrop to Ouachita Parish line.

Union: West of Bayou DeLoutre from Arkansas line to La. 33, west and north of La. 33 to La. 15 west of D'Arbonne Lake, west of La. 15 to La. 145, north of La. 145 to Downs ville and Lincoln parish line. - West of U.S. 167

AREA C
March 16-March 24
(Formerly Area E)

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the north, east, and south by La. 451, on the west by the Big Bend levee from its jct. at the Bayou des Glaise structure east of Bordelonville southward to its jct. with La. 451.

Concordia - North and east of Old River (Deer Park) from State line northward to Deer Park Road, north of Deer Park Road to Mississippi River Levee, east and north of Mississippi River levee to Tensas Line.

Tensas - East and south of Mississippi River Levee northward from Concordia parish line to Hwy. 3078. South of 3078 (Port Gibson Ferry Road) to Mississippi River.

1996 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS GENERAL
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The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

Consult the 1995-96 Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for more detailed rules and regulations governing the Wildlife Management Areas.

Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through June 1. ATV off road travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only.

Bag limits on WMAs are a part of your season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Area shall be one per area, not to exceed 2 per season for all WMAs. Be reminded that the bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three per season including those taken on WMAs.

No hunting within 100 yards of designated (marked) turkey plotson Bens Creek and Tunica Hills WMAs.

PERMITS

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS: All turkey hunts are self-clearing and all hunters must check in daily by picking up a permit from a self-clearing station. Upon completion of each daily hunt, the hunter must check out by completing the hunter report portion of the permit and depositing it in the check out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

LOTTERY HUNTS: Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou and Sherburne WMAs. Hunt restricted to those persons selected as a result of the preapplication Lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is January 31, 1996. Application fee of five dollars must be sent with application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any District office for application forms. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters on these areas must have their turkey checked and validated at the appropriate stations prior to leaving the area.

Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055, Phone (318) 371-3050; 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203, Phone (318) 343-4044; 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360, Phone (318) 487-5885; P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334, Phone (318) 757-4571; 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, 70601, Phone (318) 491-2575; 105 Avenue of the Acadians, Opelousas, 70570, Phone (318) 948-0255; or P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898-9000, Phone (504) 765-2360.

Wildlife Management Turkey Hunting Schedule*

Wildlife Management Area	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates** (See Page)
Bens Creek	March 16-April 7	Self-Clearing	None
Beouf	March 16-March 24	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 16-March 24	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	April 6-April 21	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 16-April 7	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 16-March 31	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	March 16-17 March 18-20
Fort Polk	March 16-April 21	Self-clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 6-April 14	Self-clearing	April 6-7 April 8-10
Grassy Lake	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	April 6-April 21	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 16-March 31	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 6-April 14	Self-clearing	April 6-7 April 8-10
Pearl River	March 16-March 31	Self-clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 16-April 21	Self-clearing	None

Pomme de Terre	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	None
Sandy Hollow	March 16-April 7	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	March 16-17 March 18-20
Three Rivers	March 16-March 24	Self-clearing	None
Tunica Hills	March 16-March 31	Self-clearing	None

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed shall have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED.

**THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL TURKEY LOTTERY HUNTS ON WMAs IS JANUARY 31, 1996.

Volunteer Turkey Weigh and Check Stations

In an effort to better manage Louisiana's turkey population, volunteer check and weigh stations are located throughout the state at local sporting good stores, grocery stores and hunting clubs. Scales and data sheets are located at the stations for your convenience. Please have your turkey weighed and measured at one of these stations. By recording your turkey, you automatically are eligible for one of three shotguns to be given away in the early summer. Contact your local district office for a location near you.

Notice of Intent

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules governing possession of certain wild quadrupeds.

Title 76 Wildlife and Fisheries

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

Section 115. Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds

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The size and strength of such animals in concert with their natural and unpredictable predatory nature can result in severe injury or death when an attack upon a human occurs. Often such attacks are unprovoked and a person other than the owner, often a child, is the victim. Furthermore, there is no approved rabies vaccine for such animals, so even minor scratches and injuries inflicted upon humans or other animals could be deadly.

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quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities. Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

Certain of these animals are listed as endangered species and others are so similar in appearance to endangered subspecies as to make practical distinction difficult. This similarity of appearance may provide a means to market illegally obtained endangered animals and can limit the effective enforcement of endangered species laws.

B. This Commission regulation prohibits possession of certain wild quadruped as follows.

C. No person shall possess within the State of Louisiana, any of the following species or its subspecies of live wild quadrupeds, domesticated or otherwise:

1. Cougar or mountain lion (Felis concolor)
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D. Valid game breeder license holders for these species

legally possessed prior to October 1, 1988, will be "grandfathered" and renewed annually until existing captive animals expire, or are legally transferred out of state, or are transferred to a suitable public facility. No additional animals may be acquired.

E. Qualified educational institutions, zoos, and scientific organization may be exempted from this prohibition on a case by case basis upon written application to the Secretary. Minimum pen requirements for exempted educational institutions, zoos and scientific organization are as follows:

Bears

- a. Single animal - 25 feet long x 12 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;
- b. Pair - 30 feet long x 15 feet wide x 10 feet high, covered roof;
- c. Materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;
- d. Safety perimeter rail;
- e. Pool - 6 feet x 4 feet x 18 inches deep with facilities for spraying or wetting bear(s);

Wolf

- a. 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 6 feet high per animal, covered roof;
- b. Secluded den area 4 feet x 4 feet for each animal;
- c. Materials - chain link wire or equivalent;
- d. safety perimeter rail;

Cougar, Mountain lion

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- b. Pair - 15 feet long x 8 feet wide x 8 feet high, covered roof;
- c. Materials - chain link 9 gauge minimum;
- d. Safety perimeter rail;
- e. Claw log;
- f. Shelf - 24 inch wide x 8 feet long, 40 inches off floor.

F. This rule supersedes any prior Commission rule regulating possession of the live wild quadrupeds listed herein on specifically sub ~~parts~~ ^{Part B} 10, 11 and 12 of ^{Part} Title 76, Part V, Chapter 1, Section 107.

Authority Note: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, and 56:1904F.

Historical Note: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R.____:95.

Interested persons may comment on the proposed rule in writing to Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Post Office Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898-9000 until 4:30 p.m. September 5, 1995.

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 6, 1995.

WHEREAS, authority to regulating possession of wild quadrupeds is vested with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with R.S. 56:115, 56:171, 56:1904F, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted rules and regulations for the Game Breeders program in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act in October of 1988, and prohibited possession of certain wild quadrupeds and

WHEREAS, these rules and regulations for pen specifications, licensing procedures and general requirements have been in effect since 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has reviewed these rules and created a separate rule prohibiting possession of certain wild quadrupeds which must be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the attached rules governing the Possession of Potentially Dangerous Wild Quadrupeds by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Notice of Intent is also being submitted in order to establish a permanent rule concerning this issue through the Administrative Procedures Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants the Secretary of the Department the authority to promulgate the Final Rule provided no significant controversy arises.

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Declaration of Emergency

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:115, 56:171 and 56:1904F, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

A. This Commission finds that possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrupeds poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species.

The size and strength of such animals in concert with their natural and unpredictable predatory nature can result in severe injury or death when an attack upon a human occurs. Often such attacks are unprovoked and a person other than the owner, often a child, is the victim. Furthermore, there is no approved rabies vaccine for such animals, so even minor scratches and injuries inflicted upon humans or other animals could be deadly.

Responsible possession of these potentially dangerous wild quadrupeds necessitates that they be confined in secure facilities. Prolonged confinement is by its nature stressful to these animals and proper long-term care by experienced persons is essential to the health and welfare of these animals and to society.

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D. Valid game breeder license holders for these species legally possessed prior to October 1, 1988, will be "grandfathered" and renewed annually until existing captive animals expire, or are legally transferred out of state, or are transferred to a suitable public facility. No additional animals may be acquired.

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F. This rule supersedes any prior Commission rule regulating possession of the live wild quadrupeds listed herein on specifically sub ^{Paragraph} parts 10, 11 and 12 of Title ^{Paragraph B} 96, Part V, Chapter 1, Section 107.

The Commission finds that possession of the wild quadrupeds listed herein poses significant hazards to public safety and health and is detrimental to the welfare of the animals. This Declaration of Emergency will allow for continued possession of those animals currently licensed and will not prohibit possession by bonafide zoos, educational and scientific institutions. This Commission will take the necessary steps to establish a permanent rule governing possession of the animals listed by means of normal rule making process.

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

Notice of Intent

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules governing possession of certain wild quadrupeds.

Title 76 Wildlife and Fisheries

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

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Historical Note: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, L.R.____:95.

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Perry Gisclair
Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
JULY 6, 1995

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 6, 1995.

- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D. C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt those season dates for migratory birds which are attached and made part of this Resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

(1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and

(2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Perry Gisclair, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and
Fisheries Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

WILDLIFE DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS
1995-96 Hunting Seasons
FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days (Division's Recommendation)

September 2 (Sat.)-10 (Sun)	9 days
October 21 (Sat.)-November 20 (Mon.)	31 days
December 16 (Sat.)-January 14 (Sun.)	30 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24	

OR

Split season, Statewide, 60 days

September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun.)	9 days
October 21 (Sat.)-November 12 (Sun.)	23 days
December 16 (Sat.)-January 12 (Fri.)	30 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30	

TEAL: September 16 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.) 9 days
Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

RAILS: Split Season

September 16 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.)	9 days
November 11 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.)	61 days

KING AND CLAPPER: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate, Possession 30.
SORA AND VIRGINIA: Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.

GALLINULES: Split season

September 16 (Sat.)-September 24 (Sun.)	9 days
November 11 (Sat.)-January 10 (Sun.)	61 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30	

SNIPE: November 4 (Sat.)-February 18 (Sun.)
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16 107 days

WOODCOCK: November 28 (Tue.)-January 31 (Wed.) 65 days
Daily bag limit 5, Possession 10

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Gallinule: One half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove: One half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on Sept. 2-3, Oct. 21-22, and Dec. 16-17 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly meeting held July 6, 1995 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana does hereby set the 1995 wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be September 2, 1995 through October 1, 1995.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to close, delay, reopen or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

Perry Gisclair

Chairman

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

199~~7~~⁵ ALLIGATOR SEASON

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S.49:953(B), and the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:967(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the wild alligator season, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly meeting held ⁶/₇ July 199~~7~~⁵ in Baton Rouge, Louisiana does hereby set the 199~~7~~⁵ wild alligator season dates as follows:

The annual wild alligator season dates shall be ²/₃ September through ¹/₂ October, 199~~7~~⁵.

This emergency adoption is necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas based on up to date information.

The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall have the authority to ~~_____~~

~~_____~~ close, delay, reopen, or extend this season as biologically justifiable.

Perry Gisclair
~~John F. "Jeff" Schneider~~
Chairman

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set aside additional areas in Lake Borgne, St. Bernard Parish as public oyster seed grounds. This is being done under the authority vested in them through R.S. 56:434.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 5. Oyster

§513. Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition - Lake Borgne

The Lake Borgne Public Oyster Seed Ground is described as that portion of the state waterbottoms beginning at the most northerly point of Malheureux Point (Y-518,620) (X-2,584,920) on the southern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence southwesterly a distance of 16.6 miles to the most easterly point of Proctor Point (Y-468,858) (X-2,512,804) on the southwestern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northerly a distance of 5.6 miles to the most easterly point of Alligator Point (Y-498,467) (X-2,511,442) on the northern shore line of Lake Borgne; thence northeasterly along the northern shore line of Lake Borgne a distance of 19.1 miles to the intersection with the western shore line of the Pearl River (Y-553,875) (X-2,569,290); thence northerly along the western shore line of the Pearl River a distance of 0.25 miles to a point (Y-555,214) (X-2,569,277) on the western shore line of the Pearl River; thence easterly a distance of 1.15 miles to the Pearl River Beacon No. 8 (Y-556,011) (X-2,571,507); thence southeasterly a distance of 7.5

miles to the point of beginning.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:434.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Perry Gisclair

Chairman

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a rule to prohibit the issuance of additional 1995 gear licenses for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets or seines.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§347. License Moratorium: Saltwater Gill Nets, Trammel Nets and Seines

No additional 1995 gear licenses for saltwater gill nets, trammel nets or seines shall be issued; provided, however, that the Department shall issue renewal licenses to those individuals, persons, firms or corporations who held valid licenses for the 1994 license year for the above enumerated gear.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:301.5.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21: .

Perry Gisclair

Chairman

**CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT
JULY, 1995 COMMISSION MEETING**

In June, 45 cases were assessed for a value of \$31,008; during the same period we received payment on 18 outstanding cases totalling \$3,655.

We have entered into a new contract with Mr. Brian Babin as collecting attorney, and he will also represent the Dept. in cases which are appealed through the 19th Judicial Court. There are currently four such cases.

The collecting attorney is currently pursuing payment on 12 cases totalling \$13,600.

I have also handed to you the report on sale of net gear licenses through June.

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Per Cent Dollars Paid	Per Cent Cases Paid
July, 1992	105	26,553	(10,515)	103	5,578			
Aug, 1992	137	26,153	(3,241)	95	5,292			
Sept, 1992	214	34,341	(3,245)	82	6,186			
Oct, 1992	346	238,388	(19,670)	119	8,310	292		
Nov, 1992	34	17,264		220	11,744	4,651		
Dec, 1992	122	76,371	(7,012)	97	5,042	1,275		
Jan, 1993	77	35,470	(979)	75	7,389	3,799		
Feb, 1993	40	10,787		81	13,141	6,941		
March, 1993	37	15,552	(1,876)	60	13,479	5,848		
April, 1993	24	8,418	(10,809)	31	5,000	2,379		
May, 1993	21	16,063	(1,599)	39	5,704	2,381		
June, 1993	40	23,637	(7,454)	27	8,356	4,077		
Total FY 93	1,197	528,997	(66,400)	1,029	95,221	31,643	24.0%	85.9%
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545		
August, 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603		
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048		
October, 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519		
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845		
Dec., 1993	53	13,777	0	27	6,507	6,713		
Jan., 1994	38	18,918	0	32	4,423	2,831		
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993		
March, 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796		
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632		
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808		
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214		
Total FY 94	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437		
August, 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605		
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342		
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179		
Nov., 1994	43	103,592	0	45	3,992	2,803		
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329		
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921		
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973		
March, 1995	31	25,072		44	8,315	4,737		
April, 1995	13	15,353		16	3,565	1,538		
May, 1995	23	11,632		16	4,315	654		
June, 1995	45	31,008		18	2,630	1,025		
Total FY 95	534	437,347	(26,049)	374	49,726	29,543	18.1%	70.0%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 5-JUL-1995

CURRENT MONTH
06/01/1995 TO 06/30/1995

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1994 TO 06/30/1995

INCEPTION TO DATE
06/30/1995

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	45	\$31,008.12	531	\$433,967.72	2,545	\$1,714,593.84
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00	32	\$800.00	32	\$800.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	35	\$25,284.65	331	\$269,865.45
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00	17	\$12,469.54	148	\$71,951.21
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	45	\$31,008.12	531	\$421,952.61	2,545	\$1,517,479.60
PAYMENTS	18	\$2,629.56	348	\$49,724.99	1,603	\$224,928.38
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	11	\$1,024.99	304	\$29,543.27	960	\$109,248.22
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00	20	\$748.27	50	\$951.27
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00	15	\$2,956.06	24	\$6,534.75
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00	3	\$26,774.00	8	\$38,771.35
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	1	\$35.95	2	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00	1	\$20.00	2	\$35.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	4	\$2.57	4	\$2.57
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	2	\$491.21	14	\$3,492.55
REASSESSMENTS	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,996.48	41	\$12,059.28
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	6	\$1.76	184	\$258,970.08
CREDITS	1	\$0.06	2	\$812.54	6	\$1,399.24
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00	7	\$16,769.95	7	\$16,769.95
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$97.80
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING					699	\$943,825.75

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR

	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	32	\$10,560.13
		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$2,640.03

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	CAN NOT BE INVOICED	AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
1 - 30 DAYS	1 - 30 DAYS	32
31 - 60 DAYS	31 - 60 DAYS	13
61 - 90 DAYS	61 - 90 DAYS	13
91 - 120 DAYS	91 - 120 DAYS	2
121 - 150 DAYS	121 - 150 DAYS	15
151 - 180 DAYS	151 - 180 DAYS	32
181 - 365 DAYS	181 - 365 DAYS	16
OVER ONE YEAR	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	104
OVER TWO YEARS	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0
OVER THREE YEARS	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	472
** TOTAL AGING	** TOTAL AGING	699

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\$156,905.65

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 5-JUL-1995

CURRENT MONTH
06/01/1995 TO 06/30/1995

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/1994 TO 06/30/1995

INCEPTION TO DATE
06/30/1995

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	705	\$35,750.00	6,638	\$341,955.00	39,875	\$2,025,302.07
HEARING COSTS	10	\$250.00	1,842	\$46,077.00	9,377	\$234,457.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$400.00	0	\$1,075.00
CREDITS						

TOTAL DUE \$36,000.00 \$387,632.00 \$2,258,684.07

PAID IN FULL	244	\$12,370.00	3,695	\$188,131.40	20,411	\$1,041,853.90
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	6	\$298.56	200	\$8,685.65	608	\$26,374.91
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$150.00	42	\$1,952.25	302	\$13,851.93
REFUNDS	0	\$0.00	11	\$550.00	50	\$3,058.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	7	\$350.00	26	\$1,300.00
MISC CHANGES						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	7	\$140.00	26	\$430.00
CREDITS	2	\$1.44	31	\$24.10	110	\$109.50
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	9	\$550.00	55	\$3,100.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	6	\$250.00
VOIDS	90	\$4,500.00	428	\$19,121.10	1,922	\$78,307.73
NOT GUILTY	1	\$50.00	97	\$4,400.00	365	\$18,125.00

TOTAL OUTSTANDING \$1,115,402.96

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM CITATION DATE

0 - 30 DAYS	398	\$20,000.00
31 - 60 DAYS	416	\$21,400.00
61 - 90 DAYS	436	\$22,950.00
91 - 120 DAYS	274	\$15,345.00
121 - 150 DAYS	173	\$9,110.00
151 - 180 DAYS	85	\$5,350.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,395	\$87,781.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	14,293	\$933,491.96

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM HEARING DATE

PRE HEARING	1,559	\$81,140.00
0 - 90 DAYS	1,751	\$88,050.00
91 - 180 DAYS	502	\$31,390.00
181 - 270 DAYS	1,366	\$86,361.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,261	\$84,646.50
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
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05-Jul-95

License Year

1994 1993 1992

License License License

Resident Mullet 674 547 672
 N/R Mullet 130 94 178
 Res. Saltwater Gill Net 1017 900 831
 N/R Saltwater Gill Net 127 85 76
 Res. Trammel Net 489 486 493
 N/R Trammel Net 13 10 9
 Res. Fish Seine 196 184 218
 N/R Fish Seine 0 1 2

License Type	1995												TOTAL	1994												TOTAL	1993												TOTAL
	11/94	12/94	1/95	2/95	3/95	4/95	5/95	6/95	7/95	8/95	9/95	10/95		11/93	12/93	1/94	2/94	3/94	4/94	5/94	6/94	7/94	8/94	9/94	10/94		11/92	12/92	1/93	2/93	3/93	4/93	5/93	6/93					
Resident Mullet	59	122	92	15	24	14	12	9	347	30	86	81	16	14	3	6	15	251	18	54	50	16	19	19	7	4	187												
N/R Mullet	3	9	17	6	6	5	5	23	74	1	5	5	0	1	0	1	13	0	7	0	2	1	1	2	0	13													
Res. Saltwater Gill Net	87	288	227	47	55	2	19	17	742	49	239	225	62	32	19	20	29	675	48	204	195	58	65	65	17	18	670												
N/R Saltwater Gill Net	3	10	17	4	5	1	5	23	68	1	5	6	0	1	3	0	15	0	4	1	2	1	1	1	0	10													
Res. Trammel Net	58	131	142	43	37	18	11	12	450	24	133	144	69	37	18	15	15	455	31	158	114	61	38	38	22	13	475												
N/R Trammel Net	0	4	1	4	1	1	2	4	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3													
Res. Fish Seine	18	54	38	10	10	7	8	6	151	10	48	42	22	13	10	6	6	155	9	44	38	12	13	13	9	22	190												
N/R Fish Seine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1													

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JUNE 1995

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-JUNE 1995

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-64

ENFORCEMENT-64

OTHER DIV. - 0

42-Boating

4-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

5-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

1-Resisting An Officer

4-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

5-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Driving Without Operators License

CONFISCATIONS:

NONE

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

42-Boating

11-Fishing

11-Misc.

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-140

ENFORCEMENT-140

OTHER - 0

67-Boating

22-Angling W/O A License

13-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

17-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

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

2-Sell And Or Possess Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License

1-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season

3-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

2-Littering

7-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

2-Sale Of Reptiles Or Amphibians W/O Collectors License

CONFISCATIONS:

2 jet ski, 1 boat trailer.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

67-Boating

55-Fishing

1-Federal

17-Other

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REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-110

ENFORCEMENT-110

OTHER - 0

54-Boating

29-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

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

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

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

2-Use Illegal Mesh Nets

2-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

1-Taking Grobec-No Season

6-Criminal Trespass On State Property

2-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

13 black bass, 1 grobec, 1 alligator head, 295 catfish, 1-100 feet-2 inch gill net.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

54-Boating

46-Fishing

2-Hunting

8-Misc.

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-52

ENFORCEMENT-52

OTHER - 0

18-Boating

16-Angling W/O A License

14-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

3-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

CONFISCATIONS:

1 black bass.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

18-Boating

34-Fishing

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REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-98

ENFORCEMENT-71

OTHER -27

34-Boating

12-Angling W/O A License

4-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

4-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Take Or Poss.Undersized Red Drum

3-Not Abiding By Commission Rules

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

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

1-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents

4-Possess. Or Sell Undersize Crabs

2-Violation Of Closed Or Restricted Area In Chicot Lake

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

18-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

7-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

14 boxes of crab, 12 foot alligator, 2 cobia, 1 red snapper, 5 hoop nets, 7 striped bass, 4 catfish, 1 buffalo, 1 gaspergoo.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

34-Boating

38-Fishing

26-Other

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REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-125

ENFORCEMENT-114

OTHER - 11

86-Boating

16-Angling W/O A License

5-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

4-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

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

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

1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

1-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License

1-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit

5-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

5 black bass, 50 lbs. of undersize crabs, 2 drum, 1 cougar(seized by Greater Baton Rouge Zoo), 1 alligator.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

86-Boating

37-Fishing

1-Hunting

1-Misc.

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REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-120

ENFORCEMENT-120

OTHER - 0

64-Boating

29-Angling W/O A License

2-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

5-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

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

4-Violation Of Closed Or Restricted Area-Bogue Chitto River

7-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

7-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

1 catfish.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

64-Boating

42-Fishing

7-DWI

7-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

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REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-232

ENFORCEMENT-217

OTHER - 15

72-Boating

19-Angling W/O A License

26-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident

1-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

8-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum In Excess Of 27"

11-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum 16" Minimum

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

4-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

1-Take Or Possess O/L Black Drum

2-Not Abiding By Commission Rules

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

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

10-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

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

5-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Transport W/O Required License

6-Leave Nets Unattended

2-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

2-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-License Fisherman

1-Fail To Comply W/Aquaculture Fish Regs.

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 6-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure Spotted Sea Trout
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
- 1-Take/Possess W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 4-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets
- 14-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs
- 2-Frog In Closed Season
- 2-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board
- 1-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear
- 1-Possession Of Over Limit Rec. Shrimp 50 lbs. cast net
- 1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 1-Dealing In Alligator Parts W/O Proper Parts Lic.
- 1-Fail To Comply W/Alligator Parts Records Requirements
- 7-Operate Boat While Intoxicated
- 1-Resisting An Officer
- 1-Aggravated Assault On Officer
- 1-Littering
- 2-License Fraud
- 1-Sell Non-Game Quadrupeds Meat C/S

CONFISCATIONS:

1,383 LBS. of shrimp sold for \$1,244.70, (1,807 yellow fin, 343 mahi mahi, 41 black fin tuna, 99 escolar, 74 wahoo-) all sold for \$5,453.50, 74 drum, 478 speckled trout, 37 frogs, 1 raccoon, 1 muskrat, 14 gill nets equals 6,550 feet.

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REGION 8 CONT'D.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

65-Boating

76-Fishing

71-Commercial Fishing

4-Trawling

1-Oyster

2-Alligator

1-Fur Bearing

12-Misc.

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REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-142

ENFORCEMENT-125

OTHER - 17

42-Boating

23-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

5-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

7-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

3-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

2-Take Or Poss. Game Fish Illegally

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

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

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

4-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Leave Nets Unattended

3-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

15-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

1-Use Shrimp Illegal Gear

1-Frog In Closed Season

2-Sell Undersize Crabs

2-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

4-Violate Shrimp Provision

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REGION 9 CONT'D.

12-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

1-Illegal Possession Of Stolen Things

1-General Speed Law

1-Driving Under Suspension

CONFISCATIONS:

27 red drum, 7 speckle trout, 10 frogs, 3168 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$3,866.90, 1 boat, 13 skimmer nets, 1 trawl net, 3 butterfly nets.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

42-Boating

85-Fishing

12-WMA

3-Fishing

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S.W.E.P.

105 RUNNING HOURS

134 BOATS CHECKED

17-TOTAL CASES

1-Expired Boat Registration

1-Careless Operation Of Watercraft

1-Take/Possess Spotted Sea Trout

2-Gill Netting In Breton Sound

1-No Vessel Numbers

1-Fail To Display Certification Decal

1-Take/Possess Undersize Red Drum

3-Fail To Comply With P.F.D. Requirements

4-Angling W/O a License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Possess Motorboat With Serial# Removed Or Altered

CONFISCATIONS:

1-1200 feet of gill net, 1 motorboat.

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SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-74

39-Boating

6-Angling w/O A License

3-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman

2-Theft Of Crab Trap

5-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

12-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

1-Operate W/O Wholesale-Retail License For Amphibians

And Reptiles

CONFISCATIONS:

500 lbs. of crabs, 5 loggerhead turtles, 10 drivers licenses.

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-32

- 1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
- 1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
- 1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
- 1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
- 2-Fail To Maintain Records
- 1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish Shipping Regs. Tags. & I.D.
- 3-Leave Nets Unattended
- 2-Blocking Passage Of Fish
- 1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
- 1-Theft Of Crab Trap
- 2-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name And Address
- 1-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 3-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
- 3-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
- 1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 2-Fail To Abide By P.F.D. Regs.
- 1-Driving Without Operators License
- 1-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9
- 1-Possess For Sale Unlabeled Catfish

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-1225

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 70

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 17

TOTAL CASES SSFORCE - 74

TOTAL CASES OSFORCE - 32

GRAND TOTAL - 1312

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

56 sacks of oysters, 2 crab traps.

November 1995

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 ✓	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

- JULY-95** **RULE - 1995-96 Hunting Season Dates**
- RULE - Public Oyster Seed Ground Addition-Lake Borgne**
- RULE - License Moratorium**
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- SEPT-95** **RULE - Bass Regulations - Atchafalaya Basin-Lake Verret Area**
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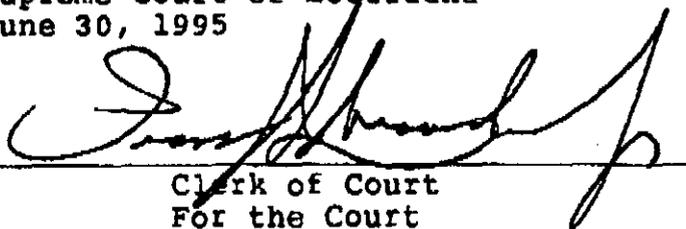
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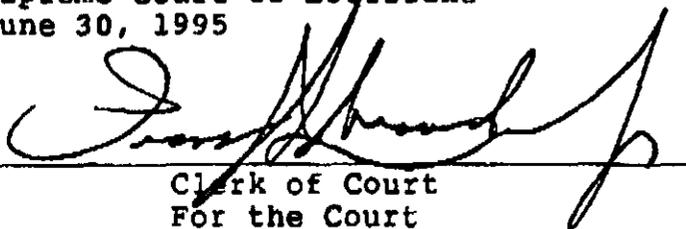
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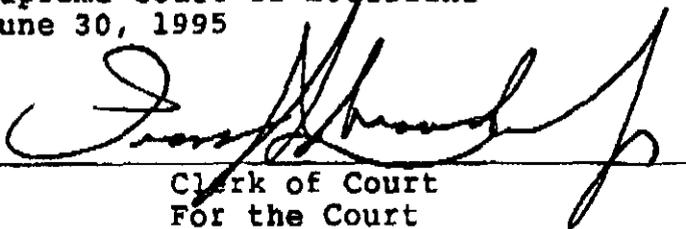
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LWFC

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He also expressed his disappointment with Edwards for not calling for an investigation of the ties linking GCCA, the commission and the LDWF Enforcement Division.

Mialjevich, a former commercial shrimper, was one of three representatives of the state's commercial fishing industry on the seven-man Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. His was the only LWFC seat that ran concurrently with Edwards' four-year gubernatorial term. The other six members serve six-year terms. Mialjevich was scheduled to be replaced on the LWFC in January, 1996.

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The letter of resignation also detailed Mialjevich's concern that the seven-man commission was "anti-commercial," and that the Gulf Coast Conservation Association, which represents recreational fishermen, "controls the commission and is also in bed with (Wildlife and Fisheries) enforcement."

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Given verbal
approval by
Perry Hisclain
6/26/95 - 9:55a.m.

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Bob, I have nothing
for commission agenda
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Sarah - please
ask - of Bob,
if Maurice if
they have any
agenda items
so I can comply
w/ memo
B

June 1, 1995

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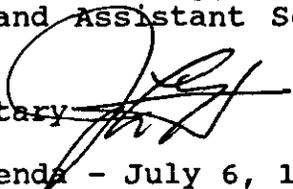
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Wild harvest
** Alligator ~~sales~~ dates recommendation*

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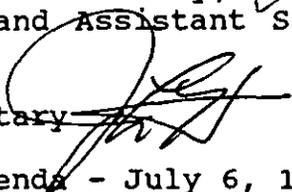
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Dear Corky:

The Inland Fisheries Division
has no agenda items for the July
Commission Meeting.

Thank you.


Bennie Fontenot, Jr.

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ATTN: SECRETARY
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

6-9-95

Susan i

Add one more item to
our Wildlife Div. agenda for the
July Comm. meeting

Acknowledge and Presentations
Big Buck Hunting Club, Kermy Souvier
Thanks!
H. Bateman

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Susan: If you cannot decipher this call me! HB

Wildlife Division 1995-96

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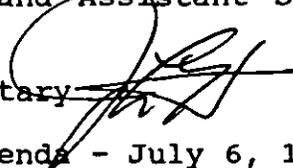
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*Wild Restitution
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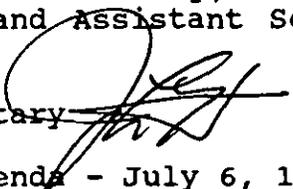
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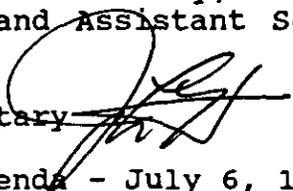
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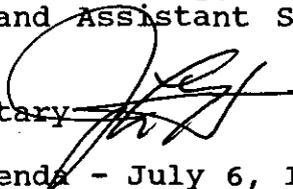
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NEWS RELEASE

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6/30/95

JULY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING ANNOUNCED

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