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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, August 3, 2000

Chairman Tom Gattle presiding.

Glynn Carver
Warren Delacroix
Tom Kelly
Jerry Stone

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

Commissioners Bill Busbice and Norman McCall were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the July 6, 2000 Commission Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

General Discussion of Non-Resident License Fees began with Chairman Gattle asking Mr. Phil Bowman to give a review of the process in getting to where the fees are today. Mr. Bowman stated the Department realized, in the budget process, there would be a \$9 million revenue shortfall for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. The staff looked at different programs and made suggestions for serious cuts such as reducing the head count by 170 employees, closing WMAs and discontinuing other programs. A look at adjusting the license user fees was also discussed in hopes to develop a package that would help satisfy the revenue shortfall. When presenting the package to different user groups, the value of the non-resident licenses was criticized as being too low. Mr. Bowman explained the outcome from the First Special Legislative Session, the Regular Session and the Second Special Session. He added that the final Bill would not raise all of the revenue needed to cover the shortfall for the upcoming fiscal year. Continuing with the hiring freeze and the freeze on some acquisitions will allow the Department to have a "stand still" budget. Non-resident license fees amounts to about \$2 million of the budget.

Mr. Jim Patton commented Mr. Bowman covered the fee increase very succinctly. The Legislature decided they would not find any

more money for the Department. He then added public comments received prior to the First Special Session included, why were the non-resident license fees so low and the resident fees should not be raised any more than necessary. The non-resident fees that are in effect are not the same as the Department proposed, they are the wishes of the House of Representatives.

Commissioner Carver asked Mr. Bowman to explain how the projections came about and how much funds they would generate. Mr. Bowman explained that Mr. Patton and the Economists used an economic formula to determine the amount of money to be raised. Commissioner Carver explained a 3-day license cost \$15 last year and is now \$30 and the non-resident fishing license went from \$30 a year to \$60. Three miles from his store, a Texas non-resident fishing license costs \$30 for a year and a 5-day fishing license costs \$20. Commissioner Carver stated last July they sold 78 \$15 3-day licenses, but this year they only sold 26 licenses due to the fee increase. Just from his store, the fee increase cost the Department \$500 for the month of July. He added he has major problems with the license fees and feels the Commission should appoint a Committee to work with the Department and make adjustments within the legal limits. Commissioner Carver stated these fees are hurting his business on Toledo Bend as well as other businesses along the border lakes. Commissioner Stone stated the Louisiana Room was filled with people for a meeting on the fees and there was not one negative comment received. He added that there needs to be a way to replace money if you start shifting fees around. Commissioner Carver stated that there is certain areas that need to be adjusted. Chairman Gattle stated the Department is already \$1 million short and if you continue to take from one area, there needs to be a way to put back. He agreed with Commissioner Carver that there were some problems that needs to be addressed and that a Committee should be formed to review the situation from both sides. Mr. Bowman stated the Legislature acted based on what they heard from their constituents. Mr. Patton stated there is a problem with Toledo Bend and felt the Department could go back to the Legislature next year and create a special class license for that area rather than reducing the license fees everywhere in the State. Commissioner Carver agreed with Mr. Patton and added that there needs to be a 7-day license for the border lakes and not 3-day license. Commissioner Stone felt one of the problems with Mississippi was based on "our fish and their deer" and asked where does it balance? Chairman Gattle explained the Commission's authority in that they can not raise non-resident or resident fees without the Legislature's approval, but the Commission can lower those fees but can not change a 3-day license to a 7-day license. Also he added a change in the fees would have to go through the 120 day Notice of Intent process and can not be done as a Declaration of Emergency. The Chairman then asked for public comments.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux stated the Legislature did a lot more than "tweaked" the fees since he used to spend \$297.50 a year for a non-resident to hunt in Louisiana. Now that license costs \$525 a year, which equals to a 76 percent increase. Mississippi charges \$261. If Mississippi decides to increase their fees, it will hurt them more than their hunters coming into Louisiana. Texas charges \$250 for a non-resident license and Alabama charges \$202. Mr. Thibodaux asked where is the justification for raising the fees so much? He felt the Legislature did an irresponsible act when they raised the fees. He then asked how much revenue has been lost from uncollected fines and felt this should be a source of revenue. Another revenue source is the excise tax funded by the Pittman-Robertson Act. He pleaded with the Commission to reduce the non-resident fees and not jeopardize the ability for those who hunt in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Ms. Myra See began thanking The Advocate for the information about the meeting and stated she and her husband hunt in Mississippi. She asked the Commission to not raise the non-resident fees which will in turn make Mississippi raise their fees even more.

Mr. Corky Perret, with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, began stating they are not the agency that regulates the hunting and freshwater license fees. He then introduced Mr. Glade Woods, Executive Director of the Agency. A lot of discussion has been generated by the fee adjustment, stated Mr. Perret. Mississippi's Commission authorized him to visit with Louisiana and asked that a meeting be held to discuss these fees. The Commission has voted to charge Louisiana residents the same fee to fish in Mississippi what Louisiana charges Mississippi resident. Mr. Perret then stated he was going the next day to meet with personnel of the Mississippi Parks and Wildlife Department that regulates the hunting and freshwater fishing and noted their Commission has taken license fees under advisement. Chairman Gattle asked for clarification on the two agencies in Mississippi. Mr. Perret added that on an annual basis, Mississippi sold 2,428 non-resident saltwater angling licenses and only 368 were from Louisiana. Then he added Mississippi sold 11,443 non-resident 3-day angling licenses and 1,116 were from Louisiana. Commissioner Carver asked what was the charge for a 3-day license in Mississippi? Mr. Perret answered, currently it costs \$31 plus the fee for the agent. Chairman Gattle stated they were willing to meet and discuss the situation with both agencies in Mississippi. Secretary Jenkins stated a meeting has been scheduled for August 17 with the Mississippi Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Mr. Paul Cole stated the Department should be linked with the Tourist Department. He then asked what makes the Department think

the Mississippi people will pay \$525 to come here to hunt and if they do not, then what will happen to the budget? Chairman Gattle stated, if Mississippi changed their fees, they would have a reciprocal problem.

Mr. George Barisich, President of the United Commercial Fisherman's Association, stated that about 90 percent of the fishermen hunt deer. He appreciated Commissioner Carver's comments on economic loss that the increases may cause.

Mr. Kevin Golass, a deer hunter in Mississippi and Louisiana, stated he has the same sentiments as Commissioner Carver on the money brought into the local economies. He hoped that there would be room for compromises because if Mississippi raises their license fees, Mr. Golass stated that his hunting club would have to disband. He added that there has to be another way to generate revenue for the Department.

Mr. Husser, owner of Sportsman's Haven in Baton Rouge, stated there are numerous people that have refused to pay for the 3-day license and goes fishing any way. He stated the agents need to be on the lookout for these people.

Mr. Kevin Courtney agreed with Mr. Husser in that more people will be fishing without a license. Then he asked if the Department would have to spend more money to enforce the regulations. Mr. Courtney stated Oklahoma and Texas wildlife and fisheries office has joined with Tourism and felt Louisiana should try this since we are having financial problems.

Commissioner Carver stated a National Survey shows a non-resident spends on average \$200 per day on fuel, food and lodging when he comes to Louisiana to fish. So for every person that does not come to Louisiana to fish or hunt, Louisiana will loose \$200 per day. Then he stated, if a Notice of Intent was filed next month, it would be way into the deer season before action could be taken.

Mr. Vance Gordon, a hunter in Mississippi and a lifetime license holder for Louisiana, stated Mississippi has held the line on fees for the last 10 years. If Mississippi raises their fees to that of Louisiana, his lease will be killed. Mr. Gordon felt this was a very complicated situation and felt reciprocal agreements were needed so there would not be any out of line fee increases.

Chairman Gattle stated there is a problem that will be looked at and it is unfortunate the rules the Commission is bound by. He expressed appreciation to everyone and noted their comments would be taken under advisement.

Mr. Cecil Thompson commended the State of Mississippi for being at the meeting. He asked that the press be informed of what decisions were made after the August 17 meeting.

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of July.

Region I - Minden - 148 citations and 33 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 69 citations and 36 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 181 citations and 41 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 118 citations and 72 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 110 citations and 24 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 144 citations and 16 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 260 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 206 citations and 54 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 262 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 26 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 32 citations and 14 warnings.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 34 citations.

SWEP - 22 citations.

Refuge Patrol Task Force (a new unit that works Rockefeller, Marsh Island and State Wildlife Refuges) - 35 citations and 14 warnings.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 1,498. Also there were 359 warning citations issued for the month. Major LaCaze added there was a lot of boating activity over the July 4 holiday and the agents made numerous DUI cases throughout the State. Anacoco Lake in Region 3 is experiencing a boom in bass fishing and there have been a number of over the limit largemouth bass cases made. Black Lake in Natchitoches Parish is going through a drawdown and agents will move into that area to keep any overharvesting of fish from occurring there.

The aviation report for July 2000 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 63.9 hours for enforcement and 19.5 hours for other divisions. Also there were 10 citations issued.

Chairman Gattle then asked for **Public Comment - 2001 Turkey Season**. Mr. Dave Arnoldi stated two federal agencies asked that their lands be included in the turkey season. Also, the Kisatchie Forest lands were not included in the original Notice of Intent. Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge will offer a limited turkey lottery hunt for 2001. Corps of Engineers land at Indian Bayou will also offer a turkey lottery hunt. When time for ratifying the turkey rule, all of the federal lands will be included for the Commission to act upon, stated Mr. Arnoldi. Chairman Gattle asked if action was now needed. Mr. Don Puckett answered no. Then Chairman Gattle asked if the goal of the turkey program was still to reduce gobbler harvest and develop more uniform opening dates and were there still concerns of high harvest rates and deteriorating habitat? Mr. Tommy Prickett stated there is concerns for the turkey population especially in the Florida parishes. Data shows the rate of harvest in Louisiana is about twice that of other states in the southeastern. The long range goal is to have one opening date in Louisiana, stated Mr. Prickett. Chairman Gattle asked about comments he has heard from northwest Louisiana and the peak turkey gobbling times.

Mr. Phil Bowman began the discussion on the **Tentative Dates for Waterfowl Season** stating this is the beginning of a 30 day public comment period. This year's presentation will be an expanded format and will include the distribution of waterfowl, temperature and changes seen with the landscape. Mr. Mike Olinde would begin the presentation with a series of slides. Mr. Olinde began his presentation by thanking Mr. Jay Grymes, State Climatologist, for making data available. Slides discussed included mean monthly temperatures in west central Missouri and south central Louisiana back to 1930 showing no pattern of warming. Then discussed was does warmer weather equal less ducks. Aerial surveys during the 1990's indicate duck numbers are up. "Does warmer weather mean less harvest?" Fish and Wildlife Service data indicates records have been set for harvest over the last several years. "Does later hunting equal more mallards?" A graph was shown indicating the mallard percentage taken in January for years 1975-87 and 1995-99. "Does later season dates equal larger harvest?" The first nine days of the split averages 25 to 45 percent more ducks than the last nine days of the second split.

Mr. Bowman then stated Mr. Robert Helm would review the Fish and Wildlife Service video on duck indices and habitat conditions. At a recent meeting of the Joint Flyway Councils, it was learned

that summer rains have increased in Canada and have impacted the winter wheat crop. The harvest package, still in the liberal mode, will be a 60 day season with a 6 bird limit. Mr. Helm then introduced a video which would show the habitat conditions in Canada and the breeding populations of ducks and geese. Following the video, Mr. Helm stated the framework will remain the same except for two minor changes. The first is allowing for a 2-day youth waterfowl hunt. The other change is hunters will be allowed to participate in the Conservation Order which allows electronic calls and unplugged shotguns. Mr. Helm then asked the Commission to look at the west zone options first. The two options are November 4 - November 26 and December 16 - January 21 or November 11 - December 3 and December 16 - January 21. Chairman Gattle asked for public comments on duck hunting in the west zone.

Mr. Richard Lipsey stated it would be much better for the west zone to have a later opening date.

An Unidentified Speaker stated he would not like to see both zones open the same day since he has duck leases in both zones.

Mr. Warren Coco stated there is generally a lot of feed in the marsh early and asked that the west zone open on the earliest possible date. Commissioner Stone asked if an earlier opening allows for better bag limits? Mr. Helm answered yes.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if there was any discussion on closing the season later than January 21 and how did that date come about? Mr. Bowman stated there is a consensus among the Flyway Councils of what options they would like the Fish and Wildlife Service to evaluate such as extending the framework dates one week on the front end and one week on the back end with no penalty.

Mr. Walter Wainwright, Vermilion Corporation, asked why can there not be more days during the first split in the west zone? Mr. Helm stated that could be an option for consideration. Mr. Wainwright suggested opening on November 4 and have more days in the first split which could result in better harvest. Commissioner Stone stated this option would result in 30 days for each split.

An Unidentified Speaker stated he is not seeing ducks early in the Gueydan area, but seeing mallards later. He asked if you move the zone early, would you be missing Christmas and New Years holidays? He stated if you use the November 11 through December 3 and December 16 through January 21 dates, it gives hunters 10 weekends to hunt. He then recommended using those dates for the west zone and November 18 opening date for the east zone.

Mr. David Broussard, Oak Grove Hunting Club, stated the early November opening, the fewer ducks there are in Cameron Parish. He recommended opening the west zone using the second option.

Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Helm to give the options for the east zone. These options are November 11 - November 26 and December 9 - January 21 or November 18 - December 3 and December 9 - January 21. Chairman Gattle stated he has received comments asking for a later opening and feels the December period is the best for hunting. He then asked for public comments on the east zone. Commissioner Carver felt when options are given, someone will be happy and someone will be unhappy. Chairman Gattle stated he was in favor of not having uniform openings between the west and east zones. He then suggested option 2 for both the west and east zones. The west zone dates would be November 11 - December 3 and December 16 - January 21. The dates for the east zone would be November 18 - December 3 and December 9 - January 21. Commissioner Carver made a motion on Chairman Gattle's suggestion. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Commissioner Stone asked how does the big hunting clubs feel about shifting from the January 21 closing date and moving to mid-January? Mr. David Broussard stated the later in January the season is open, the more mallards are killed. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Helm then suggested having the youth waterfowl hunting dates the weekend following the closure of the duck season. These dates would be January 27-28 statewide. Commissioner Kelly made a motion on the youth waterfowl dates and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Helm reminded the Commissioners they could consider the Conservation Order during the splits when all seasons are closed. He felt since the west zone will open on November 11, it would be better to open the goose season on that same day. But if it was decided to have a straight season for snow and white fronted geese, the Conservation Order would be eliminated in December. Traditionally the snow goose season is longer, but it will be closed the same date as the white fronted season in order to implement the Conservation Order the next day. The east zone early opening is a suggestion the Commission may want to continue, commented Mr. Helm. Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments on the goose season. Hearing no comments, he then suggested option 3 for snow and white-fronted geese in the east zone. Commissioner Stone suggested opening the west zone November 11 - December 10 to coincide with the duck season. Mr. Helm then read the dates for snow and white-fronted geese in the west zone as November 11 - December 10, December 16 - February 9. The Conservation Order would open the next day after the season closes until March 11. Chairman Gattle read the dates for the east zone as October 28 -

December 3 and December 9 - January 26 with the Conservation Order going into effect when the season closes. Commissioner Delacroix made a motion accepting the dates and Commissioner Kelly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Helm then gave the dates for the 9 day Canada goose season as January 16 - 24 statewide except a small portion in southwest Louisiana would remain closed. Then Mr. Helm gave the dates for rails and gallinules as opening on November 11 - January 4. The snipe season would open on November 4 - December 3 and December 14 - February 28. No public comments were heard on any of these season dates. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to accept the seasons as proposed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. Mr. Joe Macaluso asked what are the bag limits? Mr. Helm stated the bag limit would be the same as last year, 6 birds. The motion passed with no opposition.

(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

August 3, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 3, 2000.

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington, DC, and

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved a Conservation Order for the taking of light geese, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework 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 waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 2000-2001 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

A Declaration of Emergency - Early Migratory Bird Seasons was handled by Mr. Mike Olinde. He reminded the Commissioners that action was taken at the last meeting on these seasons and they were reported to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Service did not make any changes. Mr. Olinde then read the dates, bag and possession limits for dove, teal, early rails, early gallinules, and woodcock and the shooting hours. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Delacroix seconded the motion. No public comments were heard. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 3, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA August 3, 2000.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, 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 the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours for dove, teal, rails, gallinules and woodcock by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates have been forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selections for early migratory bird seasons.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
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 authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

The hunting seasons for early migratory birds during the 2000-2001 hunting season shall be as follows:

**MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL
2000-2001 Hunting Seasons**

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 60 days

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| September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun.) | 9 days |
| October 14 (Sat.)-November 10 (Fri.) | 28 days |
| December 16 (Sat.)-January 7 (Sun.) | 23 days |

Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30

TEAL:

September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 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

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| September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) | 16 days |
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Remainder of season to be set at a later date.

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

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| September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) | 16 days |
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Remainder of season to be set at a later date.
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

WOODCOCK:

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| December 18 (Mon.)-January 31 (Wed.) | 45 days |
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Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

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

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on September 2-3, October 14-15, and December 16-17 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective on September 1, 2000 and extend through sunset on February 28, 2001.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Claude Boudreaux presented a Declaration of Emergency - 2000 Fall Shrimp Season. He began stating statutes allow for the opening of two inshore shrimp seasons each year and this item concerns the second season which is primarily white shrimp. Historically the fall season was set by law to open the third Monday in August and close December 20, but the Legislature gave the Commission authority to set this season. Since receiving this authority, the Commission has continued the tradition of opening the season the third Monday in August except for one time. Two reasons were explained by Mr. Boudreaux for why the third Monday in August was recommended by the Department. Then he stated that samples are typical in size and abundance for this time of year. East of the Mississippi River there are not many white shrimp to be found. West of the River shrimp are being found from 50 count to over 500 count. Mr. Boudreaux then recommended opening the fall shrimp season on the third Monday in August which is August 21 except for the Chandeleur Sound north of the MRGO which was recommended to open on Monday, August 7. Since the closure of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds for the spring season, several shrimpers advised they were still catching brown shrimp and not any white shrimp. It was also recommended to close the season for Zones 2 and 3 on December 20, most of Zone 1 should close on December 31 and the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds to remain open until March 31, 2001. Commissioner Kelly asked if sampling has proved there is a heavy mixture crop of shrimp and would it be detrimental to open earlier? Mr. Boudreaux answered yes. Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments.

Mr. Jimmy Duplechain, a commercial shrimper, agreed with the third Monday opening since the shrimp were mixed. He then asked if crab traps would be discussed? Chairman Gattle answered it was not part of the agenda. Mr. Duplechain then asked that a meeting be set on the seriousness of crab traps.

Mr. George Barisich stated he surveyed dealers across the state and they suggested an earlier opening date such as August 14. Also he asked that Breton Sound be opened in addition to that area north of the MRGO.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, concurred that the Sound south of the MRGO should also be open. He then commented the spring season closed prematurely in the eastern part of Zone 1. There were no significant numbers of white shrimp when the season closed. He recommended opening the two passes and Lake Pontchartrain the same date as the Sound.

Mr. Pete Gericca, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, stated he agreed with Mr. Dekemel that the season was closed too early. He felt the third Monday would be too late and asked to compromise and open the second Monday in August.

Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Boudreaux to explain the areas recommended to open on August 7. Mr. Boudreaux stated the reason Breton Sound was not included in the earlier opening was the fact that the calls they received were for Chandeleur Sound. He added the staff would have no objection to opening Breton Sound at the same time as Chandeleur Sound. Mr. Boudreaux felt the agents would not have a good description for Lake Borgne for enforcement purposes. Chairman Gattle asked for comments from Enforcement Division. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated the agents use the double rig line for enforcing Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. But with the other areas, he requested that any action taken, make sure there is a consistent boundary. Chairman Gattle asked for a motion to add Breton Sound to the original Resolution. Commissioner Delacroix stated he was told a Department's recording had that the east side of the River was open permanently and asked that the recording be checked. Lt. Col. Clark stated there is no described line for Lake Borgne, the Rigolets or the Chef. Mr. Boudreaux stated he would not recommend opening Lake Borgne along with Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. Chairman Gattle stated the Commission would need a motion to amend the Resolution if they would like to include Breton and Chandeleur Sounds for opening on August 7. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to amend the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Delacroix. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Boudreaux to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the amended Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 2000

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicates that marketable shrimp are available, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 21, 2000, except for Breton and Chandeleur Sound, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall open at official sunrise on August 7, 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 20, 2000 in Zones 2 and 3, and official sunset December 31, 2000 in Zone 1, except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2001. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000

Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line,

all to open at official sunrise August 21, 2000, except for Breton and Chandeleur Sound, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall open at official sunrise on August 7, 2000.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing dates for the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset December 20, 2000, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 2000 except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2001. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency on the 2000-01 Oyster Season, Public Grounds was given by Mr. Ron Dugas. The public oyster grounds consists of approximately 2 million acres. Surveys has shown a significant reduction of large oysters from these areas and a rather significant increase of smaller oysters. Two sets of laws cover the opening on the public grounds. The first states that the season will open on the first Wednesday following Labor Day, which is September 6 this year and the season will run through April 1, 2001. The second law indicates that the grounds should be managed for seed oyster production. The drought and high temperature problems are still prevalent. Mr. Dugas then asked the Commission to open the oyster season on September 6, the first Wednesday following Labor Day, and close on September 17, then reopen the season on October 1. The only exception would be having no split in the Bay Junop area and allowing their season to run from September 6 through May 15. The Calcasieu system, a public tonging reef, recommended season dates will be October 16 through April 30. Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments.

Mr. George Barisich asked if the Oyster Task Force talked about the effect of sales by having a split season. Mr. Dugas stated what was presented was the wisest and most reasonable use of the renewable resources. The biggest concern for Mr. Dugas is the heat and stress on the organisms. Chairman Gattle asked if the Oyster Task Force was in agreement with the dates? Mr. Dugas answered yes. Commissioner Stone made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Dugas then commented on the controversy of moving the closing dates back in April and noted just under 100,000 sacks were harvested. He could not say for sure that those oysters would still be available now if the season had not been extended. Economically, these oysters amounted to about \$4 million in commerce. Mr. Dugas felt the Department and Commission should not be concerned with money, but should be concerned about the wise and responsible use of the resources. Commissioner Stone asked if the Oyster Task Force had a need to monitor vibrio? Mr. Dugas explained what the Department is doing and how the Department of Health and Hospitals is monitoring the organism.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000/2001 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds

August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds shall be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2000 is September 6, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservation" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, the coastal environment has been beset by extremely high water temperatures and drought conditions and these factors detrimentally affect the oyster resource, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433B to mandate a sacking only area on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations except the Sister Lake and Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will close one-half hour after sunset on September 17 to reopen one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2000 for the remainder of the season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on May 15, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 2000/2001 Oyster Season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and will open and close the same as all the public grounds east of the Mississippi River, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2000 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2000 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2001. However these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations except the Sister Lake and Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will close one-half hour after sunset on September 17; to reopen one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2000 and remain open for the remainder of the season.

2. Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on May 15, 2001.

3. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 2000/2001 Oyster Season.

4. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and will open and close the same as all the public grounds east of the Mississippi River.

5. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action is necessary to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

6. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended.

7. The season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2000 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2000 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2001. However, these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures.

8. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Secretary

Mr. Randy Pausina presented a Notice of Intent - Spanish Mackerel, Increase Recreational Bag and Possession Limit. This change would increase the Spanish mackerel possession limit for recreational fishermen from 10 to 15 fish per person per day. This rule would complement Federal regulations already in place in Federal waters. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Pausina read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Carver made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

Bag Limit of Spanish Mackerel

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the Spanish mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, NMFS has recently implemented a final rule increasing the daily bag limit from 10 to 15 fish per person and total allowable catch of recreationally harvested Spanish mackerel in Federal waters off the state of Louisiana effective June 12, 2000, and

WHEREAS, based on the healthy status of the stock, the under harvested recreational allocation in recent years, and the recent increased total allowable catch, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council and NMFS have requested that Louisiana implement consistent regulations in state waters to enhance enforcement, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set possession limits for saltwater finfish based upon biological and technical data,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the possession of Spanish mackerel in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.327, changing the possession limit for the recreational harvest of Spanish mackerel from 10 to 15 fish per person per day. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§327. Daily Take and Possession Limits of King and Spanish Mackerel and Cobia

A. The recreational bag limit for possession of Spanish mackerel (Scomberomorus maculatus) whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana shall be ~~10~~ 15 fish per person, per day.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:868

(October 1989), amended LR 17:207 (February 1991), LR 19:513 (April 1993), LR 26: .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, October 4, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Randy Pausina then handled the next item, a **Notice of Intent - Reef Fish, Minimum Size Limit (Gag and Black Groupers) and Establish Closed Season (Gag, Red and Black Groupers)**. This amendment would increase the minimum size limit for gag and black grouper from 20 to 24 inches total length for commercial harvesters and 20 to 22 inches for recreational harvesters. It would also prohibit the commercial harvest and sale or purchase of gag, black and red grouper from February 15 to March 15 each year. This rule would also complement Federal regulations in effect as of June 19, 2000. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Delacroix asked if the four snapper per day and the one amberjack per day were changes? Mr. Pausina stated those regulations were not changing. Commissioner Kelly made a motion adopting the Resolution, and it was seconded to Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

Size and Creel Limits on Miscellaneous Reef Fishes

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the reef fish fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, NMFS has recently implemented a final rule that amends Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish regulations in the Federal waters off the state of Louisiana effective June 19, 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council and NMFS have requested that Louisiana implement consistent regulations in state waters to enhance enforcement, and

WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected reef fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size and possession limits for saltwater finfish based upon biological and technical data,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the possession and harvest of reef fish in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice

of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.335, increasing the commercial and recreational minimum size limits for gag and black grouper, prohibiting the commercial harvest and sale or purchase of gag, black, and red grouper from February 15 to March 15 each year, and general reorganization of the rule. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

~~§335. Reef Fish - Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission~~ Harvest Regulations

A. ~~The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations~~ Recreational bag limits regarding the harvest of reef fish: triggerfishes (~~excluding queen triggerfish~~), amberjacks, grunts, wrasses, snappers, groupers, sea basses, tilefishes, and porgies, within and without Louisiana's territorial waters:

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Recreational Bag Limits</u> |
|---|---|
| 1. Red Snapper | 4 fish per person per day |
| 2. Queen, mutton, schoolmaster, blackfin, cubera, gray, dog, mahogany, silk, yellowtail snappers, | 10 fish per person per day (in aggregate) |

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3. Vermilion snapper, lane snapper, gray triggerfish, almaco jack, goldface tilefish, tilefish, blackline tilefish, anchor tilefish, blue line tilefish 20 per person per day (in aggregate)
4. ~~All groupers~~ 5 fish per person per day (in aggregate) ~~excluding jewfish and Nassau grouper~~ and with not more than 1 speckled hind and 1 warsaw grouper per vessel
Red hind, rock hind, speckled hind, black grouper, misty grouper, red grouper, snowy grouper, yellowedge grouper, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper, warsaw grouper, gag grouper, scamp
5. Greater amberjack 1 fish per person per day
6. Banded rudderfish and lesser amberjack 5 fish per person per day (in aggregate)
7. Hogfish 5 fish per person per day
8. No person shall possess jewfish or Nassau grouper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters per LAC 76:VII.337.

B. Reef Fish Permits:

1. All persons who do not possess a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the harvest of Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to the recreational bag limit. To commercially harvest, sell, barter, trade or exchange or possess for commercial purposes all species of reef fish including dwarf sand perch and sand perch, but (excluding queen triggerfish, black seabass, porgies, and grunts) requires a valid Federal Reef Fish Vessel Permit be on board the vessel and in the immediate possession.

2. Charter vessels and headboats harvesting all species of reef fish including dwarf sand perch and sand perch, but (excluding queen triggerfish, black seabass, porgies, and grunts) are required to have a valid Federal Charter Vessel/Headboat Reef Fish Permit on board the vessel and in immediate possession.

23. Persons who are limited to a recreational bag limit shall not sell, barter, trade, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any reef fish.

24. A person subject to a bag limit may not possess during a single day, regardless of the number of trips or the duration of a trip, any reef fish in excess of the bag limits.

25. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of reef fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

DC. Charter Vessels and Headboats:

1. For charter vessels and headboats as defined in Federal Regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2, there will be an allowance for up to two daily bag limits on multi-day trips provided the vessel has two licensed operators aboard as required by the U.S. Coast Guard for trips of over 12 hours, and each passenger is issued and has in possession a receipt issued on behalf of the vessel that verifies the length of the trip.

2. Any fish taken from charter vessels or headboats as defined in Federal Regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2 or any charter vessel as described in R.S. 56:302.9 shall not be sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted to be sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335 apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

DE. Red Snapper:

1. All persons who do not possess a Class 1 or Class 2 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to the recreational bag limit for red snapper. Those persons possessing a Class 2 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to a daily take and possession limit of 200 pounds of red snapper per vessel.

2F. Those persons possessing a Class 1 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to a daily take and possession limit of 2,000 pounds of red snapper per vessel.

36. No person shall purchase, sell, exchange, barter or attempt to purchase, sell, exchange, or barter any red snapper in

excess of any possession limit for which a commercial license or permit was issued.

HE. Recreational and commercial minimum and maximum size limits, unless otherwise noted.

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Minimum Size Limits</u> |
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| 1. Red Snapper | 16 inches total length (Recreational) 15 inches total length (Commercial) |
| 2. Gray, yellowtail, cubera, dog, mahogany snapper, and schoolmaster | 12 inches total length |
| 3. Lane snapper | 8 inches total length |
| 4. Mutton snapper | 16 inches total length |
| 5. Vermilion snapper | 10 inches total length |
| 6. Red, gag, black and yellowfin grouper | 20 inches total length |
| 7. <u>Gag and black grouper</u> | <u>22 inches total length (Recreational)</u> <u>24 inches total length (Commercial)</u> |
| 78. Scamp | 16 inches total length |
| 89. Greater amberjack | 28 inches fork length (Recreational) 36 inches fork length (Commercial) |
| 910. Black seabass | 8 inches total length |
| 101. Hogfish | 12 inches fork length |
| 112. Banded rudderfish and lesser amberjack | 14 inches fork length (minimum size); 22 inches fork length (maximum size) |
| 123. Gray triggerfish | 12 inches total length |

FF. Definitions: Federal regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2 defines charter vessels and headboats as follows:

Charter vessel - a vessel less than 100 gross tons that meets the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard to carry six or fewer passengers for hire and that carries a passenger for hire at

any time during the calendar year. A charter vessel with a commercial permit is considered to be operating as a charter vessel when it carries a passenger who pays a fee or when there are more than three persons aboard, including operator and crew.

Headboat - a vessel that holds a valid Certificate of Inspection issued by the U.S. Coast Guard to carry passengers for hire. A headboat with a commercial vessel permit is considered to be operating as a headboat when it carries a passenger who pays a fee or, in the case of persons aboard fishing for or possessing coastal migratory pelagic fish or Gulf reef fish, when there are more than three persons aboard, including operator and crew.

G7. Seasons:

1. The season for the commercial harvest of greater amberjack shall be closed during the months of March through May of each year. Possession of greater amberjack in excess of the daily bag limit while on the water is prohibited during the closed season. Any greater amberjack harvested during the closed season shall not be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted to be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335.G apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

2. The commercial season for gag, black, and red grouper shall be closed from February 15 to March 15 of each year. During this closed season no person shall commercially harvest, sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter or exchange gag, black, or red grouper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. This prohibition on sale/purchase does not apply to gag, black grouper, or red grouper that were harvested, landed ashore, sold and purchased prior to February 15.

3. Persons aboard a vessel for which the permits indicates both charter vessel/headboat for Gulf reef fish and commercial Gulf reef fish may continue to retain gag, red grouper, and black grouper under the recreational take and possession limits specified in section A, provided the vessel is operating as a validly licensed charter vessel or headboat with prepaid recreational charter fisherman aboard the vessel. During the closed commercial season gag, red grouper or black grouper shall not be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted to be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335(G)3 apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 24:1138 (June 1998), LR 24:1139 (June 1998), LR 24:1972 (October 1998), LR 26:793 (April 2000), LR 26:1505 (July 2000), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday October 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Finally a Notice of Intent - Tunas, Establish Rule for Harvest of Yellowfin and Bigeye Tunas was presented by Mr. Randy Pausina. The proposed rule will establish a minimum size limit of 27 inches curved fork length for recreationally and commercially harvested yellowfin and bigeye tuna. A possession limit of 3 fish per person per day will also be established for recreationally caught yellowfin tuna. These regulations will also complement Federal regulations. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Stone made a motion adopting the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

TUNA HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the tuna fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted size limits for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana for conservation purposes, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected tuna fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to establish regulations concerning the harvest of tunas in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.361, establishing regulations for the take of yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§361. Tuna - Harvest Regulations

A. Bag and possession limits, recreational.

| Species | Bag and Possession Limit |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Yellowfin Tuna | 3 fish per person |

B. Size limits, recreational and commercial.

| Species | Minimum Size Limit |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Yellowfin Tuna | 27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL) |
| 2. Bigeye Tuna | 27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL) |

NOTE: Curved Fork Length (CFL): the length of a fish measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail along the contour of the body in a line that runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel.

C. No person shall take or have in their possession any species of tuna, less than the minimum size or in excess of the

take or possession limits. The possession limit on tunas applies to tuna taken within or outside Louisiana territorial waters.

D. Permits

1. Recreational: Persons aboard a vessel whether within or outside Louisiana territorial waters possessing any of the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, albacore, and Atlantic bonito are required to have a valid federal recreational tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel.

2. Commercial: Persons harvesting the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, albacore, and Atlantic bonito whether within or outside Louisiana state territorial waters for commercial purposes' or possessing such tuna species in excess of a recreational take limit are required to have a valid Federal commercial tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel. No person shall sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna without a valid federal permit. No person shall purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna from any person who harvested tuna without a valid federal commercial permit.

3. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

4. No person shall possess any species of tuna without tail intact or skinned or scaled.

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

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

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, October 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **December 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, December 7, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Mike Fagan, a bowhunter education instructor, stated he has learned that the Information & Education Division has disbanded and moved under the Enforcement Division. He asked, since the Department has already lost \$1.8 million, how much Pittman-Robertson Fund money will be lost due to this move and how would that money be spent. For every hour that is worked as an instructor, Mr. Fagan stated Pittman-Robertson Fund pays Louisiana \$13.50 an hour and this money is used for acquisition of WMAs and reforestation funds. Again he asked if this money would still be dedicated or would it go into the Enforcement's budget? He knew of 23 or 24 instructors that are ready to turn in their cards. Secretary Jenkins explained the Department did not lose \$1.8 million, this was money the Federal Auditors wanted repaid for allowing enforcement work which was disallowed under the Grant. As for the Information & Education Division, they have been over their budget and over their headcount and so the people Mr. Fagan was referring to have been placed under the Enforcement Division with the same people teaching the same subject with the same supervisor except at the very top of the Chain of Command. He added that he hopes no instructors would quit because they are needed. Mr. Patton also explained that the Department was able to satisfy the auditors by showing other areas where State Funds were used to cover the \$1.8 million. He then explained how the Pittman-Robertson Funds are allocated based on the population of the State and noted this money would not change. Mr. Patton stated that the money would be spent on hunter education as done in the past. Mr. Fagan asked again if the funds generated by hunter education would be absorbed by the Enforcement Division or would it continue for education? Mr. Patton stated the Department will continue to claim the entire amount of Pittman-Robertson Funds allocated to the State for hunter education. Commissioner Carver asked if Enforcement

personnel will be used or will the same Information & Education personnel be used? Col. Winton Vidrine stated the program stays in tact with the hunter safety instructors going under Enforcement and the other instructors going under Office of Wildlife.

Mr. Phil Bowman passed out photographs of dying coastal marshes in Louisiana that could be catastrophic. One of the biologists flying nutria surveys this spring found a large area of salt marsh vegetation that appeared to be dying. That area is continuing to grow now and totals several thousand acres. This area could be bad for the coast and could have significant consequences to fish and wildlife resources if a storm would come through that area. Mr. Bowman stated no one knows why the vegetation is dying, but work is continuing to find the cause.

Chairman Gattle asked Commissioner Carver about the aquatic vegetation problem in Toledo Bend. Commissioner Carver stated there is still plenty of Salvinia around and the crews are actively spraying the lake.

An Unidentified Speaker, a shrimper in Vermilion Bay area, stated this was the third meeting they have been to on the crab pots and shrimping. He added that there is a very bad problem in Delcambre and was not sure that the Commission was listening since no comments have been made. Then he stated he could not find the law on 200 foot limit between crab pots. He asked the Commission's consideration on the issue. Commissioner Kelly stated the Commission is listening and it is not a situation that will be corrected over night. He added the Commission wants to make decisions that will have a lasting effect, but not one that will cause turmoil and sacrifices people's lives. Some of the solutions can be done by the Commission, but others can not, stated Commissioner Kelly. Chairman Gattle stated there is no 200 foot law in place currently. Commissioner Kelly commented some of the recommendations presented to the Legislature to help curtail these problems were thrown out by the Legislature. The Unidentified Speaker asked for slack during this upcoming season if there were crab pots found on the shrimp boats.

Another Unidentified Speaker stated there is a law on Sabine Lake that all traps have to be removed from the lake two weeks prior to the shrimp season and asked how was this law passed? Col. Vidrine stated Rep. Randy Roach had that law passed. He then asked the Commission to make a recommendation and have a bill presented to the Legislature. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated the existing law on the books was a compromise between the shrimpers and crabbers.

Mr. Johnny Price stated he was told about the 200 foot law at the Crab Task Force meeting on June 22. He then asked if it was

legal to bait shrimp or harvest shrimp with bait? Lt. Col. Clark stated there is no law on baiting, but the method of take needs to be considered. Mr. Price then talked about the use of baiting cast nets for shrimp on the refuges. He felt the shrimp should be left alone.

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



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, August 3, 2000

Chairman Tom Gattle presiding.

Glynn Carver
Warren Delacroix
Tom Kelly
Jerry Stone

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

Commissioners Bill Busbice and Norman McCall were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the **July 6, 2000 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

General Discussion of Non-Resident License Fees began with Chairman Gattle asking Mr. Phil Bowman to give a review of the process in getting to where the fees are today. Mr. Bowman stated the Department realized, in the budget process, there would be a \$9 million revenue shortfall for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. The staff looked at different programs and made suggestions for serious cuts such as reducing the head count by 170 employees, closing WMAs and discontinuing other programs. A look at adjusting the license user fees was also discussed in hopes to develop a package that would help satisfy the revenue shortfall. When presenting the package to different user groups, the value of the non-resident licenses was criticized as being too low. Mr. Bowman explained the outcome from the First Special Legislative Session, the Regular Session and the Second Special Session. He added that the final Bill would not raise all of the revenue needed to cover the shortfall for the upcoming fiscal year. Continuing with the hiring freeze and the freeze on some acquisitions will allow the Department to have a "stand still" budget. Non-resident license fees amounts to about \$2 million of the budget.

Mr. Jim Patton commented Mr. Bowman covered the fee increase very succinctly. The Legislature decided they would not find any

more money for the Department. He then added public comments received prior to the First Special Session included, why were the non-resident license fees so low and the resident fees should not be raised any more than necessary. The non-resident fees that are in effect are not the same as the Department proposed, they are the wishes of the House of Representatives.

Commissioner Carver asked Mr. Bowman to explain how the projections came about and how much funds they would generate. Mr. Bowman explained that Mr. Patton and the Economists used an economic formula to determine the amount of money to be raised. Commissioner Carver explained a 3-day license cost \$15 last year and is now \$30 and the non-resident fishing license went from \$30 a year to \$60. Three miles from his store, a Texas non-resident fishing license costs \$30 for a year and a 5-day fishing license costs \$20. Commissioner Carver stated last July they sold 78 \$15 3-day licenses, but this year they only sold 26 licenses due to the fee increase. Just from his store, the fee increase cost the Department \$500 for the month of July. He added he has major problems with the license fees and feels the Commission should appoint a Committee to work with the Department and make adjustments within the legal limits. Commissioner Carver stated these fees are hurting his business on Toledo Bend as well as other businesses along the border lakes. Commissioner Stone stated the Louisiana Room was filled with people for a meeting on the fees and there was not one negative comment received. He added that there needs to be a way to replace money if you start shifting fees around. Commissioner Carver stated that there is certain areas that need to be adjusted. Chairman Gattle stated the Department is already \$1 million short and if you continue to take from one area, there needs to be a way to put back. He agreed with Commissioner Carver that there were some problems that needs to be addressed and that a Committee should be formed to review the situation from both sides. Mr. Bowman stated the Legislature acted based on what they heard from their constituents. Mr. Patton stated there is a problem with Toledo Bend and felt the Department could go back to the Legislature next year and create a special class license for that area rather than reducing the license fees everywhere in the State. Commissioner Carver agreed with Mr. Patton and added that there needs to be a 7-day license for the border lakes and not 3-day license. Commissioner Stone felt one of the problems with Mississippi was based on "our fish and their deer" and asked where does it balance? Chairman Gattle explained the Commission's authority in that they can not raise non-resident or resident fees without the Legislature's approval, but the Commission can lower those fees but can not change a 3-day license to a 7-day license. Also he added a change in the fees would have to go through the 120 day Notice of Intent process and can not be done as a Declaration of Emergency. The Chairman then asked for public comments.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux stated the Legislature did a lot more than "tweaked" the fees since he used to spend \$297.50 a year for a non-resident to hunt in Louisiana. Now that license costs \$525 a year, which equals to a 76 percent increase. Mississippi charges \$261. If Mississippi decides to increase their fees, it will hurt them more than their hunters coming into Louisiana. Texas charges \$250 for a non-resident license and Alabama charges \$202. Mr. Thibodaux asked where is the justification for raising the fees so much? He felt the Legislature did an irresponsible act when they raised the fees. He then asked how much revenue has been lost from uncollected fines and felt this should be a source of revenue. Another revenue source is the excise tax funded by the Pittman-Robertson Act. He pleaded with the Commission to reduce the non-resident fees and not jeopardize the ability for those who hunt in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Ms. Myra See began thanking The Advocate for the information about the meeting and stated she and her husband hunt in Mississippi. She asked the Commission to not raise the non-resident fees which will in turn make Mississippi raise their fees even more.

Mr. Corky Perret, with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, began stating they are not the agency that regulates the hunting and freshwater license fees. He then introduced Mr. Glade Woods, Executive Director of the Agency. A lot of discussion has been generated by the fee adjustment, stated Mr. Perret. Mississippi's Commission authorized him to visit with Louisiana and asked that a meeting be held to discuss these fees. The Commission has voted to charge Louisiana residents the same fee to fish in Mississippi what Louisiana charges Mississippi resident. Mr. Perret then stated he was going the next day to meet with personnel of the Mississippi Parks and Wildlife Department that regulates the hunting and freshwater fishing and noted their Commission has taken license fees under advisement. Chairman Gattle asked for clarification on the two agencies in Mississippi. Mr. Perret added that on an annual basis, Mississippi sold 2,428 non-resident saltwater angling licenses and only 368 were from Louisiana. Then he added Mississippi sold 11,443 non-resident 3-day angling licenses and 1,116 were from Louisiana. Commissioner Carver asked what was the charge for a 3-day license in Mississippi? Mr. Perret answered, currently it costs \$31 plus the fee for the agent. Chairman Gattle stated they were willing to meet and discuss the situation with both agencies in Mississippi. Secretary Jenkins stated a meeting has been scheduled for August 17 with the Mississippi Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Mr. Paul Cole stated the Department should be linked with the Tourist Department. He then asked what makes the Department think

the Mississippi people will pay \$525 to come here to hunt and if they do not, then what will happen to the budget? Chairman Gattle stated, if Mississippi changed their fees, they would have a reciprocal problem.

Mr. George Barisich, President of the United Commercial Fisherman's Association, stated that about 90 percent of the fishermen hunt deer. He appreciated Commissioner Carver's comments on economic loss that the increases may cause.

Mr. Kevin Golass, a deer hunter in Mississippi and Louisiana, stated he has the same sentiments as Commissioner Carver on the money brought into the local economies. He hoped that there would be room for compromises because if Mississippi raises their license fees, Mr. Golass stated that his hunting club would have to disband. He added that there has to be another way to generate revenue for the Department.

Mr. Husser, owner of Sportsman's Haven in Baton Rouge, stated there are numerous people that have refused to pay for the 3-day license and goes fishing any way. He stated the agents need to be on the lookout for these people.

Mr. Kevin Courtney agreed with Mr. Husser in that more people will be fishing without a license. Then he asked if the Department would have to spend more money to enforce the regulations. Mr. Courtney stated Oklahoma and Texas wildlife and fisheries office has joined with Tourism and felt Louisiana should try this since we are having financial problems.

Commissioner Carver stated a National Survey shows a non-resident spends on average \$200 per day on fuel, food and lodging when he comes to Louisiana to fish. So for every person that does not come to Louisiana to fish or hunt, Louisiana will loose \$200 per day. Then he stated, if a Notice of Intent was filed next month, it would be way into the deer season before action could be taken.

Mr. Vance Gordon, a hunter in Mississippi and a lifetime license holder for Louisiana, stated Mississippi has held the line on fees for the last 10 years. If Mississippi raises their fees to that of Louisiana, his lease will be killed. Mr. Gordon felt this was a very complicated situation and felt reciprocal agreements were needed so there would not be any out of line fee increases.

Chairman Gattle stated there is a problem that will be looked at and it is unfortunate the rules the Commission is bound by. He expressed appreciation to everyone and noted their comments would be taken under advisement.

Mr. Cecil Thompson commended the State of Mississippi for being at the meeting. He asked that the press be informed of what decisions were made after the August 17 meeting.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of July.

Region I - Minden - 148 citations and 33 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 69 citations and 36 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 181 citations and 41 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 118 citations and 72 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 110 citations and 24 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 144 citations and 16 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 260 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 206 citations and 54 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 262 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 26 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 32 citations and 14 warnings.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 34 citations.

SWEP - 22 citations.

Refuge Patrol Task Force (a new unit that works Rockefeller, Marsh Island and State Wildlife Refuges) - 35 citations and 14 warnings.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 1,498. Also there were 359 warning citations issued for the month. Major LaCaze added there was a lot of boating activity over the July 4 holiday and the agents made numerous DUI cases throughout the State. Anacoco Lake in Region 3 is experiencing a boom in bass fishing and there have been a number of over the limit largemouth bass cases made. Black Lake in Natchitoches Parish is going through a drawdown and agents will move into that area to keep any overharvesting of fish from occurring there.

The aviation report for July 2000 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 63.9 hours for enforcement and 19.5 hours for other divisions. Also there were 10 citations issued.

Chairman Gattle then asked for **Public Comment - 2001 Turkey Season**. Mr. Dave Arnoldi stated two federal agencies asked that their lands be included in the turkey season. Also, the Kisatchie Forest lands were not included in the original Notice of Intent. Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge will offer a limited turkey lottery hunt for 2001. Corps of Engineers land at Indian Bayou will also offer a turkey lottery hunt. When time for ratifying the turkey rule, all of the federal lands will be included for the Commission to act upon, stated Mr. Arnoldi. Chairman Gattle asked if action was now needed. Mr. Don Puckett answered no. Then Chairman Gattle asked if the goal of the turkey program was still to reduce gobbler harvest and develop more uniform opening dates and were there still concerns of high harvest rates and deteriorating habitat? Mr. Tommy Prickett stated there is concerns for the turkey population especially in the Florida parishes. Data shows the rate of harvest in Louisiana is about twice that of other states in the southeastern. The long range goal is to have one opening date in Louisiana, stated Mr. Prickett. Chairman Gattle asked about comments he has heard from northwest Louisiana and the peak turkey gobbling times.

Mr. Phil Bowman began the discussion on the **Tentative Dates for Waterfowl Season** stating this is the beginning of a 30 day public comment period. This year's presentation will be an expanded format and will include the distribution of waterfowl, temperature and changes seen with the landscape. Mr. Mike Olinde would begin the presentation with a series of slides. Mr. Olinde began his presentation by thanking Mr. Jay Grymes, State Climatologist, for making data available. Slides discussed included mean monthly temperatures in west central Missouri and south central Louisiana back to 1930 showing no pattern of warming. Then discussed was does warmer weather equal less ducks. Aerial surveys during the 1990's indicate duck numbers are up. "Does warmer weather mean less harvest?" Fish and Wildlife Service data indicates records have been set for harvest over the last several years. "Does later hunting equal more mallards?" A graph was shown indicating the mallard percentage taken in January for years 1975-87 and 1995-99. "Does later season dates equal larger harvest?" The first nine days of the split averages 25 to 45 percent more ducks than the last nine days of the second split.

Mr. Bowman then stated Mr. Robert Helm would review the Fish and Wildlife Service video on duck indices and habitat conditions. At a recent meeting of the Joint Flyway Councils, it was learned that summer rains have increased in Canada and have impacted the winter wheat crop. The harvest package, still in the liberal mode,

will be a 60 day season with a 6 bird limit. Mr. Helm then introduced a video which would show the habitat conditions in Canada and the breeding populations of ducks and geese. Following the video, Mr. Helm stated the framework will remain the same except for two minor changes. The first is allowing for a 2-day youth waterfowl hunt. The other change is hunters will be allowed to participate in the Conservation Order which allows electronic calls and unplugged shotguns. Mr. Helm then asked the Commission to look at the west zone options first. The two options are November 4 - November 26 and December 16 - January 21 or November 11 - December 3 and December 16 - January 21. Chairman Gattle asked for public comments on duck hunting in the west zone.

Mr. Richard Lipsey stated it would be much better for the west zone to have a later opening date.

An Unidentified Speaker stated he would not like to see both zones open the same day since he has duck leases in both zones.

Mr. Warren Coco stated there is generally a lot of feed in the marsh early and asked that the west zone open on the earliest possible date. Commissioner Stone asked if an earlier opening allows for better bag limits? Mr. Helm answered yes.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if there was any discussion on closing the season later than January 21 and how did that date come about? Mr. Bowman stated there is a consensus among the Flyway Councils of what options they would like the Fish and Wildlife Service to evaluate such as extending the framework dates one week on the front end and one week on the back end with no penalty.

Mr. Walter Wainwright, Vermilion Corporation, asked why can there not be more days during the first split in the west zone? Mr. Helm stated that could be an option for consideration. Mr. Wainwright suggested opening on November 4 and have more days in the first split which could result in better harvest. Commissioner Stone stated this option would result in 30 days for each split.

An Unidentified Speaker stated he is not seeing ducks early in the Gueydan area, but seeing mallards later. He asked if you move the zone early, would you be missing Christmas and New Years holidays? He stated if you use the November 11 through December 3 and December 16 through January 21 dates, it gives hunters 10 weekends to hunt. He then recommended using those dates for the west zone and November 18 opening date for the east zone.

Mr. David Broussard, Oak Grove Hunting Club, stated the early November opening, the fewer ducks there are in Cameron Parish. He recommended opening the west zone using the second option.

Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Helm to give the options for the east zone. These options are November 11 - November 26 and

December 9 - January 21 or November 18 - December 3 and December 9 - January 21. Chairman Gattle stated he has received comments asking for a later opening and feels the December period is the best for hunting. He then asked for public comments on the east zone. Commissioner Carver felt when options are given, someone will be happy and someone will be unhappy. Chairman Gattle stated he was in favor of not having uniform openings between the west and east zones. He then suggested option 2 for both the west and east zones. The west zone dates would be November 11 - December 3 and December 16 - January 21. The dates for the east zone would be November 18 - December 3 and December 9 - January 21. Commissioner Carver made a motion on Chairman Gattle's suggestion. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Commissioner Stone asked how does the big hunting clubs feel about shifting from the January 21 closing date and moving to mid-January? Mr. David Broussard stated the later in January the season is open, the more mallards are killed. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Helm then suggested having the youth waterfowl hunting dates the weekend following the closure of the duck season. These dates would be January 27-28 statewide. Commissioner Kelly made a motion on the youth waterfowl dates and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Helm reminded the Commissioners they could consider the Conservation Order during the splits when all seasons are closed. He felt since the west zone will open on November 11, it would be better to open the goose season on that same day. But if it was decided to have a straight season for snow and white fronted geese, the Conservation Order would be eliminated in December. Traditionally the snow goose season is longer, but it will be closed the same date as the white fronted season in order to implement the Conservation Order the next day. The east zone early opening is a suggestion the Commission may want to continue, commented Mr. Helm. Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments on the goose season. Hearing no comments, he then suggested option 3 for snow and white-fronted geese in the east zone. Commissioner Stone suggested opening the west zone November 11 - December 10 to coincide with the duck season. Mr. Helm then read the dates for snow and white-fronted geese in the west zone as November 11 - December 10, December 16 - February 9. The Conservation Order would open the next day after the season closes until March 11. Chairman Gattle read the dates for the east zone as October 28 - December 3 and December 9 - January 26 with the Conservation Order going into effect when the season closes. Commissioner Delacroix made a motion accepting the dates and Commissioner Kelly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Helm then gave the dates for the 9 day Canada goose season as January 16 - 24 statewide except a small portion in southwest Louisiana would remain closed. Then Mr. Helm gave the dates for rails and gallinules as opening on November 11 - January 4. The

snipe season would open on November 4 - December 3 and December 14 - February 28. No public comments were heard on any of these season dates. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to accept the seasons as proposed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Chairman Gattle then asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. Mr. Joe Macaluso asked what are the bag limits? Mr. Helm stated the bag limit would be the same as last year, 6 birds. The motion passed with no opposition.

(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

August 3, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 3, 2000.

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington, DC, and

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved a Conservation Order for the taking of light geese, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework 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 waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 2000-2001 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

A Declaration of Emergency - Early Migratory Bird Seasons was handled by Mr. Mike Olinde. He reminded the Commissioners that action was taken at the last meeting on these seasons and they were reported to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Service did not make any changes. Mr. Olinde then read the dates, bag and possession limits for dove, teal, early rails, early gallinules, and woodcock and the shooting hours. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Delacroix seconded the motion. No public comments were heard. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 3, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA August 3, 2000.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, 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 the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours for dove, teal, rails, gallinules and woodcock by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates have been forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selections for early migratory bird seasons.

Thomas M. Gattie, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
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 authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

The hunting seasons for early migratory birds during the 2000-2001 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL
2000-2001 Hunting Seasons

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 60 days
September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun.) 9 days
October 14 (Sat.)-November 10 (Fri.) 28 days
December 16 (Sat.)-January 7 (Sun.) 23 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30

TEAL:
September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 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 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set at a later date.

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 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set at a later date.
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

WOODCOCK:
December 18 (Mon.)-January 31 (Wed.) 45 days
Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:
Teal, Rail, Woodcock and Gallinule: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on September 2-3, October 14-15, and December 16-17 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective on September 1, 2000 and extend through sunset on February 28, 2001.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Claude Boudreaux presented a **Declaration of Emergency - 2000 Fall Shrimp Season**. He began stating statutes allow for the opening of two inshore shrimp seasons each year and this item concerns the second season which is primarily white shrimp. Historically the fall season was set by law to open the third Monday in August and close December 20, but the Legislature gave the Commission authority to set this season. Since receiving this authority, the Commission has continued the tradition of opening the season the third Monday in August except for one time. Two reasons were explained by Mr. Boudreaux for why the third Monday in August was recommended by the Department. Then he stated that samples are typical in size and abundance for this time of year. East of the Mississippi River there are not many white shrimp to be found. West of the River shrimp are being found from 50 count to over 500 count. Mr. Boudreaux then recommended opening the fall shrimp season on the third Monday in August which is August 21 except for the Chandeleur Sound north of the MRGO which was recommended to open on Monday, August 7. Since the closure of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds for the spring season, several shrimpers advised they were still catching brown shrimp and not any white shrimp. It was also recommended to close the season for Zones 2 and 3 on December 20, most of Zone 1 should close on December 31 and the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds to remain open until March 31, 2001. Commissioner Kelly asked if sampling has proved there is a heavy mixture crop of shrimp and would it be detrimental to open earlier? Mr. Boudreaux answered yes. Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments.

Mr. Jimmy Duplechain, a commercial shrimper, agreed with the third Monday opening since the shrimp were mixed. He then asked if crab traps would be discussed? Chairman Gattle answered it was not part of the agenda. Mr. Duplechain then asked that a meeting be set on the seriousness of crab traps.

Mr. George Barisich stated he surveyed dealers across the state and they suggested an earlier opening date such as August 14. Also he asked that Breton Sound be opened in addition to that area north of the MRGO.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, concurred that the Sound south of the MRGO should also be open. He then commented the spring season closed prematurely in the eastern part of Zone 1. There were no significant numbers of

white shrimp when the season closed. He recommended opening the two passes and Lake Pontchartrain the same date as the Sound.

Mr. Pete Gericca, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, stated he agreed with Mr. Dekemel that the season was closed too early. He felt the third Monday would be too late and asked to compromise and open the second Monday in August.

Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Boudreaux to explain the areas recommended to open on August 7. Mr. Boudreaux stated the reason Breton Sound was not included in the earlier opening was the fact that the calls they received were for Chandeleur Sound. He added the staff would have no objection to opening Breton Sound at the same time as Chandeleur Sound. Mr. Boudreaux felt the agents would not have a good description for Lake Borgne for enforcement purposes. Chairman Gattle asked for comments from Enforcement Division. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated the agents use the double rig line for enforcing Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. But with the other areas, he requested that any action taken, make sure there is a consistent boundary. Chairman Gattle asked for a motion to add Breton Sound to the original Resolution. Commissioner Delacroix stated he was told a Department's recording had that the east side of the River was open permanently and asked that the recording be checked. Lt. Col. Clark stated there is no described line for Lake Borgne, the Rigolets or the Chef. Mr. Boudreaux stated he would not recommend opening Lake Borgne along with Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. Chairman Gattle stated the Commission would need a motion to amend the Resolution if they would like to include Breton and Chandeleur Sounds for opening on August 7. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to amend the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Delacroix. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Boudreaux to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion accepting the amended Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 2000

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicates that marketable shrimp are available, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 21, 2000, except for Breton and Chandeleur Sound, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall open at official sunrise on August 7, 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 20, 2000 in Zones 2 and 3 and official sunset December 31, 2000 in Zone 1, except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2001. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line,

all to open at official sunrise August 21, 2000, except for Breton and Chandeleur Sound, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall open at official sunrise on August 7, 2000.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing dates for the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset December 20, 2000, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 2000 except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2001. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency on the 2000-01 Oyster Season, Public Grounds was given by Mr. Ron Dugas. The public oyster grounds consists of approximately 2 million acres. Surveys has shown a significant reduction of large oysters from these areas and a rather significant increase of smaller oysters. Two sets of laws cover the opening on the public grounds. The first states that the season will open on the first Wednesday following Labor Day, which is September 6 this year and the season will run through April 1, 2001. The second law indicates that the grounds should be managed

for seed oyster production. The drought and high temperature problems are still prevalent. Mr. Dugas then asked the Commission to open the oyster season on September 6, the first Wednesday following Labor Day, and close on September 17, then reopen the season on October 1. The only exception would be having no split in the Bay Junop area and allowing their season to run from September 6 through May 15. The Calcasieu system, a public tonging reef, recommended season dates will be October 16 through April 30. Chairman Gattle then asked for public comments.

Mr. George Barisich asked if the Oyster Task Force talked about the effect of sales by having a split season. Mr. Dugas stated what was presented was the wisest and most reasonable use of the renewable resources. The biggest concern for Mr. Dugas is the heat and stress on the organisms. Chairman Gattle asked if the Oyster Task Force was in agreement with the dates? Mr. Dugas answered yes. Commissioner Stone made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Dugas then commented on the controversy of moving the closing dates back in April and noted just under 100,000 sacks were harvested. He could not say for sure that those oysters would still be available now if the season had not been extended. Economically, these oysters amounted to about \$4 million in commerce. Mr. Dugas felt the Department and Commission should not be concerned with money, but should be concerned about the wise and responsible use of the resources. Commissioner Stone asked if the Oyster Task Force had a need to monitor vibrio? Mr. Dugas explained what the Department is doing and how the Department of Health and Hospitals is monitoring the organism.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000/2001 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds

August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds shall be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2000 is September 6, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservation" have been surveyed and the

available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, the coastal environment has been beset by extremely high water temperatures and drought conditions and these factors detrimentally affect the oyster resource, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433B to mandate a sacking only area on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations except the Sister Lake and Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will close one-half hour after sunset on September 17 to reopen one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2000 for the remainder of the season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on May 15, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 2000/2001 Oyster Season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and will open and close the same as all the public grounds east of the Mississippi River, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2000 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2000 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2001. However these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations except the Sister Lake and Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will close one-half hour after sunset on September 17; to reopen one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2000 and remain open for the remainder of the season.

2. Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on May 15, 2001.

3. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 2000/2001 Oyster Season.

4. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and will open and close the same as all the public grounds east of the Mississippi River.

5. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action is necessary to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

6. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended.

7. The season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2000 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2000 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2001. However, these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures.

8. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Secretary

Mr. Randy Pausina presented a **Notice of Intent - Spanish Mackerel, Increase Recreational Bag and Possession Limit**. This change would increase the Spanish mackerel possession limit for recreational fishermen from 10 to 15 fish per person per day. This rule would complement Federal regulations already in place in Federal waters. Hearing no public comments, Mr. Pausina read the **Therefore Be It Resolved** portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Carver made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

Bag Limit of Spanish Mackerel

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the Spanish mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, NMFS has recently implemented a final rule increasing the daily bag limit from 10 to 15 fish per person and total allowable catch of recreationally harvested Spanish mackerel in Federal waters off the state of Louisiana effective June 12, 2000, and

WHEREAS, based on the healthy status of the stock, the under harvested recreational allocation in recent years, and the recent increased total allowable catch, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council and NMFS have requested that Louisiana implement consistent regulations in state waters to enhance enforcement, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set possession limits for saltwater finfish based upon biological and technical data,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the possession of Spanish mackerel in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.327, changing the possession limit for the recreational harvest of Spanish mackerel from 10 to 15 fish per person per day. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§327. Daily Take and Possession Limits of King and Spanish Mackerel and Cobia

A. The recreational bag limit for possession of Spanish mackerel (Scomberomorus maculatus), whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana shall be ~~10~~ 15 fish per person, per day.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:868 (October 1989), amended LR 17:207 (February 1991), LR 19:513 (April 1993), LR 26: .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, October 4, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Randy Pausina then handled the next item, a **Notice of Intent - Reef Fish, Minimum Size Limit (Gag and Black Groupers) and Establish Closed Season (Gag, Red and Black Groupers)**. This amendment would increase the minimum size limit for gag and black grouper from 20 to 24 inches total length for commercial harvesters and 20 to 22 inches for recreational harvesters. It would also prohibit the commercial harvest and sale or purchase of gag, black and red grouper from February 15 to March 15 each year. This rule would also complement Federal regulations in effect as of June 19, 2000. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Delacroix asked if the four snapper per day and the one amberjack per day were changes? Mr. Pausina stated those regulations were not changing. Commissioner Kelly made a motion adopting the Resolution and it was seconded to Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

Size and Creel Limits on Miscellaneous Reef Fishes

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the reef fish fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine

Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, NMFS has recently implemented a final rule that amends Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish regulations in the Federal waters off the state of Louisiana effective June 19, 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council and NMFS have requested that Louisiana implement consistent regulations in state waters to enhance enforcement, and

WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected reef fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size and possession limits for saltwater finfish based upon biological and technical data,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the possession and harvest of reef fish in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.335, increasing the commercial and recreational minimum size limits for gag and black grouper, prohibiting the commercial harvest and sale or purchase of gag, black, and red grouper from February 15 to March 15 each year, and general reorganization of the rule. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

~~§335. Reef Fish - Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission Harvest Regulations~~

~~A. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations Recreational bag limits regarding the harvest of reef fish: triggerfishes (excluding queen triggerfish), amberjacks, grunts, wrasses, snappers, groupers, sea basses, tilefishes, and porgies, within and without Louisiana's territorial waters:~~

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Recreational Bag Limits</u> |
|--|---|
| 1. Red Snapper | 4 fish per person per day |
| 2. Queen, mutton, schoolmaster, blackfin, cubera, gray, dog, mahogany, silk, yellowtail snappers, and wenchman | 10 fish per person per day (in aggregate) |
| 3. Vermilion snapper, lane snapper, gray triggerfish, almaco jack, goldface tilefish, tilefish, blackline tilefish, anchor tilefish, blueline tilefish | 20 per person per day (in aggregate) |
| 4. All groupers | 5 fish per person per day (in |

- Red hind, rock hind, speckled hind, black grouper, misty grouper, red grouper, snowy grouper, yellowedge grouper, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper, warsaw grouper, gag grouper, scamp aggregate) ~~excluding jewfish and Nassau grouper~~ and with not more than 1 speckled hind and 1 warsaw grouper per vessel
5. Greater amberjack 1 fish per person per day
 6. Banded rudderfish and lesser amberjack 5 fish per person per day (in aggregate)
 7. Hogfish 5 fish per person per day
 8. No person shall possess jewfish or Nassau grouper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters per LAC 76:VII.337.

B. Reef Fish Permits:

1. All persons who do not possess a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the harvest of Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to the recreational bag limit. To commercially harvest, sell, barter, trade or exchange or possess for commercial purposes all species of reef fish including dwarf sand perch and sand perch, but (excluding queen triggerfish, black seabass, porgies, and grunts) requires a valid Federal Reef Fish Vessel Permit on board the vessel and in the immediate possession.

2. Charter vessels and headboats harvesting all species of reef fish including dwarf sand perch and sand perch, but (excluding queen triggerfish, black seabass, porgies, and grunts) are required to have a valid Federal Charter Vessel/Headboat Reef Fish Permit on board the vessel and in immediate possession.

3. Persons who are limited to a recreational bag limit shall not sell, barter, trade, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any reef fish.

4. A person subject to a bag limit may not possess during a single day, regardless of the number of trips or the duration of a trip, any reef fish in excess of the bag limits.

5. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of reef fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

DC. Charter Vessels and Headboats:

1. For charter vessels and headboats as defined in Federal Regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2, there will be an allowance for up to two daily bag limits on multi-day trips provided the vessel has two licensed operators aboard as required by the U.S. Coast Guard for trips of over 12 hours, and each passenger is issued and has in possession a receipt issued on behalf of the vessel that verifies the length of the trip.

2. Any fish taken from charter vessels or headboats as defined in Federal Regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2 or any charter vessel as described in R.S. 56:302.9 shall not be sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted to be sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335 apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

DE. Red Snapper:

1. All persons who do not possess a Class 1 or Class 2 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to the recreational bag limit for red snapper. Those persons possessing a Class 2 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to a daily take and possession limit of 200 pounds of red snapper per vessel.

2F. Those persons possessing a Class 1 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to a daily take and possession limit of 2,000 pounds of red snapper per vessel.

3G. No person shall purchase, sell, exchange, barter or attempt to purchase, sell, exchange, or barter any red snapper in excess of any possession limit for which a commercial license or permit was issued.

HE. Recreational and commercial minimum and maximum size limits, unless otherwise noted.

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Minimum Size Limits</u> |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. Red Snapper | 16 inches total length (Recreational) 15 inches total length (Commercial) |
| 2. Gray, yellowtail, | 12 inches total length |

cubera, dog, mahogany
snapper,
and schoolmaster

3. Lane snapper 8 inches total length
4. Mutton snapper 16 inches total length
5. Vermilion snapper 10 inches total length
6. Red, gag, black and yellowfin grouper 20 inches total length
7. Gag and black grouper 22 inches total length (Recreational)
24 inches total length (Commercial)
78. Scamp 16 inches total length
89. Greater amberjack 28 inches fork length (Recreational)
36 inches fork length (Commercial)
910. Black seabass 8 inches total length
101. Hogfish 12 inches fork length
112. Banded rudderfish and lesser amberjack 14 inches fork length (minimum size); 22 inches fork length (maximum size)
123. Gray triggerfish 12 inches total length

FF. Definitions: Federal regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2 defines charter vessels and headboats as follows:

Charter vessel - a vessel less than 100 gross tons that meets the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard to carry six or fewer passengers for hire and that carries a passenger for hire at any time during the calendar year. A charter vessel with a commercial permit is considered to be operating as a charter vessel when it carries a passenger who pays a fee or when there are more than three persons aboard, including operator and crew.

Headboat - a vessel that holds a valid Certificate of Inspection issued by the U.S. Coast Guard to carry passengers for hire. A headboat with a commercial vessel permit is considered to be operating as a headboat when it carries a passenger who pays a fee or, in the case of persons aboard fishing for or possessing coastal migratory pelagic fish or Gulf reef fish, when there are more than three persons aboard, including operator and crew.

G. Seasons:

1. The season for the commercial harvest of greater amberjack shall be closed during the months of March through May of each year. Possession of greater amberjack in excess of the daily bag limit while on the water is prohibited during the closed season. Any greater amberjack harvested during the closed season shall not be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted to be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335.G apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

2. The commercial season for gag, black, and red grouper shall be closed from February 15 to March 15 of each year. During this closed season no person shall commercially harvest, sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter or exchange gag, black, or red grouper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. This prohibition on sale/purchase does not apply to gag, black grouper, or red grouper that were harvested, landed ashore, sold and purchased prior to February 15.

3. Persons aboard a vessel for which the permits indicates both charter vessel/headboat for Gulf reef fish and commercial Gulf reef fish may continue to retain gag, red grouper, and black grouper under the recreational take and possession limits specified in section A, provided the vessel is operating as a validly licensed charter vessel or headboat with prepaid recreational charter fisherman aboard the vessel. During the closed commercial season gag, red grouper or black grouper shall not be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted to be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335(G)3 apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 24:1138 (June 1998), LR 24:1139 (June 1998), LR 24:1972 (October 1998), LR 26:793 (April 2000), LR 26:1505 (July 2000), LR .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of

intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday October 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Finally a **Notice of Intent - Tunas, Establish Rule for Harvest of Yellowfin and Bigeye Tunas** was presented by Mr. Randy Pausina. The proposed rule will establish a minimum size limit of 27 inches curved fork length for recreationally and commercially harvested yellowfin and bigeye tuna. A possession limit of 3 fish per person per day will also be established for recreationally caught yellowfin tuna. These regulations will also complement Federal regulations. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Stone made a motion adopting the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

TUNA HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the tuna fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted size limits for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana for conservation purposes, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected tuna fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to establish regulations concerning the harvest of tunas in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

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

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.361, establishing regulations for the take of yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna.

Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§361. Tuna - Harvest Regulations

A. Bag and possession limits, recreational.

| Species | Bag and Possession Limit |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Yellowfin Tuna | 3 fish per person |

B. Size limits, recreational and commercial.

| Species | Minimum Size Limit |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Yellowfin Tuna | 27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL) |
| 2. Bigeye Tuna | 27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL) |

NOTE: Curved Fork Length (CFL): the length of a fish measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail along the contour of the body in a line that runs along the top of the pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel.

C. No person shall take or have in their possession any species of tuna, less than the minimum size or in excess of the take or possession limits. The possession limit on tunas applies to tuna taken within or outside Louisiana territorial waters.

D. Permits

1. Recreational: Persons aboard a vessel whether within or outside Louisiana territorial waters possessing any of the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, albacore, and Atlantic bonito are required to have a valid federal recreational tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel.

2. Commercial: Persons harvesting the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, albacore, and Atlantic bonito whether within or outside Louisiana state territorial waters for commercial purposes' or possessing such tuna species in excess of a recreational take limit are required to have a valid Federal commercial tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel. No person shall sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna without a valid federal permit. No person shall purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna from any person who harvested tuna without a valid federal commercial permit.

3. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

4. No person shall possess any species of tuna without tail intact or skinned or scaled.

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

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

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **December 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, December 7, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Mike Fagan, a bowhunter education instructor, stated he has learned that the Information & Education Division has disbanded and moved under the Enforcement Division. He asked, since the Department has already lost \$1.8 million, how much Pittman-Robertson Fund money will be lost due to this move and how would that money be spent. For every hour that is worked as an instructor, Mr. Fagan stated Pittman-Robertson Fund pays Louisiana \$13.50 an hour and this money is used for acquisition of WMAs and reforestation funds. Again he asked if this money would still be dedicated or would it go into the Enforcement's budget? He knew of 23 or 24 instructors that are ready to turn in their cards. Secretary Jenkins explained the Department did not lose \$1.8 million, this was money the Federal Auditors wanted repaid for allowing enforcement work which was disallowed under the Grant. As for the Information & Education Division, they have been over their budget and over their headcount and so the people Mr. Fagan was referring to have been placed under the Enforcement Division with the same people teaching the same subject with the same supervisor except at the very top of the Chain of Command. He added that he hopes no instructors would quit because they are needed. Mr. Patton also explained that the Department was able to satisfy the auditors by showing other areas where State Funds were used to cover the \$1.8 million. He then explained how the Pittman-Robertson Funds are allocated based on the population of the State and noted this money would not change. Mr. Patton stated that the money would be spent on hunter education as done in the past. Mr. Fagan asked again if the funds generated by hunter education would be absorbed by the Enforcement Division or would it continue for education? Mr. Patton stated the Department will continue to claim the entire amount of Pittman-Robertson Funds allocated to the State for hunter education. Commissioner Carver asked if Enforcement personnel will be used or will the same Information & Education personnel be used? Col. Winton Vidrine stated the program stays in tact with the hunter safety instructors going under Enforcement and the other instructors going under Office of Wildlife.

Mr. Phil Bowman passed out photographs of dying coastal marshes in Louisiana that could be catastrophic. One of the biologists flying nutria surveys this spring found a large area of salt marsh vegetation that appeared to be dying. That area is continuing to grow now and totals several thousand acres. This area could be bad for the coast and could have significant consequences to fish and wildlife resources if a storm would come

through that area. Mr. Bowman stated no one knows why the vegetation is dying, but work is continuing to find the cause.

Chairman Gattle asked Commissioner Carver about the aquatic vegetation problem in Toledo Bend. Commissioner Carver stated there is still plenty of Salvinia around and the crews are actively spraying the lake.

An Unidentified Speaker, a shrimper in Vermilion Bay area, stated this was the third meeting they have been to on the crab pots and shrimping. He added that there is a very bad problem in Delcambre and was not sure that the Commission was listening since no comments have been made. Then he stated he could not find the law on 200 foot limit between crab pots. He asked the Commission's consideration on the issue. Commissioner Kelly stated the Commission is listening and it is not a situation that will be corrected over night. He added the Commission wants to make decisions that will have a lasting effect, but not one that will cause turmoil and sacrifices people's lives. Some of the solutions can be done by the Commission, but others can not, stated Commissioner Kelly. Chairman Gattle stated there is no 200 foot law in place currently. Commissioner Kelly commented some of the recommendations presented to the Legislature to help curtail these problems were thrown out by the Legislature. The Unidentified Speaker asked for slack during this upcoming season if there were crab pots found on the shrimp boats.

Another Unidentified Speaker stated there is a law on Sabine Lake that all traps have to be removed from the lake two weeks prior to the shrimp season and asked how was this law passed? Col. Vidrine stated Rep. Randy Roach had that law passed. He then asked the Commission to make a recommendation and have a bill presented to the Legislature. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated the existing law on the books was a compromise between the shrimpers and crabbers.

Mr. Johnny Price stated he was told about the 200 foot law at the Crab Task Force meeting on June 22. He then asked if it was legal to bait shrimp or harvest shrimp with bait? Lt. Col. Clark stated there is no law on baiting, but the method of take needs to be considered. Mr. Price then talked about the use of baiting cast nets for shrimp on the refuges. He felt the shrimp should be left alone.

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

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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State hunters plead for lower fees

By [JOE MACALUSO](#)
Advocate outdoors writer

The main topic was ducks, but there was a lot that didn't fly with a handful of Louisiana hunters at Thursday's Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

Though there were changes from 1999's duck and goose hunting seasons, the best news for Louisiana hunters was that the state is again getting a 60-day, 6 ducks-a-day season.

Even better was that the state's East and West duck-hunting zones will open one week apart in November. The zones had the same opening date for the 1999-2000 season.

Before ducks and geese could get airborne on the lengthy agenda, the LWFC heard loud and long appeals from hunters and concerned businessmen about the State Legislature-approved increase in non-resident fishing and hunting license fees.

Baton Rouge resident Vance Gordon was among a handful of hunters who pleaded with the LWFC to reduce the fees over concern that Mississippi will to the same.

"I've been hunting in Mississippi since 1973 when the non-resident fee was \$35," Gordon said. "For Louisiana to raise the non-resident fee to \$425 (basic and big-game licenses) is going to force Mississippi to go to \$500."

The new Louisiana fees also call for \$50 licenses for archery and primitive weapons hunting for hunting deer, which boosts the license for non-residents to \$525.

Gordon said even though he lives in Baton Rouge he hunts in Mississippi.

"I can't find a (deer) lease down here for what I can in Mississippi," Gordon said. "If Mississippi increases its license, I'm not going to be able to get enough guys to go in on the lease."

Like other in-state hunters who testified before the commission, he urged

the LWFC to meet with neighboring states to work out reciprocal agreements that will hold down non-resident fees.

In short order, Department Wildlife and Fisheries assistant secretary Phil Bowman said the State Legislature increased the non-resident fees proposed by the LDWF. Bowman said the Legislature heeded pressure from Louisiana residents to raise non-resident fees and keep resident fees as low as possible.

Commission member Glynn Carver from Many and Sportsman's Haven owner Joe Husser said the non-resident fishing fee increases have cost them sales and resulted in lost revenues to the LDWF.

Both men said out-of-state fishermen have left merchandise on the counter and not purchased licenses when they learned the cost of the new licenses. A three-day basic license was raised to \$30 with another \$40 add-on for a 3-day saltwater license.

LDWF secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. said a meeting has been set between his staff and Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Corky Perret, a former LDWF official that is now executive director of the Mississippi Marine Fisheries Department said Louisiana's new fee structure has ". . . generated lots of discussion in Mississippi. The plan is to sit down and look at these fees and charge Louisiana residents whatever is charged Mississippi residents."

LWFC chairman Tom Gattle from Lake Providence also promised a committee to study the problem and to work with Mississippi officials.

Other LWFC action included:

|Ratifying dates and bag limits for the special September teal, rail and gallinule hunts and overall dove and woodcock seasons;

|Approving the opening dates for the fall inshore shrimp season for Aug. 7 in Breton and Chandeleur sounds and Aug. 21 for the rest of the coastal area;

|Declaring a Sept. 6-17 season for taking oysters from the state's public oyster seed grounds, another season to open on Oct. 1, a closure of the Sister Lake area for taking oysters and opening Bay Junop to that activity from Sept. 6-May 15, 2001;

|And, changing state regulations to conform to federal regulations on catching Spanish mackerel, three species of groupers and yellowfin and bigeye tunas.

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Duck hunters get another 60-day season

By [JOE MACALUSO](#)
Advocate outdoors writer

State waterfowl biologists carried home good news from the Mississippi Flyway Council meeting last week: Duck hunters are again going to have a 60-day season with a daily limit of six ducks.

"It's unprecedented to be in the 'liberal' limit for this long," Department of Wildlife and Fisheries assistant secretary Phil Bowman said Thursday.

It'll be the fourth consecutive year of a 60-day season for the flyway.

Bowman and state Waterfowl Study leader Robert Helm presented the numbers and proposed dates at the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission's monthly meeting.

But unlike 1999, when the commission voted to open Louisiana's three duck hunting zones on the same day, the five LWFC members attending the meeting voted separate days for the West and East zones hunters.

The Catahoula Lake Zone follows the East Zone dates. LWFC board members Bill Busbice and Norman McCall were absent.

West Zone hunters will get the first crack with a 23-day, Nov. 11-Dec. 3 first split. East Zone hunters follow with a Nov. 18-Dec. 3 split.

After that, the West wraps up its 60 days with a Dec. 16-Jan. 21, 2001 second split, then the East Zone runs out its balance of 44 days from Dec. 9-Jan. 21, 2001.

Bowman and Helm set out two different sets of plans for the duck season, one that would've opened the West Zone as early as Nov. 4 and another that would've had a statewide opening day.

Veteran Baton Rouge hunter Richard Lipsey called for the Nov. 11 opening date in the West Zone. Lipsey cited warm weather and a non-productive earlier opening date two years ago as reasons for the week-later date.

Baton Rouge's Warren Coco, who finds blinds to hunt as many as 50 days a season, said the early opening would help.

"There are birds in early and they eat a lot of food early," Coco said. "To get the birds we need an early opening in the coastal zone. That way the birds don't clean out an area and move on."

St. Martinville's Jimmie Bulliard said he has duck leases in East and West zones and asked that the commission not repeat the statewide opening date.

"It means a lot to a lot of hunters to hunt in both areas," Bulliard said. "To open on the same day again would be a disaster."

After that, the commission wrangled with decisions on goose-season dates.

Bowman said the department was better prepared to deal with the Conservation Order on blue, snow and Ross' geese.

Hunters can hunt under CO rules when no other waterfowl season is open. The order allows use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns to control expanding populations.

Instead of having separate seasons for blues/snows and speckledbellies, the commission voted on the same East and West zone dates for all species.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, August 3, 2000
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

| | Attended | Absent |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Tom Gattle (Chairman) | <u>✓</u> | — |
| Tom Kelly | <u>✓</u> | — |
| Bill Busbice | — | <u>✓</u> |
| Glynn Carver | <u>✓</u> | — |
| Norman McCall | — | <u>✓</u> |
| Warren Delacroix | <u>✓</u> | — |
| Jerry Stone | <u>✓</u> | — |

Mr. Chairman:

There are 5 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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THOMAS M. GATTLE, CHAIRMAN
AND MEMBERS OF THE LA.
WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,

THIS PAST 2000 2ND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE WE PASSED HB 12 RAISING HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES AS WELL AS OUT OF STATE NON-RESIDENT FEES. ALL OF US UNDERSTOOD THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO OPERATE AND FUND OUR WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, I HAVE HAD NUMEROUS CALLS AND PERSONAL CONTACTS BY BOTH MY CONSTITUENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM MISSISSIPPI WITH CONCERNS OF THE REPERCUSSIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON NON-RESIDENT FEES. MY COUNTERPARTS IN MISSISSIPPI HAVE VOICED THEIR OPPOSITION REGARDING THE FEE INCREASE AND ARE FEARFUL THAT THE TWO STATES WILL REACH AN IMPASSE OVER THESE LICENSE FEE INCREASES.

MY FIRST TELEPHONE CALLS WERE FROM TWO LEGISLATORS WHO RESIDE ON THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST AS THEY WERE BEING FLOODED WITH PHONE CALLS BY THEIR CONSTITUENTS OVER THE INCREASE OF FEES FOR FISHING LICENSES IN LOUISIANA.

IN THE PAST 10 DAYS I HAVE SPOKEN TO DR. SAM POLLIS, DIRECTOR OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES AND PARKS IN MISSISSIPPI, SEN. LYNN POSEY, REP. CLEM NETTLES WHO SERVE AS CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WILDLIFE & FISHERIES. IN ADDITION, I HAVE SPOKEN TO 8 TO 10 LOUISIANA HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS WHO HAVE VOICED THEIR CONCERN OVER THIS ISSUE.

LOUISIANA IS KNOWN AS THE SPORTSMEN PARADISE AND MAY I ASK THAT THIS COMMISSION CONSIDER VERY STRONGLY THE ART OF COMPROMISE WITH OUR NEIGHBORING STATE CONCERNING NON-RESIDENT FEES.

IT MAY BE BENEFICIAL TO HOLD A MEETING BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENTS OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AND A GROUP OF SENATE AND HOUSE MEMBERS FROM BOTH STATES TO SEEK ANOTHER REVENUE ENHANCING INSTRUMENT THAT WOULD WORK FOR BOTH STATES. WE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE THAT CONTINUES TO BURDEN OUR HUNTING AND FISHING POPULATION AND PUT THIS ISSUE TO REST.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,


DONALD RAY KENNARD
DRK:ML

Hawkins, Susan

From: Simpson, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2000 11:44 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: FW: Aug 3 commission meeting

Here's another one. His e-mail address is tpsikes@kpmg.com in case you can't read it.

Catherine :>)

From: Sikes, Timothy P
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2000 6:40 PM
To: 'simpson_cc@wlf.state.la.us'
Subject: Aug 3 commission meeting

Greetings,

I noticed your name as the contact on the Wildlife and Fisheries website for more information regarding the Commission meeting on Aug. 3. I will not be able to attend the meeting, but I would like to know if there is a way for the public to make comments via mail, etc.

I am interested in commenting on agenda item no. 3 regarding the general discussion of non-resident license fees. My thoughts are summarized as follows:

"I am a native of Louisiana and now live out of state due to employment opportunities with the company I for whom I work. I am particularly interested in purchasing a lifetime license for hunting and fishing; however, I have found the price to be prohibitive under the current fee structure.

I am aware of the provisions in the regulations that allow Louisiana natives to purchase "resident licenses" which are valid for only 5 days instead of a full season, which I think is a great idea. However as I understand the regulations on the lifetime license, a native would have to purchase a non-resident lifetime license at \$3,000. I believe a resident lifetime is \$500. I would suggest a class of lifetime licenses for natives in the \$1,200 to \$1,600 range. This provision would allow natives to purchase the lifetime license at a more reasonable rate, and would generate additional revenues for the Commission in current funds which could be invested to generate a future income stream. This would be a good provision for natives who moved from the state before the lifetime licenses were available or who were unable to purchase the resident lifetime before moving. I would be the first to send in my application and I know of many other natives who would

do the same."

I would be happy to formalize the above in a letter to all commissioners or to the individuals protocol indicates should be the recipient.

Please advise on your thoughts regarding communicating the above. Given the time of the meeting a prompt reply would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks -- Tim

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Hawkins, Susan

From: Simpson, Catherine
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2000 4:13 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: FW: New Fishing License

From: RJ/MADELYN
Reply To: Theods@cblink.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2000 12:45 PM
To: simpson_cc@wlf.state.la.us
Subject: New Fishing License

My husband and I own property in Plaquemine Parish, pay property taxes to Plaquemine Parish. He works in Bogalusa and pays Income Taxes to the State of Louisiana but for the time being we live in Mississippi. We plan to retire at the camp property in a few years. Why do we have to pay \$110.00 for a fishing license? I may fish 5 time a year and \$110.00 is a bit to much for a license. So I decided to sit this year out and not fish. I see on the schedule for the Aug 3rd meeting this is on the agenda. Please advise me of any additional information you can provide me.
Madelyn O'Donohue, Theods@cblink.com

Hawkins, Susan

From: Gary Parrish [gparrish@premier1.premier.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2000 10:40 AM
To: hawkins_sc@wlf.state.la.us
Subject: Non-Resident Fees

Susan:

Please forward this to the commissioners prior to the August 3rd meeting.

Thanks.

G.

Commissioners:

I would like to present my opinion about the current fee schedule for non-resident fishing license fees enacted in July, 2000.

The fee is unreasonable for a three day non-resident fishing license. This fee is set high enough that it is costing Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries revenue. One example of this cost is that I have 5 friends coming in for three days of fishing. We will be fishing with a charter captain one day, and they would have purchased a 3-day license to fish on the other two days if the cost was not \$70.00 for the freshwater and saltwater non-resident license. When they learned of the fee increase, the unanimous reaction was that \$70.00 is better spent on beer and cigars, which they will likely bring from home. Another example is that my uncle is coming to Louisiana this summer for a visit, and he will not buy a non-resident license because the cost is too high. He was born in Louisiana, and lived here until he joined the service, and likes to fish with my father and I when he returns, but he will not pay \$70.00 for a non-resident license. The fee increase may not affect the charter business substantially, since the charter captains are allowed to sell their charters a \$5.00/day license, and that disparity may encourage some to spend an extra day fishing with a charter captain, but not everyone who comes to Louisiana hires a charter captain.

I would like to suggest that you set the non-resident license 3 day fee at the same fee as the annual fee for residents. This fee or one that is within \$5.00 or \$10.00 of it is a reasonable fee to charge non-residents for a 3 day license. It is one that they will happily pay to enjoy our great fishing, and one that will encourage others to return to Louisiana to enjoy our great resources.

It is a mistake to think that visitors will continue to come to Louisiana and continue to pay to enjoy our resources if we raise our fees to levels that are far outside the value that is placed on them as a recreation alternative. I understand the department's wish to claim all possible revenue, as this provides the department with a means of pursuing many worthwhile initiatives that enhance our enjoyment of Louisiana's resources, but the value visitors will place on this is only as high as the cost of the next best alternative. In addition, we will make some amount of revenue on the margin from sales of food and lodging to our visitors that helps provide income for local governments and schools. When fee schedules are set high enough to discourage visitors, this local income is also jeopardized.

Thank you for your consideration of these arguments when deciding the matter of non-resident fees.

Sincerely,

Gary Parrish, Jr.



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July 18, 2000

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

Mr. Jenkins;

While I understand the LDWF is in dire straits for money, could you please explain to me why the non-resident fees were increased so drastically? Did you and the legislators even consider the fact that raising the fees to the point where we now have one of, if not the most, expensive fishing and hunting in the nation that people will simply STOP coming? When that happens, we lose not only the license fees that we used to get, but all of the revenue generated by their visit. While fishing guides can obtain a 3-day fishing permit for \$5, people wanting to come and use their own boat have to pay a minimum of \$70 to fish for just one day!

Since Slidell is on the MS/LA line, I get to hear a LOT of complaints from MS residents that used to fish and hunt in LA. Bass tournaments held on the Pearl River have seen a drastic decrease in the number of anglers from MS, and when I called some of them, the answer was a simple "LA has priced them self out of reason". There is always a limit to what one will pay for anything, and I believe that for many people, that number has been reached.

The timing of such a ridiculous move is almost beyond belief. On October 18-22, Lake Charles is going to host the Southeast Outdoor Press Association conference, where many of the top outdoor communicators will be on hand. This would be a great opportunity for you to tell them just why LA is charging such high fees. I can arrange a spot on the schedule for you if you would like to do so. Since dove season will be open during that time, many of them may have hoped to do a little shooting in the near-by fields. To do so will cost each of them a minimum of \$75, do you think that they will understand why. Each and every one of them will be looking for a way to include in their columns, features, radio and television shows the high cost of coming to LA to hunt or fish.

Actually, I would like to hear those reasons, as I have had a lot of trouble explaining to my readers why now they have to pay so much to take their children and grand-children that now may live out of state fishing or hunting!

Sincerely



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PHONE MESSAGE RECEIVED MONDAY, JULY 31, 2000 ON NON-RESIDENT LICENSE FEE AGENDA ITEM:

Mr. Larry Haynes from Shreveport, LA called. First he wanted to say he was not opposed to increasing the resident license fees. But on the non-resident fees, he compared that Arkansas charges non-resident hunters \$225 to hunt for the entire season, Texas charges \$250, but Louisiana fees total \$525. Mr. Haynes feels Louisiana will loose a lot of money from non-resident hunters that will no longer come to Louisiana to hunt.

Then he requested adding information to the Hunting Pamphlet on hunters born in Louisiana and living elsewhere, with a Louisiana Birth Certificate, be allowed to buy licenses at resident fees.

Hawkins, Susan

From: Hawkins, Susan
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2000 1:52 PM
To: 'jandb@mindspring.com'
Cc: Simpson, Catherine

If you would like to send an e-mail message to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission for their discussion on the Non-Resident License Fee item, you can send it to:

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
c/o hawkins_sc@wlf.state.la.us

I will see that your message is given to each Commissioner for their information.

Susan Hawkins

Hawkins, Susan

From: Simpson, Catherine
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2000 12:39 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: RE: WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET AUG. 3

Importance: High

Another one.....

From: Jack & Beth Tuttle
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2000 6:44 AM
To: simpson_cc@wlf.state.la.us
Subject: WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET AUG. 3

Ms. Simpson,

Since I am unable to attend the commission meeting, where can I send my comments regarding the General discussion of non-resident license fees?

Beth Tuttle
jandb@mindspring.com
<http://www.mindspring.com/~jandb>

Hawkins, Susan

To: gparrish@premier1.premier.net
Cc: Simpson, Catherine

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c/o hawkins_sc@wlf.state.la.us

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Susan Hawkins

Hawkins, Susan

From: Simpson, Catherine
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2000 12:38 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: FW: Aug 3 meeting of LDWF Commission

Susan,

This guy's e-mail address is gparrish@premier1.premier.net in cast you want to respond.

Catherine :->)

From: Gary Parrish
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2000 9:40 AM
To: simpson_cc@wlf.state.la.us
Subject: Aug 3 meeting of LDWF Commission

I would like to comment of the issue of non-resident license fees: the fee increase recently is causing lost revenue for the department. Is there a mailbox for comments on the meeting agenda?

Thanks.

G.

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
JULY, 2000

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 21.0

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 41.5

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 20.9

Enforcement Hours - 63.9

Other Divisions - 19.5

Total Plane Use - 83.4

Cases Made In Conjunction With Aircraft Use Resulted In Citations Issued For:

3-Trawl Closed Season

3-Oversize Nets Inside Waters

4-Skimming Closed Season

10-Total

Confiscations: 6 Trawls, 2,000 Lbs. Of Shrimp

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JULY 2000

REGION 1:

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER

18 Agent positions

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| TOTAL CASES | 148 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 95 | Boating Safety |
| 29 | Angling W/O A Resident License |
| 4 | Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident |
| 6 | Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License |
| 10 | Take Undersize Black Bass |
| 1 | Driving While Intoxicated |
| 3 | Littering |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

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| TOTAL 33 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 16 | Boating Safety |
| 16 | Angling W/O Resident License |
| 1 | Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
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| 11 black bass; 2 Johnson O/B motors; 1-18' Liberator boat; 1 twin axle boat trailer |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 95 | Boating |
| 0 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 3 | Littering |
| 1 | Miscellaneous |
| 49 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 33 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 0 | Public Assistance |

REGION 2:
20 Agent positions

**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
LINCOLN, MOREHEAD,
QUACHITA, RICHLAND
UNION, W. CARROLL**

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| TOTAL CASES | 69 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 46 | Boating |
| 10 | Littering |
| 2 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA |
| 10 | Angle W/O Basic License |
| 1 | Operate ATV On Public Road |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

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|-----------------|--|
| TOTAL 36 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 16 | Angling W/O A License |
| 1 | Angling W/O Non-Resident License |
| 2 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA |
| 17 | Boating |

CONFISCATIONS:

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| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
| 6 cans of beer, and 2 drivers licenses. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 46 | Boating |
| 0 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 10 | Littering |
| 1 | Miscellaneous |
| 10 | Recreational Fishing |
| 2 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 36 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 15 | Public Assistance |

REGION 3:

PARISHES: AVOUELLES, GRANT,
NATICHITOCHEs, RAPIDES,
SABINE, VERNON, WINN

29 Agent positions

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| TOTAL CASES | 181 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 107 | Boating |
| 42 | Angling W/O A Resident License In Possession |
| 6 | Angling W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession |
| 5 | Fish W/O Resident Pole License |
| 3 | Possess Undersize Freshwater Game Fish (Black Bass) |
| 1 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License |
| 1 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License |
| 1 | Blocking Passage Of Fish (Within 500' Of Mouth Or Inlet) |
| 1 | Possess Of Live Alligators W/O Permit |
| 1 | Hunt/Take Rabbit Closed Season |
| 4 | Fail To Abide By Rules & Regulations On W.M.A. |
| 6 | Littering |
| 1 | Simple Possession Of Marijuana |
| 1 | Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia |
| 1 | Operate A.T.V. On Public Road |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| TOTAL 41 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-----------------|--|
| 25 | Angling W/O License In Possession |
| 2 | Possess Undersize Black Bass |
| 14 | Boating |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
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| 5 black bass, 2 alligators, 200 lbs. catfish, 1 rabbit, 1 can. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 107 | Boating |
| 4 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 6 | Littering |
| 7 | Miscellaneous |
| 56 | Recreational Fishing |
| 1 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 41 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 2 | Public Assistance |

REGION 4:
24 Agent positions

**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
LASALLE, MADISON,
TENSAS**

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| TOTAL CASES | 118 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 72 | Boating |
| 11 | Angling W/O A License |
| 8 | Angling W/O A Non-Resident License |
| 6 | Fishing W/O A Pole License |
| 2 | Using Gear W/O Recreational Gear License |
| 2 | Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Taking Slot Limit Bass) |
| 1 | Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish |
| 6 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA |
| 6 | DWI |
| 3 | Littering |
| 1 | Operate ATV On Public Road |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|--------------|--|
| 7 | |
| 2 | Failure To Comply With Skiing Regs. |
| 1 | No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession |
| 1 | Improper Boat Number |
| 2 | Improper Running Lights |
| 1 | Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------------------|
| 2 black bass. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 72 | Boating |
| 3 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 3 | Littering |
| 7 | Miscellaneous |
| 27 | Recreational Fishing |
| 6 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 7 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 5 | Public Assistance |

REGION 5

24 Agent positions

PARISHES: CAMERON,
ALLEN, ACADIA
EVANGELINE,
VERMILION,
CALCASIEU, JEFF DAVIS

| TOTAL CASES | 110 |
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| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 51 | Boating |
| 10 | Angling W/O A License |
| 2 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 2 | Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non-Resident |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum |
| 1 | Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License |
| 1 | Commercial Fresh Product Licensee Fail To Report Or Maintain Records |
| 1 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License |
| 6 | Butterflying In Closed Season |
| 2 | Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season |
| 1 | Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs, Or Their Skins |
| 2 | Careless Operation |
| 1 | Reckless Operation Of Watercraft |
| 1 | Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds – No Season |

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| 16 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On State Land |
| 1 | Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated |
| 4 | Littering |
| 3 | Flight From An Officer |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| TOTAL 24 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Angling W/O A License |
| 1 | Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum |
| 21 | Boating |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
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| 18 lbs. of shrimp donated; 18 baskets of shrimp sold for \$1951.00; 58 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$142.40; 478 crabs RTW; 2 butterfly nets; 1 black drum; 4 red drum; 1 alligator RTW; 1 beer can. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 54 | Boating |
| 9 | Commercial Fishing |
| 1 | Federal Migratory |
| 4 | Littering |
| 21 | Miscellaneous |
| 18 | Recreational Fishing |
| 3 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 24 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Public Assistance |

REGION 6:
24 Agent positions

**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT.COUPÉE,LAFAYETTE
ST.MARTIN,IBERIA
IBERVILLE,W.B.R.**

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| TOTAL CASES | 144 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 75 | Boating |
| 31 | Angling W/O A License |
| 2 | Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated |
| 1 | Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana |
| 2 | Flight From an Officer |
| 8 | Littering |
| 1 | Fail To Maintain Records |
| 4 | Take Illegal Size Black Bass |
| 2 | Resisting An Officer |
| 2 | Criminal Damage To State Property |
| 2 | Take/Possess Undersize Frogs |
| 1 | Operate ATV On Public Road |
| 1 | Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle |
| 2 | Angling W/O Non-Resident License |
| 1 | Angling W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License |
| 7 | Take Oysters Closed Season |

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| 1 | Possess Undersize Red Drum |
| 1 | Possess Undersize Black Drum |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| TOTAL 16 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
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| 11 | Angling W/O License |
| 5 | Boating |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---|
| 1 cocaine, 1 marijuana, 4 bass, 5 frogs, 2 beer cans, 2 soda cans, 30 sacks of oysters, 4 red drum, 2 black drum. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|-------|------------------------|
| 75 | Boating |
| 8 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 8 | Littering |
| 11 | Miscellaneous |
| 42 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 16 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2 | Public Assistance |

REGION 7:

22 Agent positions

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W.FELICIANA**

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| TOTAL CASES | 260 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 156 | Boating (6-D.W.I.'s) |
| 59 | Fishing W/O Resident License |
| 13 | Fishing W/O Non-Resident License |
| 1 | Fishing W/O Pole License |
| 1 | Trawling W/O Rec. Gear License |
| 1 | Use Crab Traps W/O Non-Res. Gear License |
| 2 | Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours |
| 2 | Theft of Crabs |
| 1 | Take Undersize Crabs |
| 1 | Use Crab Traps With No Markings |
| 1 | Use Oversize Skimmer Frame |
| 1 | Use Gear W/O Rec. Gear License |
| 2 | Failure To Maintain Records |
| 1 | Negligent Injury |
| 9 | Violate W.M.A. Rules and Regulations |

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| 2 | Use W.M.A. W/O License or Stamp |
| 1 | Poss. Wild Quadraped W/O Permit |
| 1 | Poss. Spotted Fawn |
| 1 | Violate Federal Lacy Act |
| 1 | Violate Endangered Species Act |
| 1 | Violate State Lacy Act |
| 1 | Fugitive From Florida |
| 1 | Take Commercial Fish W/O. Comm. Gear License |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| TOTAL 100 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 65 | Boating |
| 27 | Fishing W/O Res. License |
| 1 | Angling W/O Non- Res. License |
| 3 | No Pole License |
| 2 | Violate Rules & Regs. W.M.A. |
| 2 | Possession Undersize Specs. |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | crate of crabs-returned to waters, 1-spotted fawn, 4-loggerhead sea turtle eggs, 7 Croakers, 1 red drum, 1 speckled trout. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------------------|
| 156 | Boating (6 DWI's) |
| 10 | Commercial Fishing |
| 2 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 2 | Miscellaneous |
| 76 | Recreational Fishing |

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| 14 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 100 | Written Warnings |
| TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
| 9 | Public Assistance 7 Tow Boats/1-Jump Vehicle Off/1-Search for Overdue Boater |

REGION 8
18 Agent positions

**PARISHES: PLAQUEMINES,
 ORLEANS, JEFFERSON
 ST.CHARLES, ST.BERNARD**

| TOTAL CASES | 206 |
|--------------------|--|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 81 | Boating |
| 37 | Angling W/O A License |
| 28 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 2 | Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations of Commission on Closed Season |
| 5 | Fail to Have Fish Intact |
| 1 | Take/Poss. Undersized Red Drum |
| 2 | Take/Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout |
| 3 | Fail to Comply with Charter Boat Regulations |
| 1 | Fail to Have Commercial Lic. In Poss. |
| 8 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Lic. |
| 1 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic. |
| 3 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic. |
| 3 | Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic. |
| 2 | Fail to Maintain Records |
| 3 | Buying Commercial Fish from Un-Lic. Fisherman |

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| 2 | Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester Lic. |
| 1 | Fail to have Commercial License(Menhaden) |
| 1 | Use Skimmers in Closed Season |
| 1 | Use Oversize Skimmers |
| 1 | Use Four Trawls in Two Trawl Area |
| 12 | Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated |
| 2 | Littering |
| 4 | Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Rule & Regulations on WMA |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| TOTAL 54 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-----------------|--|
| 40 | |
| 7 | Angling W/O A License |
| 1 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 1 | Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum (On Water) |
| 1 | Take/Poss. Undersized Red Drum |
| 1 | Take/Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout |
| 2 | Take/Poss. Undersized Black Drum |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Commission Rule(Rec.) Finfish |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---|
| Returned to water: Perch (8)...Spotted Trout (3)...Shrimp (41 lbs.)...Crab (1 dozen)...Oysters (5 sacks)...Seafood (90 lbs.) Donated: Spotted Seatrout (60..1 bag fillets (5 lbs.)..1-quart fillets)...Shrimp (8085 lbs.)...Sand Sharks(2)...Reddrum(51)...Sheepshead(1)...Croaker(2) Hardware Confiscated: Trawls (5)...Trip Tickets (14-april)(9-May)...Purchase Records (6)...Outboard Motor (1)...Beer Can (1).... Ice Chest (2)...Skimmer Nets (14)...Rod & Reel (3). |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 77 | Boating |
| 36 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 1 | Littering |
| 22 | Miscellaneous |
| 70 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 54 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 8 | Public Assistance |

REGION 9:

25 Agent positions

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

| TOTAL CASES | 262 |
|--------------------|---|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 22 | Angling W/O A License |
| 7 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 110 | Boating |
| 6 | Angling W/O Saltwater License |
| 6 | Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident |
| 2 | Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water) |
| 22 | Take Undersized Red Drum |
| 6 | Take Undersized Black Drum (Rec.) |
| 2 | Take O/L Spotted Sea Trout (On Water) |
| 2 | Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Rec.) U/S Red Snapper |
| 1 | Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession |
| 7 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License |
| 1 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Oyster Harvester) |

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| 5 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crab Traps) |
| 1 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License |
| 1 | Fail To Maintain Records |
| 4 | Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings |
| 8 | Remove Contents Of Legal Crab Traps |
| 1 | Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements |
| 1 | Tending Crab Traps Illegal Hours |
| 1 | Take Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License |
| 1 | Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs |
| 2 | Fail To Comply With Stone Crab Requirements |
| 3 | Trawling In Closed Season (Inside Waters) |
| 3 | Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs (Over 25 Feet) |
| 10 | Use Skimmers In Closed Season |
| 2 | Violate Shrimp Provisions |
| 2 | Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated |
| 7 | Take Undersize Spotted Sea Trout |
| 5 | Take O/L Black Drum |
| 1 | Theft Of Crab Trap |
| 3 | Butterflying In Closed Season |
| 2 | Illegal Possession Of Gamefish (Red Drum, Specks) |

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 | Fail To Keep Nets On Board (Traversing) |
| 2 | Fail to Comply With Commercial Rules and Regulations (Traversing) |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| TOTAL 49 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|----------|--|
| 30 | Boating |
| 5 | Angling W/O A License |
| 3 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 6 | Angling W/O Saltwater License |
| 2 | Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident |
| 1 | Take O/L Of Red Drum (On Water) |
| 1 | Take Undersized Black Drum (Rec.) |
| 1 | Take Undersized Red Drum |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---|
| 50 red drum, 2 sand sharks, 3 red snapper, 1 gray snapper, 44 black drum, 11 stone crabs, 235 specks, 11 white trout, 3122 lbs. shrimp sold \$7536.00, 300 lbs. crabs, 2 sacks oysters, 5 boats (paper seizure), 2 motors, 1 trailer, 2 trawls, 7 skimmer nets, 7 crab traps, 1 ice chest, 627 lbs. black drum, 1 bull drum, 6 lbs. sheepshead. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 110 | Boating |
| 62 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 2 | Miscellaneous |
| 88 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 49 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 11 | Public Assistance |

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| TOTAL CASES | 26 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 2 | Boating |
| 3 | Take Oysters W/O Commercial Fisherman's License |
| 2 | Take Oysters W/O Commercial Dredge License |
| 1 | Allow An Unlicensed Commercial Fisherman To Use Commercial Vessel |
| 1 | Allow An Unlicensed Commercial Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear |
| 1 | Take Oysters W/O Commercial Vessel License |
| 3 | Take Oysters W/O Commercial Harvester License |
| 5 | Angling W/O A Basic Fishing License |
| 4 | Fishing W/O A Saltwater Fishing License |
| 1 | Taking Shrimp W/O Recreational Trawl License |
| 1 | Take Overlimit Of Red Drum |
| 1 | Take Undersize Red Drum |
| 1 | Take Undersize Black Drum |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| TOTAL 0 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 0 | |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---|
| 284 sacks of oysters, 1 gear license and 1 vessel license, 9 red drum, 1 black drum. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | Boating |
| 11 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 13 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 0 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 0 | Public Assistance |

STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE
18 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| TOTAL CASES | 32 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 21 | Boating |
| 4 | Angling W/O A Basic License |
| 1 | Angling W/O A Basic License Non-Resident |
| 1 | Fail To Have Fish Intact |
| 3 | Take Illegal Size Black Bass |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs. |
| 1 | Failure To Comply With Charter Boat Regs. |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| TOTAL 14 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 1 | Angling W/O A License (basic) |
| 2 | Angling W/O a Saltwater License |
| 2 | Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non-Resident |
| 9 | Boating |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|--|
| 2 sharks, 1 red drum, 1 gray snapper, 3 red snappers, 2 spotted sea trout, 5 lbs.filet spotted sea trout, 1 Daiwa Spincast reel and a Zebco Jupiter rod. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|-------|------------------------|
| 21 | Boating |
| 1 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 9 | Recreational Fishing |
| 1 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 14 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|-------|-------------------|
| 0 | Public Assistance |

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
7 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| TOTAL CASES | 34 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 5 | Boating |
| 8 | Angling W/O A License |
| 4 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 4 | Angling W/O Saltwater License |
| 4 | Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident |
| 2 | Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O A Retail/Seafood Dealers License |
| 1 | Fail To Maintain Records |
| 1 | Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data |
| 4 | Use Skimmers In Closed Season |
| 1 | Public Intimidation |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| TOTAL 0 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 0 | |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------------------|
| 1 cobia, 2 skimmer nets. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 5 | Boating |
| 8 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 1 | Miscellaneous |
| 20 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 0 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 0 | Public Assistance |

**S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions**

COASTAL WATERS

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| TOTAL CASES | 22 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 1 | No Commercial License In Possession |
| 4 | Use Four Trawls In Two Trawl Zone |
| 11 | Trawling In Closed Season |
| 5 | Angling W/O Basic Fishing License |
| 1 | Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| TOTAL 0 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 0 | |

CONFISCATIONS:

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| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
| 4,690 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$11,517.60, 5 rod and reels and 16 trawls. |

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

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Boating |
| 16 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 6 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 0 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 0 | Public Assistance |

**NOTE: 80 BOATS CHECKED
100 RUNNING HOURS**

REFUGE PATROL TASK FORCE
7 Agent positions

ROCKEFELLER REFUGE
MARSH ISLAND REFUGE
STATE WILDLIFE

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| TOTAL CASES | 35 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 8 | Boating |
| 4 | Angle W/O A Basic License |
| 1 | Angle W/O A Basic License (Non-Resident) |
| 1 | Fail To Have Fish Intact |
| 3 | Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Black Drum |
| 1 | Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirement |
| 3 | Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O a Fresh Products License |
| 3 | Failure To Tag Sacked Oysters |
| 1 | Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License |
| 1 | Fail To Maintain Traceable Oyster Records |
| 1 | Possess Overlimit of Blue Crabs |
| 3 | Take Oysters Closed Season |
| 2 | Butterfly In Closed Season |
| 1 | Littering |

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

| TOTAL 14 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-----------------|--|
| 1 | Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum Rec. 16 " minimum |
| 3 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA |
| 1 | Fail To Display Valid Certificate Decal |
| 3 | Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher |
| 2 | Improper Running Lights |
| 1 | Fail To Comply With Visual Distress Signal |
| 1 | No Sound Producing Device |
| 2 | No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---|
| 34 black drum, 117 sacks of oysters, 1,114 blue crabs, 5 mullet, 1 spotted sea trout, 1 southern flounder, 40 lbs. of 36-40 ct. shrimp sold for \$110.00, 1 beer can, 3 crab traps, 1 red drum, 2 butterfly nets. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 8 | Boating |
| 14 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 1 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 12 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 14 | Written Warnings |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 5 | Public Assistance |

TOTAL CASES

-1498

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =359

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

August 3, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 3, 2000.

WHEREAS, public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington, DC, and

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved a Conservation Order for the taking of light geese, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing waterfowl season framework have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

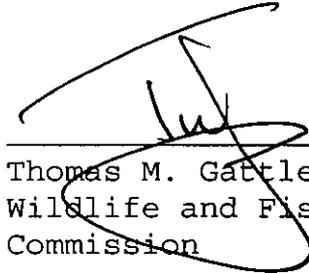
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 2000-2001 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

WATERFOWL SEASON OPTIONS, 2000-01

DUCKS

WEST ZONE

EAST ZONE

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| 1. | Nov 4-Nov 26 (23 days) Dec 16-Jan 21 (37 days) | Nov 11-Nov 26 (16 days) Dec 9- Jan 21 (44 days) |
| 2. | Nov 11- Dec 3 (23 days) Dec 16- Jan 21 (37 days) | Nov 18- Dec 3 (16 days) Dec 9 - Jan 21 (44 days) |

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days - Statewide Jan 27-28

SNOW GEESE

- | | | |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | Nov 4- Jan 28 (86 days) | Oct 28 -Jan 21(86 days) |
| 2. | Nov 11- Feb 4 (86 days) | |
| 3. | Nov 4 - Dec 3 (30days) Dec 16 - Feb 9 (56days) | Oct 28 - Dec 3 (37days) Dec 9 - Jan 26 (49days) |

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

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|----|--|--|
| 1. | Nov 4- Jan 28 (86 days) | Oct 28- Jan 21 (86 days) |
| 2. | Nov 11- Feb 4 (86 days) | |
| 3. | Nov 4 - Dec 3 (30 days) Dec 16- Feb 9 (56 days) | Oct 28- Dec 3 (37 days) Dec 9- Jan 26 (49 days) |

CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GEESE

Early (only under options 3 for the snow and white-fronted seasons)

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|----|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Dec 4 - Dec 15 (12 days) | Dec 4 - Dec 8 (5days) |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------|

Late- Will begin on the day after the second split of the white-front and goose seasons ends in each zone and will continue until March 11 statewide.

CANADA GEESE Statewide Jan 16- 24 (Note- the option 1 white-front season in the east zone ends before this closing date).

RAILS

Nov 4 -Dec 28 (54 days)

GALLINULES

Nov 4 - Dec 28 (54 days)

SNIPE

Nov 4 - Dec 3 (30 days)

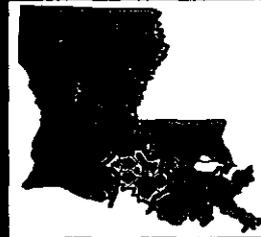
Dec 14 -Feb 28 (77 days)

Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Temperature Patterns, Duck Harvest and Their Distribution

Acknowledgements: Jay Grymes, State Climatologist for weather data

It's Getting Warmer?



•1930-99 mean monthly temperatures for West Central Plain Counties of Missouri and South Central Parishes of Louisiana illustrated no pattern of warming for November - January by decade

Specific to Louisiana

- Mean monthly temperatures for December and January during the 90s were about 2-3° warmer than the 60s and 80s but the same as the 70s
- Mean monthly temperatures for November during the 70s and 90s were about 2° cooler than the 60s and 80s.

Cold Weather Days

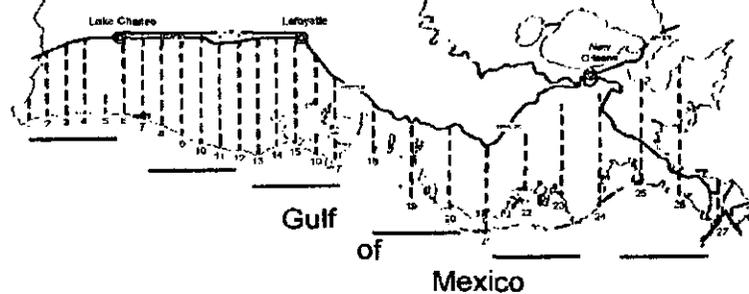
Number of Days $\leq 32^{\circ}$ at the Lafayette Airport

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|
| | | | | |
| | 8 | 10 | 4 | 12 |
| | 43 | 32 | 54 | 34 |
| | 70 | 70 | 66 | 41 |

*1st 5 years
→ - 1990's
warmer*

Warmer Weather = Less Ducks?

- Coastal aerial survey data indicate that duck numbers are up.
- No survey region has lost ducks. Rather, certain regions have gained more ducks than others, particularly the Atchafalaya Delta and marshes south of New Orleans.



Louisiana Waterfowl Inventory Coastal Transects

Regional Distributions

1980s Coastal Louisiana Duck Numbers

Based on early November and early January Surveys



•Developing habitat at the Atchafalaya Delta and Caernary on Project

1990s Louisiana Coastal Duck Numbers

Based on early November and early January Surveys



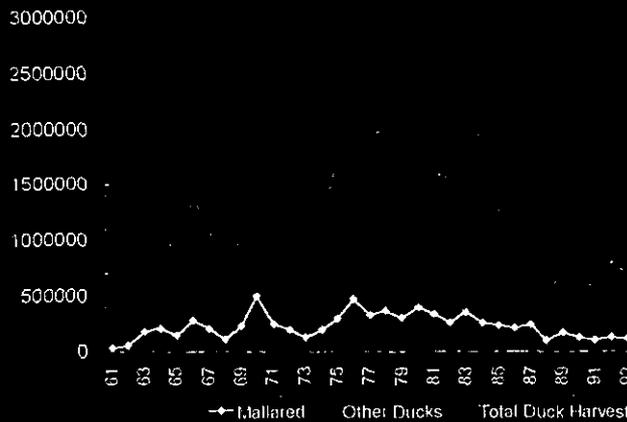
•Average rice acreage in NE LA doubled between 1970s and 1980s.

•Wetland Reserve and CRP adding large acreages of waterfowl habitat to river parishes during the 1990s.

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Warmer Weather = Less Harvest?

Louisiana Duck Harvest 1961-99 Seasons

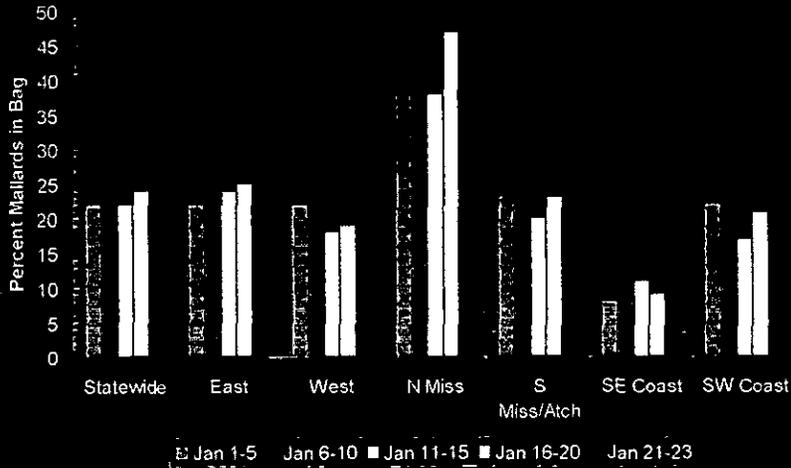


→ FWS Service data

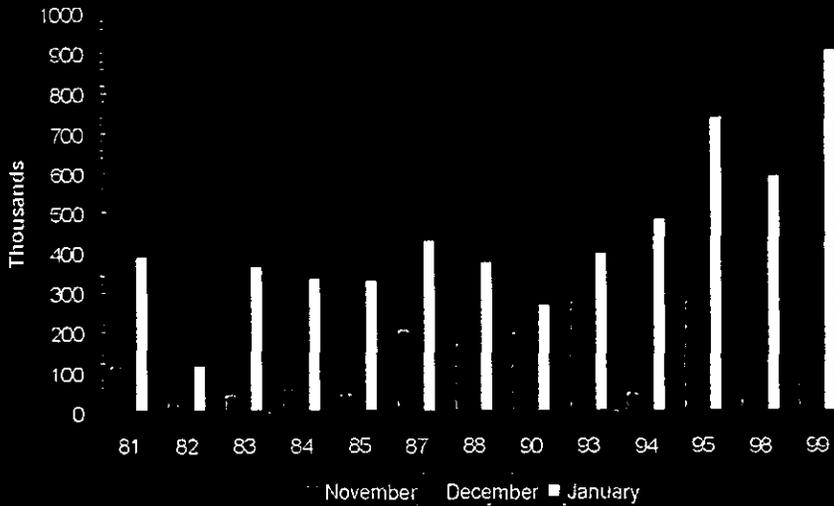
Later Hunting = More Mallards?

Analyses use FWS data for the year 1975-87 and 1995-99

Louisiana January Mallard Harvest



Mallard Estimates for Louisiana Coastal Marshes



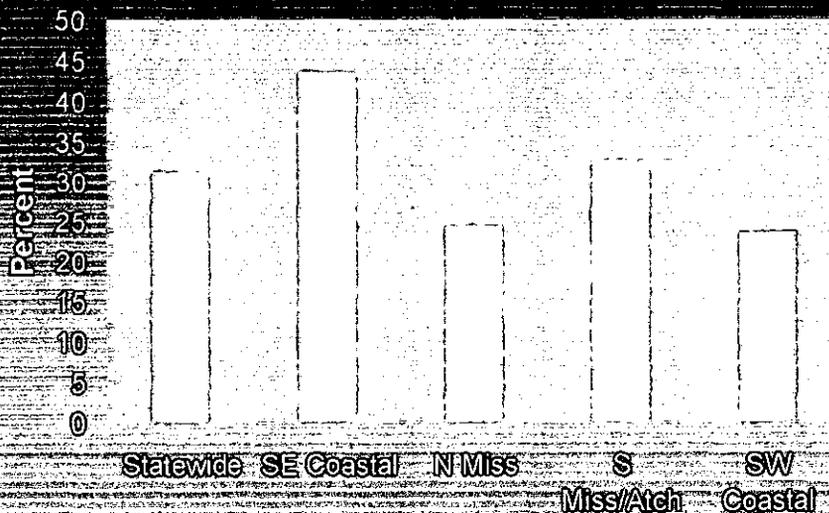
Later Season Dates = Larger Harvest?

- The last 9 days of the 2nd split had about 25-45% fewer ducks harvested than the last 9 days of the 1st split.

Cumulative Duck Harvest The Last 9 Days Of Each Split, 1975-87 and 1995-99

| Region | 1st Split | 2nd Split |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Statewide | 5,149,200 | 3,539,800 |
| SE Coastal | 904,400 | 509,300 |
| N Miss | 454,700 | 342,800 |
| S Miss/Aitch | 763,400 | 512,800 |
| SW Coastal | 2,286,200 | 1,745,600 |

Reduction in Harvest between Last 9 Days of 1st and 2nd Splits



2000-2001 SEASON DATES FOR DUCKS, COOTS AND GEESE

DUCKS AND COOTS:

West Zone (60 days):

Nov. 11 (Sat.)- Dec. 3 (Sun.) (23 days)

Dec. 16 (Sat.)- Jan. 21 (Sun.) (37 days)

East Zone (60 days):

Nov. 18 (Sat.)- Dec. 3 (Sun.) (16 days)

Dec. 9 (Sat.)- Jan. 21 (Sun.) (44 days)

Catahoula Lake Zone (60 days) :

Nov. 18 (Sat.)- Dec. 3 (Sun.) (16 days)

Dec. 9 (Sat.)- Jan. 21 (Sun.) (44 days)

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days- Statewide, Jan. 27-28

Daily Bag Limits

The daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 3 scaup and 2 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Mergansers - The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit - The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

GEESE:

LIGHT GEESE (SNOW, BLUE, AND ROSS') AND WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

West Zone

November 11 (Sat.)-Dec. 10 (Sun.) 30 days

Dec. 16 (Sat.)-Feb. 9 (Fri.) 56 days

East Zone

October 28 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) 37 days

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Dec. 9 (Sat.)-Jan. 26 (Fri.) | 49 days |
| Daily bag limit light geese: | 20 |
| Possession limit light geese: | None |
| | |
| Daily limit for white-fronted geese: | 2 |
| Possession limit for white-fronted geese: | 4 |

CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GEESE

| | |
|--|----------------|
| West Zone - Dec. 11 (Mon.) - Dec. 15 (Fri.) | 5 days |
| Feb. 10 (Sat.) - March 11 (Sun.) | 30 days |
| | |
| East Zone - Dec. 4 (Mon.) - Dec. 8 (Fri.) | 5 days |
| Jan. 29 (Mon.) - March 11 (Sun.) | 42 days |

Only snow, blue and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the conservation order, which allows the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. Shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and extend until one-half hour after sunset.

CANADA GEESE: CLOSED IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW

Jan. 16 (Tues)-Jan. 24 (Wed) 9 days
During the Canada Goose Season the daily bag limit for Canada geese shall be one and 2 white-fronted geese.
 Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
 The Canada Goose Season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana. The closed area is described as follows:

Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intra coastal Canal, then east along the Intra coastal Canal to its juncture with La. Hwy. 82, then south along La. Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish

Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at La. Hwy. 82.

A special permit shall be required to participate in the **Canada Goose Season**. A permit is required of everyone, regardless of age, and a non-refundable \$5.00 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from any District Office. Return of harvest information requested on permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 2001 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the **Canada Goose Season** the following year.

RAILS:

November 11(Sat.)-January 4(Thurs.) 54 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:

November 11 (Sat.)-January 4 (Thurs.) 54 days

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

SNIPE:

November 4 (Sat.)-Dec. 3 (Sun.) 30 days

Dec. 14 (Thurs.)-Feb. 28 (Wed.) 77 days

Shooting Hours: one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for waterfowl including season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for waterfowl within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these tentative dates will be ratified by Declaration of Emergency unless significant changes are mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and 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

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

WATERFOWL SEASON OPTIONS, 2000-01

DUCKS

Catahoula +

WEST ZONE

EAST ZONE

1. Nov 4-Nov 26 (23 days)
Dec 16-Jan 21 (37 days)

Nov 11-Nov 26 (16 days)
Dec 9- Jan 21 (44 days)

2. Nov 11- Dec 3 (23 days)
Dec 16- Jan 21 (37 days)

Nov 18- Dec 3 (16 days)
Dec 9 - Jan 21 (44 days)

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days - Statewide Jan 27-28

SNOW GEESE

1. Nov 4- Jan 28 (86 days)

Oct 28 -Jan 21(86 days)

2. Nov 11- Feb 4 (86 days)

3. Nov ¹¹/~~4~~ - Dec ¹⁰/~~3~~ (30days)
Dec 16 - Feb 9 (56days)

Oct 28 - Dec 3 (37days)
Dec 9 - Jan 26 (49days)

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

1. Nov 4- Jan 28 (86 days)

Oct 28- Jan 21 (86 days)

2. Nov 11- Feb 4 (86 days)

3. Nov ¹¹/~~4~~ - Dec ¹⁰/~~3~~ (30 days)
Dec 16- Feb 9 (56 days)

Oct 28- Dec 3 (37 days)
Dec 9- Jan 26 (49 days)

CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GEESE

Early (only under options 3 for the snow and white-fronted seasons)

1. Dec ¹¹/~~4~~ - Dec 15 (12 days)

Dec 4 - Dec 8 (5days)

CO - 2nd 10 - March 11

CO - 2 on next day Mon. Jan 29 -

Late- Will begin on the day after the second split of the white-front and goose seasons ends in each zone and will continue until March 11 statewide.

March 11

CANADA GEESE Statewide Jan 16- 24 (Note- the option 1 white-front season in the east zone ends before this closing date).

RAILS

Nov ^{11 - Jan 4} ~~7~~ - Dec 28 (54 days)

GALLINULES

Nov ^{11 - Jan 4} ~~7~~ - Dec 28 (54 days)

SNIPE

Nov ~~7~~ ¹⁴ - Dec ~~23~~ ³ (30 days)
Dec 14 - Feb 28 (77 days)

Shooting Hours: One half hour before sunrise to sunset.

RESOLUTION
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

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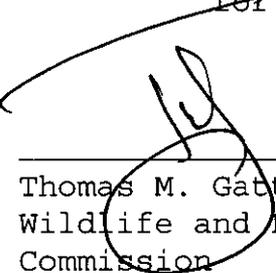
WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

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 the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours for dove, teal, rails, gallinules and woodcock by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates have been forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selections for early migratory bird seasons.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
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 authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

The hunting seasons for early migratory birds during the 2000-2001 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL

2000-2001 Hunting Seasons

DOVE: Split Season, Statewide, 60 days

September 2 (Sat.)-September 10 (Sun.) 9 days

October 14 (Sat.)-November 10 (Fri.) 28 days

December 16 (Sat.)-January 7 (Sun.) 23 days

Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30

TEAL:

September 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 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 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days

Remainder of season to be set at a later date.

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 15 (Fri.)-September 30 (Sat.) 16 days

Remainder of season to be set at a later date.

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

WOODCOCK: December 18 (Mon.)-January 31 (Wed.) 45 days

Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

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

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on
September 2-3, October 14-15, and December 16-17 when shooting
hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory
species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities
to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits,
and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours

will become effective on September 1, 2000 and extend through sunset on February 28, 2001.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 3, 2000

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA August 3, 2000.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, 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 the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours for dove, teal, rails, gallinules and woodcock by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates have been forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selections for early migratory bird seasons.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

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Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours

will become effective on September 1, 2000 and extend through sunset on February 28, 2001.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 2000

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicates that marketable shrimp are available, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

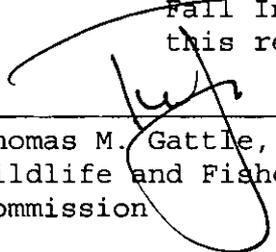
WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 21, 2000, except for Breton and Chandeleur Sound, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall open at official sunrise on August 7, 2000.

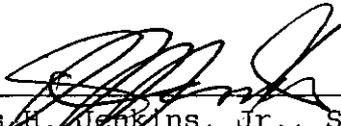
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 20, 2000 in Zones 2 and 3, and official sunset December 31, 2000 in Zone 1, except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2001. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000

Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of
this resolution.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island, and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line,

all to open at official sunrise August 21, 2000, except for Breton and Chandeleur Sound, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall open at official sunrise on August 7, 2000.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset December 20, 2000, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 2000 except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2001. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Replaced 8/2/2000
by Claude

RESOLUTION

2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 2000

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

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WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 21, 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 20, 2000 in Zones 2 and 3, and official sunset December 31, 2000 in Zone 1, except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2001. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and

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Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line,

all to open at official sunrise August 21, 2000.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset December 20, 2000, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 2000 except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1 A.(2), which shall remain open until 6:00 a.m., March 31, 2001. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

2000/2001 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds

August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds shall be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2000 is September 6, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservation" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, the coastal environment has been beset by extremely high water temperatures and drought conditions and these factors detrimentally affect the oyster resource, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433B to mandate a sacking only area on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations except the Sister Lake and Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will close one-half hour after sunset on September 17 to reopen one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2000 for the remainder of the season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on May 15, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 2000/2001 Oyster Season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and will open and close the same as all the public grounds east of the Mississippi River, and

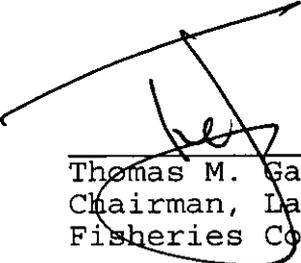
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency

action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

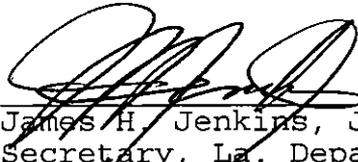
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2000 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2000 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2001. However, these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman, La. Wildlife and
Fisheries Commission



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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:435.1 notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and Oyster Seed Reservations except the Sister Lake and Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will close one-half hour after sunset on September 17 to re-open one-half hour before sunrise on October 1, 2000 and remain open for the remainder of the season.

2. Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 6, 2000 and will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on May 15, 2001.

3. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 2000/2001 Oyster Season.

4. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and will open and close the same as all the public grounds east of the Mississippi River.

5. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

6. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended.

7. The season for Calcasieu Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 15, 2000 and Sabine Lake tonging area will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 15, 2000 and they will remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2001. However, these conservation actions will not supercede public health closures.

8. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Replaced 8/2/2000
by Claude

RESOLUTION

2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 2000

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WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 21, 2000.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

Bag Limit of Spanish Mackerel

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the Spanish mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, NMFS has recently implemented a final rule increasing the daily bag limit from 10 to 15 fish per person and total allowable catch of recreationally harvested Spanish mackerel in Federal waters off the state of Louisiana effective June 12, 2000, and

WHEREAS, based on the healthy status of the stock, the under harvested recreational allocation in recent years, and the recent increased total allowable catch, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council and NMFS have requested that Louisiana implement consistent regulations in state waters to enhance enforcement, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set possession limits for saltwater finfish based upon biological and technical data,

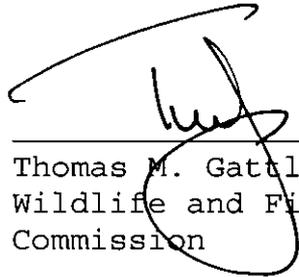
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the possession of Spanish mackerel in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

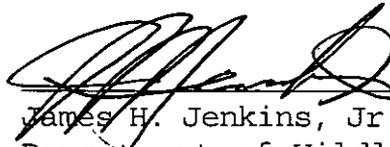
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife

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



Thomas M. Gattie, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.327, changing the possession limit for the recreational harvest of Spanish mackerel from 10 to 15 fish per person per day. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

327. Daily Take and Possession Limits of King and Spanish Mackerel and Cobia

A. The recreational bag limit for possession of Spanish mackerel (Scomberomorus maculatus) whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana shall be ~~10~~ 15 fish per person, per day.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:868

(October 1989), amended LR 17:207 (February 1991), LR 19:513 (April 1993), LR 26: .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Mr. Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, October 4, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

Size and Creel Limits on Miscellaneous Reef Fishes

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the reef fish fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, NMFS has recently implemented a final rule that amends Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish regulations in the Federal waters off the state of Louisiana effective June 19, 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council and NMFS have requested that Louisiana implement consistent regulations in state waters to enhance enforcement, and

WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected reef fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size and possession limits for saltwater finfish based upon biological and technical data,

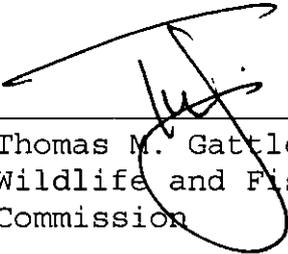
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to amend the published regulations concerning the possession and harvest of reef fish in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

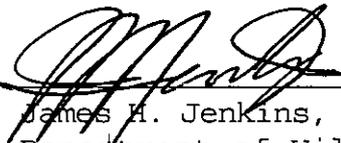
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.335, increasing the commercial and recreational minimum size limits for gag and black grouper, prohibiting the commercial harvest and sale or purchase of gag, black, and red grouper from February 15 to March 15 each year, and general reorganization of the rule. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

~~§335. Reef Fish - Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission~~ Harvest Regulations

A. ~~The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations~~ Recreational bag limits regarding the harvest of reef fish: triggerfishes (excluding queen triggerfish), amberjacks, grunts, wrasses, snappers, groupers, sea basses, tilefishes, and porgies, within and without Louisiana's territorial waters:

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Recreational Bag Limits</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Red Snapper | 4 fish per person per day |
| 2. Queen, mutton, | 10 fish per person per day |

- schoolmaster, blackfin, (in aggregate)
 cubera, gray, dog, mahogany,
 silk, yellowtail snappers,
 and wenchman
3. Vermilion snapper, lane 20 per person per day (in
 snapper, gray triggerfish, aggregate)
 almaco jack, goldface
 tilefish, tilefish,
 blackline tilefish,
 anchor tilefish,
 blueline tilefish
4. ~~All groupers~~ 5 fish per person per day (in
Red hind, rock hind, aggregate) ~~excluding jewfish~~
speckled hind, black grouper, ~~and Nassau grouper~~ and with
misty grouper, red grouper, not more than 1 speckled hind
snowy grouper, yellowedge and 1 warsaw grouper per
grouper, yellowfin grouper, vessel
yellowmouth grouper, warsaw
grouper, gag grouper, scamp
5. Greater amberjack 1 fish per person per day
6. Banded rudderfish and 5 fish per person per day (in
 lesser amberjack aggregate)
7. Hogfish 5 fish per person per day
8. No person shall possess jewfish or Nassau grouper whether
 taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters per

LAC 76:VII.337.

B. Reef Fish Permits:

1. All persons who do not possess a permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the harvest of Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to the recreational bag limit. To commercially harvest, sell, barter, trade or exchange or possess for commercial purposes all species of reef fish including dwarf sand perch and sand perch, but (excluding queen triggerfish, black seabass, porgies, and grunts) requires a valid Federal Reef Fish Vessel Permit be on board the vessel and in the immediate possession.

2. Charter vessels and headboats harvesting all species of reef fish including dwarf sand perch and sand perch, but (excluding queen triggerfish, black seabass, porgies, and grunts) are required to have a valid Federal Charter Vessel/Headboat Reef Fish Permit on board the vessel and in immediate possession.

3. Persons who are limited to a recreational bag limit shall not sell, barter, trade, exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any reef fish.

4. A person subject to a bag limit may not possess during a single day, regardless of the number of trips or the duration of a trip, any reef fish in excess of the bag limits.

5. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of reef fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

DC. Charter Vessels and Headboats:

1. For charter vessels and headboats as defined in Federal Regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2, there will be an allowance for up to two daily bag limits on multi-day trips provided the vessel has two licensed operators aboard as required by the U.S. Coast Guard for trips of over 12 hours, and each passenger is issued and has in possession a receipt issued on behalf of the vessel that verifies the length of the trip.

2. Any fish taken from charter vessels or headboats as defined in Federal Regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2 or any charter vessel as described in R.S. 56:302.9 shall not be sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted to be sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335 apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

DE. Red Snapper:

1. All persons who do not possess a Class 1 or Class 2 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to the recreational bag limit for red snapper. Those persons possessing a Class 2 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish resources are limited to a daily take and possession limit of 200 pounds of red snapper per vessel.

2F. Those persons possessing a Class 1 Red Snapper License issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish

resources are limited to a daily take and possession limit of 2,000 pounds of red snapper per vessel.

36. No person shall purchase, sell, exchange, barter or attempt to purchase, sell, exchange, or barter any red snapper in excess of any possession limit for which a commercial license or permit was issued.

HE. Recreational and commercial minimum and maximum size limits, unless otherwise noted.

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Minimum Size Limits</u> |
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| 1. Red Snapper | 16 inches total length (Recreational) 15 inches total length (Commercial) |
| 2. Gray, yellowtail, cubera, dog, mahogany snapper, and schoolmaster | 12 inches total length |
| 3. Lane snapper | 8 inches total length |
| 4. Mutton snapper | 16 inches total length |
| 5. Vermilion snapper | 10 inches total length |
| 6. Red, gag, black and yellowfin grouper | 20 inches total length |
| 7. <u>Gag and black grouper</u> | <u>22 inches total length (Recreational)</u> <u>24 inches total length (Commercial)</u> |
| 78. Scamp | 16 inches total length |
| 89. Greater amberjack | 28 inches fork length (Recreational) 36 inches fork length (Commercial) |

910. Black seabass 8 inches total length
101. Hogfish 12 inches fork length
112. Banded rudderfish 14 inches fork length (minimum
and lesser amberjack size); 22 inches fork length
(maximum size)
123. Gray triggerfish 12 inches total length

Ff. Definitions: Federal regulations 50 CFR Part 622.2 defines charter vessels and headboats as follows:

Charter vessel - a vessel less than 100 gross tons that meets the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard to carry six or fewer passengers for hire and that carries a passenger for hire at any time during the calendar year. A charter vessel with a commercial permit is considered to be operating as a charter vessel when it carries a passenger who pays a fee or when there are more than three persons aboard, including operator and crew.

Headboat - a vessel that holds a valid Certificate of Inspection issued by the U.S. Coast Guard to carry passengers for hire. A headboat with a commercial vessel permit is considered to be operating as a headboat when it carries a passenger who pays a fee or, in the case of persons aboard fishing for or possessing coastal migratory pelagic fish or Gulf reef fish, when there are more than three persons aboard, including operator and crew.

Gg. Seasons:

1. The season for the commercial harvest of greater amberjack shall be closed during the months of March through May of

each year. Possession of greater amberjack in excess of the daily bag limit while on the water is prohibited during the closed season. Any greater amberjack harvested during the closed season shall not be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted to be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335.G apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

2. The commercial season for gag, black, and red grouper shall be closed from February 15 to March 15 of each year. During this closed season no person shall commercially harvest, sell, purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter or exchange gag, black, or red grouper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. This prohibition on sale/purchase does not apply to gag, black grouper, or red grouper that were harvested, landed ashore, sold and purchased prior to February 15.

3. Persons aboard a vessel for which the permits indicates both charter vessel/headboat for Gulf reef fish and commercial Gulf reef fish may continue to retain gag, red grouper, and black grouper under the recreational take and possession limits specified in section A, provided the vessel is operating as a validly licensed charter vessel or headboat with prepaid recreational charter fisherman aboard the vessel. During the closed commercial season gag, red grouper or black grouper shall not be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged or attempted

to be purchased, sold, traded, bartered or exchanged. The provisions of §335(G)3 apply to fish taken within or without Louisiana's territorial waters.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 24:1138 (June 1998), LR 24:1139 (June 1998), LR 24:1972 (October 1998), LR 26:793 (April 2000), LR 26:1505 (July 2000), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday October 5, 2000.

In accordance with Act#1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding

Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

TUNA HARVEST RULES

adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 3, 2000

WHEREAS, the tuna fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana are primarily managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has adopted size limits for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana for conservation purposes, and

WHEREAS, adoption of compatible regulations for Louisiana state waters would enhance effectiveness and enforceability of the regulations already in place for tunas harvested in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the primary fishery for the affected tuna fishes is in Federal waters off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:326.1, and R.S. 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish,

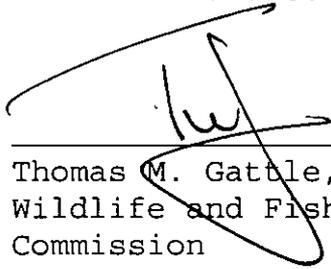
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate a notice of intent to establish regulations concerning the harvest of tunas in Louisiana waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the complete copy of the Notice of Intent and proposed rule are attached to and made part of this resolution, and

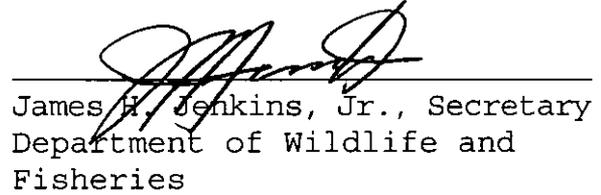
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Rule shall become effective upon promulgation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule,

including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.361, establishing regulations for the take of yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:325.1 and R.S. 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§361. Tuna - Harvest Regulations

A. Bag and possession limits, recreational.

| Species | Bag and Possession Limit |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Yellowfin Tuna | 3 fish per person |

B. Size limits, recreational and commercial.

| Species | Minimum Size Limit |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Yellowfin Tuna | 27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL) |
| 2. Bigeye Tuna | 27 inches Curved Fork Length (CFL) |

NOTE: Curved Fork Length (CFL): the length of a fish measured from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail along the contour of the body in a line that runs along the top of the

pectoral fin and the top of the caudal keel.

C. No person shall take or have in their possession any species of tuna, less than the minimum size or in excess of the take or possession limits. The possession limit on tunas applies to tuna taken within or outside Louisiana territorial waters.

D. Permits

1. Recreational: Persons aboard a vessel whether within or outside Louisiana territorial waters possessing any of the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, albacore, and Atlantic bonito are required to have a valid federal recreational tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel.

2. Commercial: Persons harvesting the following tuna species: Atlantic bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, skipjack tuna, albacore, and Atlantic bonito whether within or outside Louisiana state territorial waters for commercial purposes' or possessing such tuna species in excess of a recreational take limit are required to have a valid Federal commercial tuna permit in their immediate possession on board the vessel. No person shall sell, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to sell, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna without a valid federal permit. No person shall purchase, barter, trade or exchange or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or exchange any species of tuna from any person who harvested tuna without a valid federal commercial

permit.

3. No person aboard any commercial vessel shall transfer or cause the transfer of fish between vessels on state or federal waters.

4. No person shall possess any species of tuna without tail intact or skinned or scaled.

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

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

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

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SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

- AUG-00 RULE - Prohibited Fish Species
- RULE - Harvest Regulations, Billfishes
- SEPT-00 RULE - Participation in Deer Management Assistance Program
- RULE - Participation in Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag Program
- RULE - Additional Public Oyster Seed Grounds
- OCT-00 RULE - Rules for Harvest of Mullet
- RULE - Spotted Seatrout Management Measures
- RULE - Pompano Permits
- RULE - Traversing Permit
- RULE - Black Drum
- NOV-00 RULE - 2001 Turkey Season
- RULE - Daily Take and Possession Limits of King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel & Cobia

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

| PERIOD | NO. CASES ASSESSED | AMOUNT ASSESSED | CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS | NO. CASES PAID | AMOUNT PAID | DISCOUNTS TAKEN | PERCENT DOLLARS PAID | PERCENT CASES PAID |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| FISCAL YEAR 1993-94 | | | | | | | | |
| July, 1993 | 25 | \$21,039.00 | (\$9,778.00) | 29 | \$4,855.00 | \$2,545.00 | | |
| Aug., 1993 | 53 | \$44,922.00 | (\$1,137.00) | 41 | \$7,950.00 | \$3,603.00 | | |
| Sept., 1993 | 42 | \$137,635.00 | (\$17,938.00) | 35 | \$6,783.00 | \$3,048.00 | | |
| Oct., 1993 | 49 | \$21,471.00 | (\$11,282.00) | 40 | \$3,285.00 | \$1,519.00 | | |
| Nov., 1993 | 57 | \$31,207.00 | (\$13,260.00) | 32 | \$3,053.00 | \$2,845.00 | | |
| Dec., 1993 | 53 | \$13,777.00 | | 27 | \$6,507.00 | \$6,713.00 | | |
| Jan., 1994 | 38 | \$18,918.00 | | 32 | \$4,423.00 | \$2,831.00 | | |
| Feb., 1994 | 68 | \$38,131.00 | (\$8,238.00) | 46 | \$9,124.00 | \$5,993.00 | | |
| Mar., 1994 | 38 | \$22,739.00 | (\$2,482.00) | 51 | \$10,854.00 | \$6,796.00 | | |
| April, 1994 | 14 | \$44,732.00 | (\$1,404.00) | 27 | \$7,307.00 | \$4,632.00 | | |
| May, 1994 | 10 | \$4,504.00 | (\$165.00) | 7 | \$5,447.00 | \$3,808.00 | | |
| June, 1994 | 29 | \$26,167.00 | (\$2,986.00) | 12 | \$1,886.00 | \$1,214.00 | | |
| Total FY 1994 | 476 | \$425,242.00 | (\$68,670.00) | 379 | \$71,474.00 | \$45,547.00 | 27.5% | 79.6% |
| FISCAL YEAR 1994-95 | | | | | | | | |
| July, 1994 | 17 | \$2,127.00 | (\$335.00) | 23 | \$2,101.00 | \$1,437.00 | | |
| Aug., 1994 | 41 | \$96,403.00 | (\$3,035.00) | 20 | \$1,010.00 | \$605.00 | | |
| Sept., 1994 | 34 | \$14,614.00 | (\$14,002.00) | 26 | \$2,596.00 | \$2,342.00 | | |
| Oct., 1994 | 94 | \$17,426.00 | (\$8,677.00) | 38 | \$2,922.00 | \$3,179.00 | | |
| Nov., 1994 | 43 | \$103,592.00 | | 45 | \$3,992.00 | \$2,803.00 | | |
| Dec., 1994 | 68 | \$31,400.00 | | 35 | \$4,315.00 | \$2,329.00 | | |
| Jan., 1995 | 55 | \$27,601.00 | | 52 | \$7,493.00 | \$4,921.00 | | |
| Feb., 1995 | 70 | \$61,119.00 | | 41 | \$6,472.00 | \$3,973.00 | | |
| Mar., 1995 | 31 | \$25,072.00 | | 44 | \$8,315.00 | \$4,737.00 | | |
| Apr., 1995 | 13 | \$15,353.00 | | 16 | \$3,565.00 | \$1,538.00 | | |
| May., 1995 | 23 | \$11,632.00 | | 16 | \$4,315.00 | \$654.00 | | |
| June 1995 | 45 | \$31,008.00 | | 18 | \$2,630.00 | \$1,025.00 | | |
| Total FY 1995 | 534 | \$437,347.00 | (\$26,049.00) | 374 | \$49,726.00 | \$29,543.00 | 18.1% | 70.0% |
| FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 | | | | | | | | |
| July, 1995 | 0 | \$0.00 | | | | | | |
| Aug., 1995 | 46 | \$17,425.00 | | 27 | \$9,028.00 | \$1,729.00 | | |
| Sept., 1995 | 1 | \$125.00 | | 21 | \$3,093.00 | \$2,049.00 | | |
| Oct., 1995 | 122 | \$206,244.00 | | 29 | \$2,720.00 | \$1,161.00 | | |
| Nov., 1995 | 55 | \$23,124.00 | | 62 | \$10,151.00 | \$6,383.00 | | |
| Dec., 1995 | 50 | \$18,607.26 | | 32 | \$4,780.66 | \$2,802.76 | | |
| Jan., 1996 | 49 | \$13,814.88 | (\$15,296.45) | 36 | \$5,296.51 | \$3,472.89 | | |
| Feb., 1996 | 50 | \$14,716.97 | | 38 | \$5,777.53 | \$3,416.91 | | |
| Mar., 1996 | 33 | \$24,936.91 | | 36 | \$6,035.12 | \$3,421.75 | | |
| Apr., 1996 | 30 | \$11,006.66 | | 36 | \$7,173.12 | \$2,711.54 | | |
| May., 1996 | 23 | \$7,989.34 | | 24 | \$3,941.69 | \$2,020.29 | | |
| June 1996 | 50 | \$22,151.31 | | 16 | \$2,790.02 | \$1,182.23 | | |
| Total FY 1996 | 509 | \$360,141.33 | (\$15,296.45) | 357 | \$60,786.65 | \$30,350.37 | 25.3% | 70.1% |
| FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 | | | | | | | | |
| July, 1996 | 40 | \$71,894.13 | | 32 | \$5,249.93 | \$2,947.96 | | |
| Aug., 1996 | 32 | \$5,362.64 | | 32 | \$6,254.59 | \$3,783.69 | | |
| Sept., 1996 | 41 | \$7,210.00 | | 29 | \$2,259.96 | \$1,326.58 | | |
| Oct., 1996 | 29 | \$11,092.53 | | 25 | \$3,697.89 | \$2,261.98 | | |
| Nov., 1996 | 20 | \$10,009.10 | | 22 | \$1,624.63 | \$698.02 | | |
| Dec., 1996 | 13 | \$238,466.04 | | 22 | \$5,877.18 | \$2,121.53 | | |
| Jan., 1997 | 27 | \$11,755.22 | | 17 | \$4,393.30 | \$2,377.09 | | |
| Feb., 1997 | 47 | \$18,520.87 | | 42 | \$8,579.84 | \$5,552.63 | | |
| Mar., 1997 | 26 | \$13,434.02 | | 27 | \$4,999.59 | \$2,757.67 | | |
| Apr., 1997 | 10 | \$2,908.87 | | 15 | \$2,322.88 | \$1,298.66 | | |
| May., 1997 | 20 | \$11,682.70 | | 15 | \$5,198.91 | \$1,399.21 | | |
| June 1997 | 5 | \$8,036.58 | | 10 | \$2,335.24 | \$765.34 | | |
| Total FY 1997 | 310 | \$410,372.70 | \$0.00 | 288 | \$52,793.94 | \$27,290.36 | 19.5% | 92.9% |

FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98

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| July, 1997 | 10 | \$2,811.71 | | 8 | \$1,584.67 | \$823.11 | | |
| Aug., 1997 | 14 | \$8,741.30 | | 8 | \$1,496.49 | \$779.14 | | |
| Sept., 1997 | 29 | \$19,926.37 | | 12 | \$2,051.78 | \$1,278.04 | | |
| Oct., 1997 | 12 | \$4,716.81 | | 23 | \$3,184.83 | \$2,063.89 | | |
| Nov., 1997 | 23 | \$54,965.34 | | 10 | \$2,424.86 | \$1,218.28 | | |
| Dec., 1997 | 25 | \$36,881.09 | | 15 | \$4,376.97 | \$2,775.66 | | |
| Jan., 1998 | 42 | \$30,025.81 | | 17 | \$5,300.40 | \$3,533.66 | | |
| Feb., 1998 | 37 | \$31,164.95 | | 29 | \$22,961.69 | \$8,501.18 | | |
| Mar., 1998 | 9 | \$13,273.45 | | 32 | \$9,406.56 | \$4,371.53 | | |
| Apr., 1998 | 10 | \$5,628.21 | | 10 | \$2,602.62 | \$1,279.77 | | |
| May., 1998 | 0 | \$225.00 | | 8 | \$2,885.02 | \$950.46 | | |
| June 1998 | 5 | \$2,414.03 | | 6 | \$1,041.54 | \$98.00 | | |
| Total FY 1998 | 216 | \$210,774.07 | \$0.00 | 178 | \$59,317.43 | \$27,672.72 | 41.3% | 82.4% |

FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99

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| July, 1998 | 9 | \$1,390.43 | | 8 | \$1,964.20 | \$716.75 | | |
| Aug., 1998 | 10 | \$2,240.70 | | 10 | \$1,048.28 | \$372.47 | | |
| Sept., 1998 | 8 | \$2,768.96 | | 11 | \$2,000.36 | \$1,148.23 | | |
| Oct., 1998 | 22 | \$28,704.85 | | 14 | \$1,860.17 | \$807.48 | | |
| Nov., 1998 | 19 | \$9,137.79 | | 11 | \$1,765.97 | \$1,092.43 | | |
| Dec., 1998 | 23 | \$11,959.10 | | 27 | \$4,441.02 | \$2,040.71 | | |
| Jan., 1999 | 41 | \$21,179.55 | | 18 | \$6,621.63 | \$3,838.22 | | |
| Feb., 1999 | 45 | \$26,236.24 | | 41 | \$12,119.09 | \$6,923.61 | | |
| Mar., 1999 | 15 | \$7,549.57 | | 33 | \$8,281.77 | \$4,138.44 | | |
| Apr., 1999 | 9 | \$8,013.54 | | 14 | \$3,035.82 | \$1,388.41 | | |
| May., 1999 | 5 | \$5,161.23 | | 5 | \$905.50 | \$405.00 | | |
| June 1999 | 7 | \$3,719.01 | | 13 | \$3,011.06 | \$533.83 | | |
| Total FY 1999 | 213 | \$128,060.97 | \$0.00 | 205 | \$47,054.87 | \$23,405.58 | 55.0% | 96.2% |

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

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| July, 1999 | 5 | \$1,556.38 | | 9 | \$2,287.53 | \$1,198.81 | | |
| Aug., 1999 | 10 | \$2,510.83 | | 15 | \$2,455.38 | \$513.73 | | |
| Sept., 1999 | 6 | \$2,032.19 | \$5,324.80 | 28 | \$3,563.06 | \$475.93 | | |
| Oct., 1999 | 11 | \$4,452.31 | \$567.75 | 25 | \$2,775.48 | \$557.41 | | |
| Nov., 1999 | 14 | \$8,634.64 | | 26 | \$3,250.96 | \$1,322.96 | | |
| Dec., 1999 | 24 | \$15,891.96 | | 19 | \$3,862.76 | \$2,126.27 | | |
| Jan., 2000 | 49 | \$27,872.14 | | 28 | \$7,952.94 | \$3,814.02 | | |
| Feb., 2000 | 21 | \$11,039.59 | | 30 | \$10,159.24 | \$6,216.42 | | |
| Mar., 2000 | 19 | \$9,873.21 | | 31 | \$6,709.07 | \$3,555.40 | | |
| Apr., 2000 | 12 | \$7,897.70 | | 17 | \$2,932.41 | \$1,512.54 | | |
| May, 2000 | 7 | \$5,039.46 | \$293.60 | 13 | \$5,046.00 | \$3,164.00 | | |
| June, 2000 | 16 | \$14,566.88 | | 11 | \$4,986.31 | \$1,852.12 | | |
| Total FY 2000 | 194 | \$111,367.29 | \$6,186.15 | 252 | \$55,981.14 | \$26,309.61 | 74% | 130% |

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| July, 2000 | 2 | \$865.01 | | 8 | \$1,205.53 | \$154.01 | | |
| Aug., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Sept., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Oct., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Nov., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Dec., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan., 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| Feb., 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| Mar., 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| Apr., 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| May, 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| June, 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| Total FY 2001 | 2 | \$865.01 | \$0.00 | 8 | \$1,205.53 | \$154.01 | 157% | 400% |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 07/01/2000 TO 07/31/2000

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED | 2 | \$640.01 |
| HEARING COSTS ASSESSED | 9 | \$225.00 |
| SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ----- | | |
| RESTITUTION ASSESSED | 2 | \$865.01 |
| PAYMENTS | 8 | \$1,205.53- |
| PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE | 6 | \$667.50- |
| PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED | 3 | \$75.00- |
| DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS | 2 | \$154.01- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 0 | \$0.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| WRITE-OFFS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 1 | \$19,397.56- |
| CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |

 FOOTNOTE:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------------|
| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 1 | \$4,752.30 |
|--------------------------------|---|------------|

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 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
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| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 0 | \$0.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| WRITE-OFFS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 1 | \$19,397.56- |
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|--------------------------------|---|------------|
| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 1 | \$4,752.30 |
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 07/31/2000

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED | 3,996 | \$2,705,936.49 |
| HEARING COSTS ASSESSED | 211 | \$5,575.00 |
| SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 331 | \$269,865.45- |
| SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION | 148 | \$71,951.21 |
| ===== | | |
| RESTITUTION ASSESSED | 3,996 | \$2,513,597.25 |
| PAYMENTS | 2,681 | \$492,325.84- |
| PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE | 11 | \$1,276.27- |
| PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE | 39 | \$10,228.58- |
| PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT | 6 | \$1,700.03- |
| PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED | 84 | \$2,175.00- |
| DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS | 1,894 | \$243,983.78- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 124 | \$3,002.56 |
| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 49 | \$10,624.24 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 13 | \$29,905.30- |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 5 | \$12,222.64 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 20 | \$90,603.09 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 1 | \$36.75 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 2 | \$35.00 |
| CREDITS | 13 | \$10.22- |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 21 | \$6,881.15 |
| CREDITS | 58 | \$36,391.47- |
| WRITE-OFFS | 965 | \$1,025,082.16- |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 6 | \$1,399.24- |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 22 | \$11,864.26- |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 41 | \$96,706.35- |
| CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL OUTSTANDING | 328 | \$683,954.18 |

 FOOTNOTE:

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|--------------------------------|----|---------------|
| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 27 | \$43,294.05 * |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------|

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|--------------|
| VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 5 | \$8,289.75 |
| 31 - 60 DAYS | 14 | \$3,793.15 |
| 61 - 90 DAYS | 24 | \$32,433.58 |
| 91 - 120 DAYS | 28 | \$46,437.40 |
| 121 - 150 DAYS | 7 | \$3,185.95 |
| 151 - 180 DAYS | 6 | \$2,164.55 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 60 | \$28,720.23 |
| OVER ONE YEAR | 136 | \$90,441.46 |
| OVER TWO YEARS | 147 | \$113,588.03 |
| OVER THREE YEARS | 486 | \$372,157.70 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 913 | \$701,211.80 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

| | | |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|
| CAN NOT BE INVOICED | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CURRENT | 2 | \$640.01 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 12 | \$12,866.55 |
| 31 - 90 DAYS | 1 | \$524.54 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 38 | \$21,143.32 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 9 | \$6,280.11 |
| OVER ONE YEAR | 192 | \$198,779.52 |

COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:

| | | |
|----------------|----|--------------|
| 1 - 90 DAYS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER ONE YEAR | 74 | \$445,120.13 |

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

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|----------------|---|--------|
| 1 - 180 DAYS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER ONE YEAR | 0 | \$0.00 |
| | | ===== |

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|----------------|-----|--------------|
| ** TOTAL AGING | 328 | \$685,354.18 |
|----------------|-----|--------------|

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
07/01/2000-07/31/2000

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------|-------------|
| FINES | 773 | \$39,100.00 |
| HEARING COSTS | | |
| DEBITS | 106 | \$2,650.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ===== | | |
| TOTAL DUE | | \$41,750.00 |

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------|
| PAID IN FULL | 534 | \$27,580.75- |
| PARTIAL PAYMENTS | 3 | \$150.00- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 3 | \$75.75 |
| REFUNDS | 1 | \$50.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC CHANGES | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION | | |
| DEBITS | 3 | \$150.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| VOIDS | 29 | \$1,375.00- |
| NOT GUILTY | 4 | \$200.00- |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/2000-07/31/2000

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------|-------------|
| FINES | 773 | \$39,100.00 |
| HEARING COSTS | | |
| DEBITS | 106 | \$2,650.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL DUE | | \$41,750.00 |

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------|
| PAID IN FULL | 534 | \$27,580.75- |
| PARTIAL PAYMENTS | 3 | \$150.00- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 3 | \$75.75 |
| REFUNDS | 3 | \$50.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC CHANGES | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION | | |
| DEBITS | 3 | \$150.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| VOIDS | 49 | \$1,375.00- |
| NOT GUILTY | 22 | \$200.00- |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 07/31/2000

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------|----------------|
| FINES | 83,237 | \$4,230,607.07 |
| HEARING COSTS | | |
| DEBITS | 18,701 | \$468,003.80 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$5,375.00- |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL DUE | | \$4,693,235.87 |

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|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| PAID IN FULL | 46,659 | \$2,426,152.35- |
| PARTIAL PAYMENTS | 1,251 | \$57,004.37- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 945 | \$25,883.42 |
| REFUNDS | 174 | \$8,425.31 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 61 | \$3,275.00 |
| MISC CHANGES | | |
| DEBITS | 61 | \$1,025.00 |
| CREDITS | 168 | \$156.03- |
| ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION | | |
| DEBITS | 129 | \$7,550.00 |
| CREDITS | 14 | \$800.00- |
| VOIDS | 4,594 | \$196,182.73- |
| NOT GUILTY | 814 | \$40,775.00- |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | | \$2,018,324.12 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| CURRENT | 372 | \$18,900.00 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 479 | \$23,975.00 |
| 31 - 60 DAYS | 1,020 | \$53,300.00 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 783 | \$42,625.00 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 1,191 | \$80,799.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR PENDING | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER) | 28,159 | \$1,798,725.12 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 32,004 | \$2,018,324.12 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| PREHEARING | 1,299 | \$65,550.00 |
| 0 - 90 DAYS | 2,891 | \$148,225.00 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 568 | \$37,905.00 |
| 181 - 270 DAYS | 647 | \$44,318.00 |
| 271 - 365 DAYS | 531 | \$34,776.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR PENDING | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER) | 26,068 | \$1,687,550.12 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 32,004 | \$2,018,324.12 |

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



CONTACT
225/765-2923

2000-158

7/27/00

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET AUG. 3

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2000, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes of July 6, 2000
3. General discussion of non-resident license fees
4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July
5. Public comments - 2001 turkey season
6. Tentative dates for waterfowl season
7. Declaration of emergency - early migratory bird season
8. Declaration of emergency - 2000 fall shrimp season
9. Declaration of emergency - 2000-2001 oyster season on public grounds
10. Notice of intent - Spanish mackerel, increase in recreational bag and possession limit
11. Notice of intent - Reef fish, minimum size limit (gag and black groupers) and establish closed season (gag, red and black groupers)
12. Notice of intent - Tunas, establish rule for harvest of yellowfin and bigeye tuna
13. Set December 2000 Meeting Date
14. Public Comments
15. Adjournment

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EDITORS: For more information, contact Catherine Carlock Simpson at 225/765-2923
(simpson_cc@wlf.state.la.us).

July 26, 2000

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: _____

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been scheduled by the Commission for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 3, 2000, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 6, 2000
3. General Discussion of Non-Resident License Fees
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6. Tentative Dates for Waterfowl Season
7. Declaration of Emergency - Early Migratory Bird Seasons
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State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
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July 26, 2000

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: August Commission Meeting Agenda

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The following items will be discussed:

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WINTON VIDRINE

4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

8. Declaration of Emergency - 2000 Fall Shrimp Season

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12. Notice of Intent - Tunas, Establish Rule for Harvest of Yellowfin and Bigeye Tunas

DIVISION REPORTS

(None)

13. Set December 2000 Meeting Date

14. Public Comments

JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
Phil Bowman
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Catherine Blades
Division Chiefs

C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Tom Gattle

Fax #: 318-559-1524

Subject: Agenda

Date: July 20, 2000

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please call after you have had a chance to review the attached agenda. Hope you had a good vacation!!

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries
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(None)

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To: Susan

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr.  Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - August 3, 2000

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Tuesday, July 18th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, August 3rd Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on August 3rd. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

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JHJ/sch

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Wildlife Division:

Waterfowl Season dates - Tentative date: ~~Declaration of Emergency~~
~~Waterfowl~~ Early migratory bird seasons - Dec. of emergency
Public Comment Turkey Seasons

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2000 4:26 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Roussel, John E
Subject: FW: Marine Fisheries agenda items- August 2000 Commission meeting

John just gave his approval for these items.

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2000 3:43 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Boudreaux, Claude; Dugas, Ronald; Pausina, Randy
Subject: Marine Fisheries agenda items- August 2000 Commission meeting

Declaration of Emergency- 2000 Fall Shrimp Season- Claude Boudreaux

Declaration of Emergency- 2000-2001 Oyster Season, Public Grounds- Ron Dugas

-Notice of Intent-Spanish Mackerel, Increase recreational bag and possession limit- Randy Pausina

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Information - No
Education - No

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Dear Susan

I have no agenda items from the Ouland Fisheries Division. I wrote.

Bennett

State of Louisiana



Susan H.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
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Assistant

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr.  Secretary

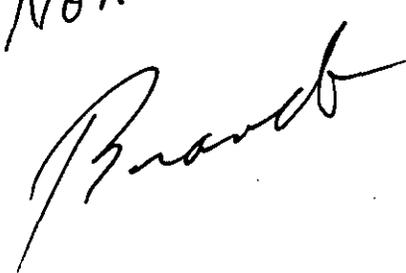
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July 25, 2000



Henry J Stone
1922 Rosedale Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Dear Henry,

COMMISSIONERS

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FT. WORTH

ANDREW SANSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Even now, after the hunt, I still see Texas deer in my dreams."

That's what a hunter from Delaware wrote to us after he got back from the Big Time Texas Hunt he won last year. Of course, having taken a nine-point white-tailed buck and a 20-pound Rio Grande gobbler on what was supposed to be just a deer hunt helped his attitude a little. It would put ME in a good mood. How about YOU?

Other hunters have described their winning hunts as "One of the greatest experiences of my life." Another described it as "a first class operation from start to finish." The Big Time Texas Hunt drawings have five great hunt packages to choose from—including hunts for trophy whitetails, mule deer, pronghorn and bighorn ram and spectacular hunts for ducks, geese, quail, turkey and dove. For a \$10 entry, you have the opportunity to be drawn to hunt with guides who know the land – and the game. We have already arranged all the details so you don't have to worry about that logistical logjam!

And did I mention that meals, lodging and guides were included on all of the hunts and that some of them also provide taxidermy? And that on several of the hunts you can bring hunting buddies with you and that they can hunt, too?

Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? Well, take some time to read the enclosed flyer that explains all the great hunt packages and then send in your entry or entries for the hunts you want to enter. We've even enclosed a pre-paid envelope.

To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Good luck and good hunting,

[Handwritten signature of Gary Graham]

Gary Graham
Director of Wildlife

4200 SMITH SCHOOL ROAD
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78744-3291
512-389-4800

www.tpwd.state.tx.us

▼Detach Here

BIG TIME TEXAS HUNTS OFFICIAL MAIL-IN ENTRY FORM

- Yes, I would like to enter the Texas Grand Slam (Type 444): # of chances X \$10 = \$
Yes, I would like to enter the Texas Exotic Safari (Type 457): # of chances X \$10 = \$
Yes, I would like to enter the Texas Whitetail Bonanza (Type 459): # of chances X \$10 = \$
Yes, I would like to enter the Texas Waterfowl Adventure (Type 460): # of chances X \$10 = \$
Yes, I would like to enter the Texas Big Time Bird Hunt (Type 461): # of chances X \$10 = \$

GRAND TOTAL \$

Henry J Stone
1922 Rosedale Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Driver's License or State I.D. Number: State

Daytime Phone: ()

Payable by check or money order to "Texas Parks and Wildlife." Return in enclosed envelope or mail to BIG TIME TEXAS HUNTS, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

Total Mississippi License Sales 06/01/00 - 07/03/00

License Type

Number Sold

ACTIVE MILITARY FISHING

10

ACTIVE MILITARY SALTWA

10

DUPLICATE LICENSE

4

HIP CERTIFICATION

23

NON RESIDENT FISH SEAS

1,400

NONRESIDENT RECREATIO

1

NONRESIDENT RECREATIO

4

NR ALL GAME SEASON

10

NR BOW HUNTING

2

NR CHARTER BOARDING P

104

NR CHARTER PASSENGER

104

NR FISH TRIP - 3 DAY

| <i>License Type</i> | <i>Number Sold</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 860 |
| <i>NR HUNTING SEASON</i> | 48 |
| <i>NR LA DUCK STAMP</i> | 42 |
| <i>NR MUZZLELOADER</i> | 2 |
| <i>NR SALTWATER FISH SEAS</i> | 1,166 |
| <i>NR SALTWATER FISH TRIP -</i> | 604 |
| <i>NR TRAPPER LICENSE</i> | 2 |
| <i>NR WILD TURKEY STAMP</i> | 6 |
| <i>RESIDENT BASIC FISHING</i> | 6 |
| <i>RESIDENT SALTWATER</i> | 6 |
| <i>WILD LA STAMP - 1 DAY</i> | 142 |
| <i>WILD LOUISIANA STAMP</i> | 8 |
| Grand Total | 4,564 |

Total Mississippi License Sales 9/1/99 - 5/30/2000

| <i>License Type</i> | <i>Number Sold</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>ACTIVE MILITARY DUCK</i> | 8 |
| <i>ACTIVE MILITARY FISHING</i> | 52 |
| <i>ACTIVE MILITARY HUNTING</i> | 8 |
| <i>ACTIVE MILITARY SALTWATER</i> | 34 |
| <i>DUPLICATE LICENSE</i> | 10 |
| <i>LA BORN NR BG GAME 5 DAY</i> | 6 |
| <i>LA BORN NR BOW 5 DAY</i> | 1 |
| <i>LA BORN NR DUCK 5 DAY</i> | 3 |

| <i>License Type</i> | <i>Number Sold</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>LA BORN NR HUNT 5 DAY</i> | 9 |
| <i>LA BORN NR MUZZLE 5 DAY</i> | 1 |
| <i>LA BORN NR TURKEY 5 DAY</i> | 2 |
| <i>LA NATIVE NR BG GAME 5 DAY</i> | 6 |
| <i>LA NATIVE NR BOW 5 DAY</i> | 1 |
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| <i>LA NATIVE NR MUZZLE 5 DAY</i> | 1 |
| <i>LA NATIVE NR TURKEY 5 DAY</i> | 2 |

| <i>License Type</i> | <i>Number Sold</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>NON RESIDENT FISH SEASON</i> | 2,402 |
| <i>NR ALL GAME SEASON</i> | 128 |
| <i>NR ALL GAME TRIP - 5 DAY</i> | 106 |
| <i>NR BOW HUNTING</i> | 28 |
| <i>NR CHARTER BOARDING PASS</i> | 202 |
| <i>NR CHARTER PASSENGER</i> | 202 |
| <i>NR FISH TRIP - 3 DAY</i> | 6,446 |
| <i>NR HUNTING SEASON</i> | 332 |
| <i>NR HUNTING TRIP - 5 DAY</i> | 108 |

| <i>License Type</i> | <i>Number Sold</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>NR LA DUCK STAMP</i> | 1,008 |
| <i>NR MIGR. GAME BIRD - 3 DAY</i> | 614 |
| <i>NR MUZZLELOADER</i> | 22 |
| <i>NR SALTWATER FISH SEASON</i> | 1,176 |
| <i>NR SALTWATER FISH TRIP - 3 DAY</i> | 3,690 |
| <i>NR WILD TURKEY STAMP</i> | 58 |
| <i>RESIDENT BASIC FISHING</i> | 22 |
| <i>RESIDENT LA DUCK STAMP</i> | 2 |
| <i>RESIDENT SALTWATER</i> | 20 |

| <i>License Type</i> | <i>Number Sold</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>WILD LA STAMP - 1 DAY</i> | 88 |
| <i>WILD LOUISIANA STAMP</i> | 18 |
| <i>Grand Total</i> | 16,828 |

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|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| <i>3day fishing</i> | <i>10,136</i> | <i>60%</i> |
| <i>N/R Seaw</i> | <i>2,402</i> | <i>15%</i> |

License Type 1999/2000 **# Sold**
RESIDENT

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Basic Fishing | 570,061 |
| Saltwater Fishing | 316,761 |
| Hook and Line | 4,794 |
| Disabled Fishing | 70 |
| Disabled Saltwater | 63 |
| Basic Hunting | 255,555 |
| Big Game | 171,885 |
| Bow | 34,398 |
| Muzzleloader | 27,835 |
| Duck Stamp | 102,800 |
| Turkey Stamp | 11,073 |
| Universal | 1,544 |
| Wild LA Stamp | 663 |
| Wild LA Stamp - 1 day | 626 |
| Trapper - 15 & older | 960 |
| Trapper - 14 and under | 32 |
| TOTAL | 1,499,120 |

NONRESIDENT

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| NR Fish Season | 21,198 |
| NR Saltwater Season | 12,458 |
| NR Fish Trip 3-day | 50,791 |
| NR Saltwater 3-day | 29,948 |
| NR Charter Passenger | 14,908 |
| NR Hunt Season | 3,156 |
| NR Hunt Trip 5-day | 2,837 |
| NR All Game Season | 1,709 |
| NR All Game Trip 5-day | 1,620 |
| NR Migratory Bird 3-day | 8,223 |
| NR Bow | 442 |
| NR Muzzleloader | 194 |
| NR Duck Stamp | 13,046 |
| NR Turkey Stamp | 272 |
| NR Trapping | 5 |
| Active Military Fishing | 1,785 |
| Active Military Saltwater | 461 |
| Active Military Hunting | 126 |
| Active Military Big Game | 68 |
| Active Military Bow | 6 |
| Active Military Muzzleloader | 6 |
| Active Military Duck Stamp | 86 |
| Active Military Wild Turkey | 77 |
| LA Native Hunt 5-day | 296 |
| La Native Big Game 5-day | 131 |
| La Native Bow 5-day | 2 |
| La Native Muzzleloader 5-day | 6 |
| La Native Turkey 5-day | 8 |
| La Native Duck 5-day | 129 |
| TOTAL | 163,994 |

ANNUAL TOTALS **1,663,114**