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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Danny Babin
Tom Kelly
Glynn Carver
Norman McCall

Assistant Secretary Phil Bowman was also present.

Commissioners Jerald Hanchey and Tom Gattle were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **July 8, 1999 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with no opposition.

Declaration of Emergency - 1999-2000 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates was handled by Mr. Dave Morrison. He began stating tentative dates were established at the last meeting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has met all of their procedural requirements and no changes were made from the original framework. Mr. Morrison asked the Commission to adopt the season dates by Declaration of Emergency. The dates for dove, teal, snipe, portion of rail, portion of gallinules and woodcock were read by Mr. Morrison. After hearing no public comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Morrison to read the **Therefore Be It Resolved** portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Carver made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 5, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA August 5, 1999.

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours for dove, teal, rails, gallinules, snipe 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.

Bill A. Busbice, 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 1999-2000 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL
1999-2000 Hunting Seasons

- DOVE:** Split Season, Statewide, 70 days
September 4 (Sat.)-September 12 (Sun.) 9 days
October 16 (Sat.)-November 15 (Mon.) 31 days
December 11 (Sat.)-January 9 (Sun.) 30 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit 24
- TEAL:** September 11 (Sat.)-September 26 (Sun.) 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 11 (Sat.)-September 26 (Sun.) 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 11 (Sat.)-September 26 (Sun.) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set at a later date.
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30
- SNIPE:** November 6 (Sat.)-February 20 (Sun.) 107 days
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16
- WOODCOCK:** December 18 (Sat.)-January 31 (Mon.) 45 days
Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

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

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on September 4-5, October 16-17, and December 11-12 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, 1999 and extend through sunset on February 28, 2000.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Robert Helm began the next item, **Tentative Season Dates for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Birds**, stating he had a video from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showing the numbers of ducks and geese. Since the video, the fall flight index has been upgraded to a record high of 105 million birds. Breeding population levels are at an all time high of 44 million. Eight of the 10 species that Louisiana tracks are above the long term averages. Mr. Helm then stated the only change in the duck regulations for this year is a reduction in the daily bag limit for scaup to three. The other change relates to geese, with an increase in the season days to 86 and the bag limit on Canada goose season has been changed to include 2 white-fronts and 1 Canada goose. The snow goose population problem is still occurring, stated Mr. Helm. Last year's special regulations package from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for snow geese will not be implemented this year. However, the U.S. Congress has introduced legislation to implement the entire set of snow geese regulations. It has passed the House, but would probably not be considered by the Senate until they reconvene in September. If this packet does pass Congress, Mr. Helm stated he would be back for the Commission to consider those options. Chairman Busbice asked if Congress acts, the regulations could be implemented this year? Mr. Helm then read the season dates for the waterfowl season. The duck season will open statewide November 13 through November 28, then

December 11 through January 23. Youth waterfowl dates will be December 4 in the West Zone and January 30 in the East Zone. Daily bag limits on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards, 2 of which can be hens, 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 3 scaup, and 2 redhead. Merganser bag limit is 5, of which only 1 can be a hooded merganser. Possession limits is twice the daily bag limit except for snow geese. The season for blue and snow geese statewide is November 13 through February 27. The bag limit is 20 with no possession limit. The season for white-fronted geese is November 13 through February 6, with a bag limit of two per day. The special Canada goose season is January 18 through January 26. The season dates for the second split for rails and gallinules will be November 13 through January 5. The daily bag limits for coots is 15.

Chairman Busbice asked why allow the youth day on January 30 when the season framework closes earlier? Mr. Helm stated the framework allows the youth hunts to be scheduled a week beyond the closing dates. Commissioner Babin asked what species has a lower limit? Mr. Helm answered scaup.

An Unidentified Speaker asked how many days would be lost if the season framework was moved to January 31? Mr. Phil Bowman stated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service did not allow Louisiana this option. Only the 3 states that took advantage of the January 31 option last year were offered this option for this year. Commissioner McCall asked when did hunting season start last year? Mr. Helm answered November 6. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it 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 5, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 5, 1999

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, 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 1999-2000 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

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

Consideration of Amending Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Notice of Intent/Rule was handled by Mr. Dave Arnoldi. He began reading a statement that explained why this item was placed

on the agenda. The staff has received numerous comments from landowners and DMAP members regarding mandatory provision of keys to DMAP properties. The change proposed will make the provision of keys voluntary to these lands. Chairman Busbice asked if this was the only change to the DMAP Notice of Intent? Mr. Arnoldi read the new language, which follows: "g. Each cooperator that enrolls in DMAP is strongly encouraged to provide keys or lock combinations annually to the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for access to main entrances of the DMAP property. Provision of keys is voluntary; however, the cooperator's compliance will ensure that DMAP enrolled properties will be properly and regularly patrolled." Chairman Busbice felt this is the way the Commission should move forward on this issue. Commissioner Babin asked if this would be the Department's final recommendation? Mr. Arnoldi answered yes. Then Chairman Busbice opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Stephen Segura, representing 4 hunting clubs in Bienville Parish, stated they enrolled in DMAP 11 years ago and feels the program is a good one. The change on the posted signs to every 200 feet would put a burden on landowners. Chairman Busbice advised Mr. Segura he thought that language had been changed. Then Mr. Segura commented on requiring everyone to have a tag in their possession and how this could create a problem. The last problem was changing the placement of a deer tag to the hock instead of the ear. Mr. Segura felt the trespassing law should be addressed. Chairman Busbice agreed with the trespassing problem, but stated it was a Legislative issue.

Commissioner Babin stated there were three main concerns with the proposed DMAP rule. These included: the key issue, which may be resolved with the new language; the signs and the tags in your possession. Chairman Busbice asked if the Commission needed to adopt the alternative language for the key issue? Mr. Bowman asked the Commission if they agree with the modification to the key issue, to at least pass a motion to let the public know the Commission's intent. Commissioner Babin made a motion accepting the alternative language for amending the key issue and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Busbice asked if there were any **Public Comments - 2000 Turkey Season** and none were heard.

Mr. Mark Schexnayder handled the next agenda item, **Declaration of Emergency - 1999 Fall Shrimp Season**. The traditional opening

dates for the fall white shrimp season has been the third Monday in August. After looking at the data, the white shrimp will be over the 100 count by mid-August. The staff recommends opening the shrimp season statewide the third Monday in August. The recommended dates for closing the season were the third Monday in December for Zones 2 and 3 when the 100 count law goes into effect. Mr. Schexnayder then recommended closing Zone 1 on December 31. Commissioner Babin asked if the third Monday in December was the 20th and was it the same date the 100 count would go back into effect? Mr. Schexnayder stated yes. Commissioner Babin felt closing the season on the 20th could create a problem having to work the product over the Christmas holidays. Then he stated the white shrimp are protected by law, fishermen can not catch shrimp over the 100 count until October 15th. Mr. Schexnayder stated statistically the white shrimp are not smaller this year compared with the last 20 years. Commissioner Kelly asked what size shrimp are showing up in the Vermilion area? Mr. Schexnayder stated they were about 95 count this week. Then Commissioner McCall asked if Calcasieu Lake was running about the same? Mr. Schexnayder stated the white shrimp samples are pretty poor, but do not count this as meaning there will be no season. Commissioner Kelly asked if the numbers were down in the Vermilion area also? Commissioner Babin asked if the closure for Zone 1 was December 31 except for the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds which would be March 31, 2000? Mr. Schexnayder stated yes, and added the Department was recommending giving the Secretary authority to change the closing dates if any problems arise. Commissioner Babin asked if the Secretary has always been given the authority to change an opening date once the Commission has set it or was this a first? Mr. Schexnayder stated the staff would like to keep all options available. He felt the Calcasieu area this year may be an example of an area that would warrant changing an opening date. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Schexnayder to explain why the staff was recommending December 31 as the closing date for Zone 1. Commissioner Babin stated the State has been too rigid over the last several years in opening and closing the season. Mr. Schexnayder felt the trip ticket data would prove whether the effects are good or bad. Commissioner Kelly asked if the trip ticket data could prove that destruction of shrimp is occurring when the 100 count is taken off on October 15th? Mr. Schexnayder stated data is obtained from the National Marine Fisheries Service and from that they can tell how many small shrimp are being caught. Commissioner Babin asked if the season was closed when the 100 count was removed and those small shrimp were protected, would they be around the next April? Mr. Schexnayder stated no. Then Commissioner Babin stated with the

trip tickets, staff will have better data information. Mr. Schexnayder read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 1999

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 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 16, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 20, 1999 in

Zones 2 and 3, and official sunset December 31, 1999 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, 2000. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing date 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 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, 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 1999 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 16, 1999.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset December 20, 1999, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 1999 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, 2000. 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.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Consideration & Possible Declaration of Emergency to Prohibit Night Shrimping in Lake Pontchartrain began with Commissioner Babin stating he was asked to place this on the agenda. He asked the staff to comment on this issue and then open for public comment. Mr. Mark Schexnayder stated this issue was first brought to the Commission's attention in August 1994. From a resource standpoint, the staff was neutral, it is an allocation issue. If this is passed, information from the trip tickets will tell whether this is affecting the resource or not. Other parts of the State have this type closure such as the Vermilion Bay area. Then Mr. Schexnayder stated the majority of the members of the Shrimp Industry Review Panel did not want to discuss this issue. Chairman Busbice asked what other area was closed at night and was it closed to keep shrimpers from running over the crab traps? Commissioner Babin explained how then Senator Mike Foster presented the legislation to have Vermilion closed to night trawling. There were groups that were opposed to the legislation because they thought it would be a statewide closure. Again, Commissioner Babin felt the trip tickets would provide better information so the proper decisions could be made on these type issues.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, stated this is a people problem. The white shrimp will school if left alone and this will result in a better catch with less pressure. There are also lots of crab traps in the lake and it is possible to take a few out when large boats are in the area. The prohibition would be a win-win situation, stated Mr. Gerica. Then he explained several areas he would like to see remain open. The areas are that portion east of I-10, called the Middle Ground area and the section from Pass Manchac to the Power Lines. His

organization would like to see this regulation implemented for several years to see if it will work. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Gerica why did the members of the Select Council not want to talk about this issue? Mr. Gerica stated fishermen are afraid of change, they need to be shown what is right for them. To him the best way to manage a resource is through managing the people that takes the resource. Chairman Busbice asked who would be opposed to the regulation? Mr. Gerica stated the larger boats would like to see the area remain open. Commissioner Babin asked if people in an organization could regulate themselves rather than imposing new laws on them? Mr. Gerica commented fishermen will work at night so they will not miss any harvestable resource. Commissioner McCall asked what is the average number of boats fishing in Lake Pontchartrain? There are about 100 boats at any given time, stated Mr. Gerica. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Gerica to explain the area east of I-10 he would like to see remain open.

Mr. Jessie Jenkins, a resident of Pontchatoula in the northwest corner of Lake Pontchartrain, stated the lake is clear and the only time shrimp can be caught is at night. He also stated big changes need to occur on the lake, but closing the fishery at night was not the answer. Commissioner Babin asked how many double-riggers were fishing at night? Mr. Jenkins stated he heard reports of as many as 40 double-rigged boats that worked around the clock. He then asked to go back to the old laws where the double-riggers worked the outside waters. Again, he asked not to shut down night trawling in Lake Pontchartrain.

Mr. Grant Kinchen, a shrimper from Albany, stated he was a bottom trawler in Lake Pontchartrain and these fishermen can not make it in the lake unless allowed to shrimp at night. He also stated the water in Lake Pontchartrain was clear and this prevents shrimp from being caught. Mr. Kinchen felt the resolution would be harmful to the local fishermen that trawls Lake Pontchartrain.

Mr. Steve Dargis, a full-time commercial fisherman, asked that the night shrimping be closed in Lake Pontchartrain. He then commented the shrimp can be caught during the day.

Chairman Busbice asked for an enforcement opinion. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated this new regulation would put an imposition on the 8 agents in the area. He added a brief history on the issue which started when he was Supervisor for that Region. One of the arguments on prohibiting night trawling from a meeting in 1977, was sportfishermen felt they were shut down except for weekends.

Another argument was this would create a resource allocation-reallocation where different user groups get different shots at the shrimp. But from an enforcement standpoint, Lt. Col. Clark stated an agent will have to be right on the spot when a new regulation is implemented.

Commissioner Babin stated he heard good points from both sides on this issue. He believed there is as much of a problem with double-riggers on the inside as there is with night trawling on the inside. The Commission is not responsible for allocating to one user group over another, commented Commissioner Babin. He then suggested waiting to see what information the trip tickets provide before shutting down an area. Also added was this creates a problem for Enforcement, but biologically there is no problem. Commissioner Babin stated these problems need to be resolved before a vote could be taken to close a particular area. Chairman Busbice noted no motion was made, so the issue goes no further. Commissioner Babin added he would like to meet with the people in the area and maybe work with the Legislators to push resolving the problem.

Mr. Ron Dugas handled the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - 1999-2000 Oyster Season, Public Grounds**. He began stating there is no season on the leased oyster grounds. A map was shown indicating all of the public oyster grounds. Law prescribes the oyster season on the public grounds will open on the first Wednesday following Labor Day, which this year will be September 8. The staff's recommendation would be to open all areas east of the Mississippi River and the Hackberry Bay area on September 8. The Bay Junop area will remain closed this year, but Sister Lake will open on September 8 for a 10 day period. Then it will close until October 1 and the season would extend through May 15, 2000. The reason for the short season and the split is because Sister Lake is such a small area with an abundance of resource to be taken and the anticipated fishing pressure it may get. The Calcasieu area will have the maximum season allowed by law which will open on October 16, 1999 and close on April 30, 2000. Mr. Dugas then commented the Louisiana Oyster Task Force has different views regarding the season they would probably present. Commissioner Babin asked if this was the first time to open Sister Lake? Mr. Dugas stated there is so much resource in that area, the staff wants to see it used. Chairman Busbice asked if a restriction could be placed on the number of boats going into Sister Lake since it is such a small area? Mr. Dugas felt if you manage a resource correctly, you may

not have to impose restrictions on the fishermen. Chairman Busbice then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. John Tesvich, President of the Plaquemines Oyster Association and representative of Oyster Task Force, presented some recommendations approved by the Oyster Task Force. The industry is not for additional regulations, stated Mr. Tesvich; and added that with the available resource the season should be open for the maximum benefit of all people. The recommendation from the Task Force was for the Commission to set up a sack limit on the public seed grounds east of the Mississippi River during September and October. The limit would be 75 sacks per boat. The benefits would reduce the fishing pressure during the hot months of September and October, it would stabilize the market and would allow for a better resource later on in the season. Mr. Tesvich stated this is a resource management decision he was asking the Commission to consider. Chairman Busbice asked if Louisiana should consider moving their opening dates to November to be comparable to Texas' opening? Mr. Tesvich stated this has been discussed and when Texas' season opens in November, it makes the market that much more difficult for Louisiana fishermen. He also stated processors are in support of opening the season in October or November. Commissioner Babin stated Mr. Tesvich was asking the Commission to help with price control. He then added it was not the Commission's responsibility to open or close a season to affect the price of a product. Commissioner Babin stated the limiting of sacks per day to 75 was limiting a fisherman's livelihood. Mr. Tesvich stated the harvesters and processors are supporting this proposal and he did not know of anyone that would oppose this. The proposal was presented to the Legislature, but the Commission has the authority to make this change, so the legislation was not pursued. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Tesvich to repeat his proposal. Then he stated this proposal still affects a localized area and he wanted to avoid micro managing a particular area. Mr. Tesvich asked the Commission if they felt this was a controversial issue, then they would go to the Legislature.

Mr. Dugas stated there is another factor to be considered and that is the legal ramification of the law. The prescribed management for the season is for a continuous supply of seed oysters. If the Commission wants to change the direction of the Department to a commercial harvest in November, then the law would have to be changed. Then if the Commission wants to set daily take limits, another law would come into play where social or economic reasons would take biology out of the picture. Chairman Busbice

asked Mr. Dugas about opening the season later? Mr. Dugas explained the reason for opening in September was a bedding strategy, which is relocating the oysters from the public grounds to the leased grounds. One concern Mr. Dugas expressed was he was seeing less and less of the fishermen moving oysters onto their leases. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Don Puckett if he had any comments. Mr. Puckett stated Mr. Dugas did explain the law correctly. He then stated the Commission has the authority to set limits for geographic, social or economic reasons as long as it does not affect the primary mission of managing for seed oyster purposes. Chairman Busbice stated this was the first time he has heard of this proposal and was not sure the Commission should make a decision in 5 or 10 minutes.

Mr. Mitch Jurisich, member of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force and Plaquemines Oyster Association, stated setting the season back would affect their bedding practices. He agreed with Mr. Dugas that there are fewer boats using the public grounds for seeding purposes. Mr. Jurisich asked the Commission to impose a sack limit for two months, September and October, as a trial run to see if this would have a better economic impact on the State and oyster fishermen. He felt if the restriction was imposed, the fishermen could possibly work 5 to 7 days a week rather than 2 days.

Commissioner Babin stated he realizes how important money is to commercial fishermen. He then stated this was the first he has heard about this issue and it makes for a very difficult situation. Chairman Busbice agreed with Commissioner Babin. He requested Mr. Tesvich send a written notice informing the Commission of this proposal and let us research it further with Department staff. Commissioner McCall stated one comment made was there was opposition to the proposal and he has not heard what the opposition was. Mr. Tesvich stated the overwhelming majority of fishermen have signed off on the proposal. He then asked if the Commission would consider this proposal at the next meeting? Commissioner Babin stated, if all things are legal, he would put it as an item on next month's agenda. But he stated he would like to hear from both sides before making a decision. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Tesvich to put all his information together and send it to the Commissioners and then petition someone to put it on the agenda. Mr. Dugas suggested the Oyster Task Force send out a poll to oyster fishermen on whether or not they would be in favor of the proposal.

Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Dugas to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a

motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

1999/2000 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August, 1999
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1999 is September 8, 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, 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 the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds, Hackberry Bay and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1999 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will be open for 10 days from one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1999 to one-half hour after sunset September 17, 1999, then will reopen one-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1999 and close one-half hour after sunset May 15, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 1999/2000 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 Point to Point Gardner to Grace Point at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

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 and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1999 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2000, 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.

Bill A. Busbice, 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 declare:

1. The Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds, Hackberry Bay and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1999.

2 The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will be open for 10 days from September 8 to September 17 1999 and will reopen one-half hour before sunrise October 1 1999 and close one half hour after sunset May 15 2000

3 The Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 1999/2000 oyster season

4 A designated sacking only area east of the Mississippi River will open one half hour before sunrise on September 8 1999 The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Point to Point Gardner to Grace Point at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet

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 subsides

7 The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one half hour before sunrise on October 16 1999 and remain open until one half hour after sunset on April 30 2000

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

Bill A Busbice Jr
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency - 1999 Fall Commercial Red Snapper Season was handled by Ms Karen Foote She began stating the federal season will open on September 1st at noon and close at noon on September 15th Then reopen again in 14 day sessions in October and November as long as the fall quota would last The resolution presented would open the state season to coincide with the federal season It also gives the Secretary authority to close the season when the federal quota has been met or to modify the season if the federal season is changed

Mr. Steve Loupe, a sugar cane farmer in New Roads representing several winter recreational red snapper fishermen, stated the season is closed in January and February and they felt it was total discrimination. He suggested the Commission vote to keep the recreational red snapper season open in January and February. If that suggestion would not work, he asked to keep the last 10 days of January, February and March open. Commissioner Babin stated it would be a moot issue to keep the State waters open when there are no red snapper caught in these waters during the winter months. Commissioner McCall asked what group of people were being discriminated against, the sugar cane farmers? Mr. Loupe stated no, but with being a farmer, this was the only time he could fish. Commissioner McCall asked how many days did he fish during the winter months? Mr. Loupe answered 17 days. He then asked the Commission make a recommendation to the Council.

Chairman Busbice asked Ms. Foote to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

1999 FALL COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASON August 1999

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana 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, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, rules were established by NMFS to provide for commercial harvest seasons and limits for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives requests from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and

WHEREAS, the 1999 fall commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters will begin September 1, and

WHEREAS, during the fall season, the EEZ fishery will open at noon on the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 15th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 1999 fall commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 1999 fall season for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1999 fall commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portion of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters

if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out in the attached Declaration of Emergency have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit requirements, and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1999 fall commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, 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

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana 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). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore. NMFS provides rules for commercial harvest seasons and limits for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and NMFS and the Gulf Council request that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS and the Gulf Council typically request

consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

The 1999 fall commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters will open beginning September 1. During the season, the fishery will open at noon on the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 15th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. In order to enact regulations so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 1999 fall commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the fall commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon September 1, 1999. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon September 15, 1999. The commercial season for red snapper harvest in Louisiana state waters will also reopen at 12:00 noon on October 1, 1999 and close at 12:00 noon on October 15, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the fifteenth of each month, for each month of 1999 until the remainder of the 1999 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the opening of the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional

Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of red snapper by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell red snapper. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess red snapper in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 are properly maintained, and those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Craig Lamendola presented a **Resolution - Point of Sale Issuance of Electronic Federal Duck Stamps**. He stated when automated licenses begins, all the state licenses will be available except for the federal duck stamp. The resolution expresses the Commission's approval to have the federal duck stamp available. It also asks the Governor to request Congress to amend the federal law which will allow the issuance of the federal duck stamp. Chairman Busbice asked if a paper copy would be issued and then a hard copy would be sent later? Commissioner Carver asked if the retailer would benefit from this transaction? Mr. Lamendola stated no, he would not get anything more than the normal transaction fee. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Lamendola asked that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Congressional Delegation and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies office.

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

A RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, August 5, 1999.

WHEREAS, several states including Louisiana have implemented or are in the process of implementing automated hunting and fishing license issuance systems to electronically issue every other sports license, stamp, or privilege, except the federal migratory bird stamps; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation has been drafted for introduction in the 106th Session of the United States Congress which would provide each state the option of devising their own systems to issue, recognize and account for a temporary electronic federal duck stamp privilege; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation provides permissive authority for a state to issue temporary electronic federal duck stamp privileges in the same manner as other hunting and fishing licenses by issuance of a temporary confirmation number effective until the actual paper federal duck stamp is received in the mail by the licensee; and

WHEREAS, implementing such a system will provide the public with the convenience of "total one stop license shopping" whereby they can purchase all their licenses and stamps at one place, including federal duck stamp privileges; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation imposes no obligation or mandate on any state to issue electronic federal duck stamp privileges, but instead grants them permissive authority to do so.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission urges and requests Governor Mike Foster to support legislation in the Congress of the United States designed to provide the convenience of increased access and availability of sports licenses to the public by amending the Federal Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.A. 715, et seq.) to authorize the several states to devise their own systems to issue and for federal

recognition of "temporary electronic duck stamp privileges".

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

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

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 - 102 citations and 60 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 89 citations and 44 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 155 citations and 43 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 208 citations and 43 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 169 citations and 29 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 144 citations and 26 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 134 citations and 50 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 212 citations and 34 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 272 citations and 67 warnings.

Statewide Strike Force - 29 citations and 10 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 42 citations.

SWEP - 22 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 51 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 1,483. Also there were 396 warning citations issued for the month. Chairman Busbice asked about the possession of a fawn deer in Region 1? Then he asked about a mounted fawn in Region III? Commissioner Carver asked if the Governor signed the bill on using hoop nets with a recreational fishing license? Major LaCaze stated yes, fishermen will not be able to fish hoop nets using

their recreational license. They would have to buy a commercial gear license. Commissioner Carver asked what would be the difference in price? A commercial license will be \$86 as opposed to \$25 for a recreational license.

The aviation report for July 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 90.8 hours for enforcement and 35.2 hours for other divisions.

Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Bud Carpenter for the **Division Report, National Youth Hunter Education Challenge**. Mr. Carpenter stated the Youth Hunter Education Challenge was held July 26 - 30, 1999 in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. There were 24 states and 1 Canadian province represented and a total of 304 youths participated. From the Senior Division, the individuals from Louisiana took first in archery, shotgun and trail, second in shotgun and in wildlife identification. In the team standings, the DeSoto team from Louisiana placed second overall. For the Junior Division, the team placed third overall, but Louisiana had the top individual from the Junior Division, stated Mr. Carpenter. Overall, of 127 potential events, Louisiana placed in 50 of them. Mr. Carpenter requested the opportunity to introduce the youth to the Commission. Chairman Busbice stated he would like to meet and recognize them at a future meeting. Mr. Carpenter felt this program was a shining example of what firearms and youth can do.

Chairman Busbice asked that Civil Restitutions be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **December 1999 Meeting** on Thursday, December 2, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

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



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Marianne,
Please review
the attached
minutes.
Thanks,
Susan

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, August 5, 1999

residing.

Tom Kelly
Glynn Carver
Norman McCall

Assistant Secretary Phil Bowman was also present.

Commissioners Jerald Hanchey and Tom Gattle were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **July 8, 1999 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed with no opposition.

Declaration of Emergency - 1999-2000 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates was handled by Mr. Dave Morrison. He began stating tentative dates were established at the last meeting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has met all of their procedural requirements and no changes were made from the original framework. Mr. Morrison asked the Commission to adopt the season dates by Declaration of Emergency. The dates for dove, teal, snipe, portion of rail, portion of gallinules and woodcock were read by Mr. Morrison. After hearing no public comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Morrison to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Carver made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 5, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA August 5, 1999.

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours for dove, teal, rails, gallinules, snipe 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.

Bill A. Busbice, 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 1999-2000 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL
1999-2000 Hunting Seasons

- DOVE:** Split Season, Statewide, 70 days
September 4 (Sat.)-September 12 (Sun.) 9 days
October 16 (Sat.)-November 15 (Mon.) 31 days
December 11 (Sat.)-January 9 (Sun.) 30 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit 24
- TEAL:** September 11 (Sat.)-September 26 (Sun.) 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 11 (Sat.)-September 26 (Sun.) 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 11 (Sat.)-September 26 (Sun.) 16 days
Remainder of season to be set at a later date.
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30
- SNIPE:** November 6 (Sat.)-February 20 (Sun.) 107 days
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16
- WOODCOCK:** December 18 (Sat.)-January 31 (Mon.) 45 days
Daily bag limit 3, Possession 6

SHOOTING HOURS:

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

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on September 4-5, October 16-17, and December 11-12 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, 1999 and extend through sunset on February 28, 2000.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Robert Helm began the next item, **Tentative Season Dates for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Birds**, stating he had a video from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showing the numbers of ducks and geese. Since the video, the fall flight index has been upgraded to a record high of 105 million birds. Breeding population levels are at an all time high of 44 million. Eight of the 10 species that Louisiana tracks are above the long term averages. Mr. Helm then stated the only change in the duck regulations for this year is a reduction in the daily bag limit for scaup to three. The other change relates to geese, with an increase in the season days to 86 and the bag limit on Canada goose season has been changed to include 2 white-fronts and 1 Canada goose. The snow goose population problem is still occurring, stated Mr. Helm. Last year's special regulations package from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for snow geese will not be implemented this year. However, the U.S. Congress has introduced legislation to implement the entire set of snow geese regulations. It has passed the House, but would probably not be considered by the Senate until they reconvene in September. If this packet does pass Congress, Mr. Helm stated he would be back for the Commission to consider those options. Chairman Busbice asked if Congress acts, the regulations could be implemented this year? Mr. Helm then read the season dates for the waterfowl season. The duck season will open statewide November 13 through November 28, then

December 11 through January 23. Youth waterfowl dates will be December 4 in the West Zone and January 30 in the East Zone. Daily bag limits on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards, 2 of which can be hens, 3 mottled ducks, 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 3 scaup, and 2 redhead. Merganser bag limit is 5, of which only 1 can be a hooded merganser. Possession limits is twice the daily bag limit except for snow geese. The season for blue and snow geese statewide is November 13 through February 27. The bag limit is 20 with no possession limit. The season for white-fronted geese is November 13 through February 6, with a bag limit of two per day. The special Canada goose season is January 18 through January 26. The season dates for the second split for rails and gallinules will be November 13 through January 5. The daily bag limits for coots is 15.

Chairman Busbice asked why allow the youth day on January 30 when the season framework closes earlier? Mr. Helm stated the framework allows the youth hunts to be scheduled a week beyond the closing dates. Commissioner Babin asked what species has a lower limit? Mr. Helm answered scaup.

An Unidentified Speaker asked how many days would be lost if the season framework was moved to January 31? Mr. Phil Bowman stated the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service did not allow Louisiana this option. Only the 3 states that took advantage of the January 31 option last year were offered this option for this year. Commissioner McCall asked when did hunting season start last year? Mr. Helm answered November 6. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion and it 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 5, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 5, 1999

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, 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 1999-2000 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

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

Consideration of Amending Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Notice of Intent/Rule was handled by Mr. Dave Arnoldi. He began reading a statement that explained why this item was placed

on the agenda. The staff has received numerous comments from landowners and DMAP members regarding mandatory provision of keys to DMAP properties. The change proposed will make the provision of keys voluntary to these lands. Chairman Busbice asked if this was the only change to the DMAP Notice of Intent? Mr. Arnoldi read the new language, which follows: "g. Each cooperator that enrolls in DMAP is strongly encouraged to provide keys or lock combinations annually to the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for access to main entrances of the DMAP property. Provision of keys is voluntary; however, the cooperator's compliance will ensure that DMAP enrolled properties will be properly and regularly patrolled." Chairman Busbice felt this is the way the Commission should move forward on this issue. Commissioner Babin asked if this would be the Department's final recommendation? Mr. Arnoldi answered yes. Then Chairman Busbice opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Stephen Segura, representing 4 hunting clubs in Bienville Parish, stated they enrolled in DMAP 11 years ago and feels the program is a good one. The change on the posted signs to every 200 feet would put a burden on landowners. Chairman Busbice advised Mr. Segura he thought that language had been changed. Then Mr. Segura commented on requiring everyone to have a tag in their possession and how this could create a problem. The last problem was changing the placement of a deer tag to the hock instead of the ear. Mr. Segura felt the trespassing law should be addressed. Chairman Busbice agreed with the trespassing problem, but stated it was a Legislative issue.

Commissioner Babin stated there were three main concerns with the proposed DMAP rule. These included: the key issue, which may be resolved with the new language; the signs and the tags in your possession. Chairman Busbice asked if the Commission needed to adopt the alternative language for the key issue? Mr. Bowman asked the Commission if they agree with the modification to the key issue, to at least pass a motion to let the public know the Commission's intent. Commissioner Babin made a motion accepting the alternative language for amending the key issue and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Busbice asked if there were any **Public Comments - 2000 Turkey Season** and none were heard.

Mr. Mark Schexnayder handled the next agenda item, **Declaration of Emergency - 1999 Fall Shrimp Season**. The traditional opening

dates for the fall white shrimp season has been the third Monday in August. After looking at the data, the white shrimp will be over the 100 count by mid-August. The staff recommends opening the shrimp season statewide the third Monday in August. The recommended dates for closing the season were the third Monday in December for Zones 2 and 3 when the 100 count law goes into effect. Mr. Schexnayder then recommended closing Zone 1 on December 31. Commissioner Babin asked if the third Monday in December was the 20th and was it the same date the 100 count would go back into effect? Mr. Schexnayder stated yes. Commissioner Babin felt closing the season on the 20th could create a problem having to work the product over the Christmas holidays. Then he stated the white shrimp are protected by law, fishermen can not catch shrimp over the 100 count until October 15th. Mr. Schexnayder stated statistically the white shrimp are not smaller this year compared with the last 20 years. Commissioner Kelly asked what size shrimp are showing up in the Vermilion area? Mr. Schexnayder stated they were about 95 count this week. Then Commissioner McCall asked if Calcasieu Lake was running about the same? Mr. Schexnayder stated the white shrimp samples are pretty poor, but do not count this as meaning there will be no season. Commissioner Kelly asked if the numbers were down in the Vermilion area also? Commissioner Babin asked if the closure for Zone 1 was December 31 except for the Breton and Chandeleur Sounds which would be March 31, 2000? Mr. Schexnayder stated yes, and added the Department was recommending giving the Secretary authority to change the closing dates if any problems arise. Commissioner Babin asked if the Secretary has always been given the authority to change an opening date once the Commission has set it or was this a first? Mr. Schexnayder stated the staff would like to keep all options available. He felt the Calcasieu area this year may be an example of an area that would warrant changing an opening date. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Schexnayder to explain why the staff was recommending December 31 as the closing date for Zone 1. Commissioner Babin stated the State has been too rigid over the last several years in opening and closing the season. Mr. Schexnayder felt the trip ticket data would prove whether the effects are good or bad. Commissioner Kelly asked if the trip ticket data could prove that destruction of shrimp is occurring when the 100 count is taken off on October 15th? Mr. Schexnayder stated data is obtained from the National Marine Fisheries Service and from that they can tell how many small shrimp are being caught. Commissioner Babin asked if the season was closed when the 100 count was removed and those small shrimp were protected, would they be around the next April? Mr. Schexnayder stated no. Then Commissioner Babin stated with the

trip tickets, staff will have better data information. Mr. Schexnayder read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 1999

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 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 16, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 20, 1999 in

Zones 2 and 3, and official sunset December 31, 1999 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, 2000. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing date 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 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, 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 1999 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 16, 1999.

The Commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in Zone 2 and Zone 3 at official sunset December 20, 1999, and Zone 1 at official sunset December 31, 1999 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, 2000. 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.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Consideration & Possible Declaration of Emergency to Prohibit Night Shrimping in Lake Pontchartrain began with Commissioner Babin stating he was asked to place this on the agenda. He asked the staff to comment on this issue and then open for public comment. Mr. Mark Schexnayder stated this issue was first brought to the Commission's attention in August 1994. From a resource standpoint, the staff was neutral, it is an allocation issue. If this is passed, information from the trip tickets will tell whether this is affecting the resource or not. Other parts of the State have this type closure such as the Vermilion Bay area. Then Mr. Schexnayder stated the majority of the members of the Shrimp Industry Review Panel did not want to discuss this issue. Chairman Busbice asked what other area was closed at night and was it closed to keep shrimpers from running over the crab traps? Commissioner Babin explained how then Senator Mike Foster presented the legislation to have Vermilion closed to night trawling. There were groups that were opposed to the legislation because they thought it would be a statewide closure. Again, Commissioner Babin felt the trip tickets would provide better information so the proper decisions could be made on these type issues.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, stated this is a people problem. The white shrimp will school if left alone and this will result in a better catch with less pressure. There are also lots of crab traps in the lake and it is possible to take a few out when large boats are in the area. The prohibition would be a win-win situation, stated Mr. Gerica. Then he explained several areas he would like to see remain open. The areas are that portion east of I-10, called the Middle Ground area and the section from Pass Manchac to the Power Lines. His

organization would like to see this regulation implemented for several years to see if it will work. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Gerica why did the members of the Select Council not want to talk about this issue? Mr. Gerica stated fishermen are afraid of change, they need to be shown what is right for them. To him the best way to manage a resource is through managing the people that takes the resource. Chairman Busbice asked who would be opposed to the regulation? Mr. Gerica stated the larger boats would like to see the area remain open. Commissioner Babin asked if people in an organization could regulate themselves rather than imposing new laws on them? Mr. Gerica commented fishermen will work at night so they will not miss any harvestable resource. Commissioner McCall asked what is the average number of boats fishing in Lake Pontchartrain? There are about 100 boats at any given time, stated Mr. Gerica. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Gerica to explain the area east of I-10 he would like to see remain open.

Mr. Jessie Jenkins, a resident of Pontchatoula in the northwest corner of Lake Pontchartrain, stated the lake is clear and the only time shrimp can be caught is at night. He also stated big changes need to occur on the lake, but closing the fishery at night was not the answer. Commissioner Babin asked how many double-riggers were fishing at night? Mr. Jenkins stated he heard reports of as many as 40 double-rigged boats that worked around the clock. He then asked to go back to the old laws where the double-riggers worked the outside waters. Again, he asked not to shut down night trawling in Lake Pontchartrain.

Mr. Grant Kinchen, a shrimper from Albany, stated he was a bottom trawler in Lake Pontchartrain and these fishermen can not make it in the lake unless allowed to shrimp at night. He also stated the water in Lake Pontchartrain was clear and this prevents shrimp from being caught. Mr. Kinchen felt the resolution would be harmful to the local fishermen that trawls Lake Pontchartrain.

Mr. Steve Dargis, a full-time commercial fisherman, asked that the night shrimping be closed in Lake Pontchartrain. He then commented the shrimp can be caught during the day.

Chairman Busbice asked for an enforcement opinion. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated this new regulation would put an imposition on the 8 agents in the area. He added a brief history on the issue which started when he was Supervisor for that Region. One of the arguments on prohibiting night trawling from a meeting in 1977, was sportfishermen felt they were shut down except for weekends.

Another argument was this would create a resource allocation-reallocation where different user groups get different shots at the shrimp. But from an enforcement standpoint, Lt. Col. Clark stated an agent will have to be right on the spot when a new regulation is implemented.

Commissioner Babin stated he heard good points from both sides on this issue. He believed there is as much of a problem with double-riggers on the inside as there is with night trawling on the inside. The Commission is not responsible for allocating to one user group over another, commented Commissioner Babin. He then suggested waiting to see what information the trip tickets provide before shutting down an area. Also added was this creates a problem for Enforcement, but biologically there is no problem. Commissioner Babin stated these problems need to be resolved before a vote could be taken to close a particular area. Chairman Busbice noted no motion was made, so the issue goes no further. Commissioner Babin added he would like to meet with the people in the area and maybe work with the Legislators to push resolving the problem.

Mr. Ron Dugas handled the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - 1999-2000 Oyster Season, Public Grounds**. He began stating there is no season on the leased oyster grounds. A map was shown indicating all of the public oyster grounds. Law prescribes the oyster season on the public grounds will open on the first Wednesday following Labor Day, which this year will be September 8. The staff's recommendation would be to open all areas east of the Mississippi River and the Hackberry Bay area on September 8. The Bay Junop area will remain closed this year, but Sister Lake will open on September 8 for a 10 day period. Then it will close until October 1 and the season would extend through May 15, 2000. The reason for the short season and the split is because Sister Lake is such a small area with an abundance of resource to be taken and the anticipated fishing pressure it may get. The Calcasieu area will have the maximum season allowed by law which will open on October 16, 1999 and close on April 30, 2000. Mr. Dugas then commented the Louisiana Oyster Task Force has different views regarding the season they would probably present. Commissioner Babin asked if this was the first time to open Sister Lake? Mr. Dugas stated there is so much resource in that area, the staff wants to see it used. Chairman Busbice asked if a restriction could be placed on the number of boats going into Sister Lake since it is such a small area? Mr. Dugas felt if you manage a resource correctly, you may

not have to impose restrictions on the fishermen. Chairman Busbice then opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. John Tesvich, President of the Plaquemines Oyster Association and representative of Oyster Task Force, presented some recommendations approved by the Oyster Task Force. The industry is not for additional regulations, stated Mr. Tesvich; and added that with the available resource the season should be open for the maximum benefit of all people. The recommendation from the Task Force was for the Commission to set up a sack limit on the public seed grounds east of the Mississippi River during September and October. The limit would be 75 sacks per boat. The benefits would reduce the fishing pressure during the hot months of September and October, it would stabilize the market and would allow for a better resource later on in the season. Mr. Tesvich stated this is a resource management decision he was asking the Commission to consider. Chairman Busbice asked if Louisiana should consider moving their opening dates to November to be comparable to Texas' opening? Mr. Tesvich stated this has been discussed and when Texas' season opens in November, it makes the market that much more difficult for Louisiana fishermen. He also stated processors are in support of opening the season in October or November. Commissioner Babin stated Mr. Tesvich was asking the Commission to help with price control. He then added it was not the Commission's responsibility to open or close a season to affect the price of a product. Commissioner Babin stated the limiting of sacks per day to 75 was limiting a fisherman's livelihood. Mr. Tesvich stated the harvesters and processors are supporting this proposal and he did not know of anyone that would oppose this. The proposal was presented to the Legislature, but the Commission has the authority to make this change, so the legislation was not pursued. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Tesvich to repeat his proposal. Then he stated this proposal still affects a localized area and he wanted to avoid micro managing a particular area. Mr. Tesvich asked the Commission if they felt this was a controversial issue, then they would go to the Legislature.

Mr. Dugas stated there is another factor to be considered and that is the legal ramification of the law. The prescribed management for the season is for a continuous supply of seed oysters. If the Commission wants to change the direction of the Department to a commercial harvest in November, then the law would have to be changed. Then if the Commission wants to set daily take limits, another law would come into play where social or economic reasons would take biology out of the picture. Chairman Busbice

asked Mr. Dugas about opening the season later? Mr. Dugas explained the reason for opening in September was a bedding strategy, which is relocating the oysters from the public grounds to the leased grounds. One concern Mr. Dugas expressed was he was seeing less and less of the fishermen moving oysters onto their leases. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Don Puckett if he had any comments. Mr. Puckett stated Mr. Dugas did explain the law correctly. He then stated the Commission has the authority to set limits for geographic, social or economic reasons as long as it does not affect the primary mission of managing for seed oyster purposes. Chairman Busbice stated this was the first time he has heard of this proposal and was not sure the Commission should make a decision in 5 or 10 minutes.

Mr. Mitch Jurisich, member of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force and Plaquemines Oyster Association, stated setting the season back would affect their bedding practices. He agreed with Mr. Dugas that there are fewer boats using the public grounds for seeding purposes. Mr. Jurisich asked the Commission to impose a sack limit for two months, September and October, as a trial run to see if this would have a better economic impact on the State and oyster fishermen. He felt if the restriction was imposed, the fishermen could possibly work 5 to 7 days a week rather than 2 days.

Commissioner Babin stated he realizes how important money is to commercial fishermen. He then stated this was the first he has heard about this issue and it makes for a very difficult situation. Chairman Busbice agreed with Commissioner Babin. He requested Mr. Tesvich send a written notice informing the Commission of this proposal and let us research it further with Department staff. Commissioner McCall stated one comment made was there was opposition to the proposal and he has not heard what the opposition was. Mr. Tesvich stated the overwhelming majority of fishermen have signed off on the proposal. He then asked if the Commission would consider this proposal at the next meeting? Commissioner Babin stated, if all things are legal, he would put it as an item on next month's agenda. But he stated he would like to hear from both sides before making a decision. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Tesvich to put all his information together and send it to the Commissioners and then petition someone to put it on the agenda. Mr. Dugas suggested the Oyster Task Force send out a poll to oyster fishermen on whether or not they would be in favor of the proposal.

Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Dugas to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a

motion accepting the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

1999/2000 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August, 1999
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1999 is September 8, 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, 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 the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds, Hackberry Bay and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1999 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will be open for 10 days from one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1999 to one-half hour after sunset September 17, 1999, then will reopen one-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1999 and close one-half hour after sunset May 15, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 1999/2000 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 Point to Point Gardner to Grace Point at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

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 and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1999 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2000, 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.

Bill A. Busbice, 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 declare:

1. The Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds, Hackberry Bay and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1999.

2. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will be open for 10 days from September 8 to September 17, 1999 and will reopen one-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1999 and close one-half hour after sunset May 15, 2000.

3. The Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 1999/2000 oyster season.

4. A designated sacking only area east of the Mississippi River will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1999. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Point to Point Gardner to Grace Point at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

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 subsides.

7. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1999 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2000.

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.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency - 1999 Fall Commercial Red Snapper Season was handled by Ms. Karen Foote. She began stating the federal season will open on September 1st at noon and close at noon on September 15th. Then reopen again in 14 day sessions in October and November as long as the fall quota would last. The resolution presented would open the state season to coincide with the federal season. It also gives the Secretary authority to close the season when the federal quota has been met or to modify the season if the federal season is changed.

Mr. Steve Loupe, a sugar cane farmer in New Roads representing several winter recreational red snapper fishermen, stated the season is closed in January and February and they felt it was total discrimination. He suggested the Commission vote to keep the recreational red snapper season open in January and February. If that suggestion would not work, he asked to keep the last 10 days of January, February and March open. Commissioner Babin stated it would be a moot issue to keep the State waters open when there are no red snapper caught in these waters during the winter months. Commissioner McCall asked what group of people were being discriminated against, the sugar cane farmers? Mr. Loupe stated no, but with being a farmer, this was the only time he could fish. Commissioner McCall asked how many days did he fish during the winter months? Mr. Loupe answered 17 days. He then asked the Commission make a recommendation to the Council.

Chairman Busbice asked Ms. Foote to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion accepting the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. The motion passed unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

1999 FALL COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASON
August 1999

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana 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, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, rules were established by NMFS to provide for commercial harvest seasons and limits for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives requests from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and

WHEREAS, the 1999 fall commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters will begin September 1, and

WHEREAS, during the fall season, the EEZ fishery will open at noon on the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 15th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 1999 fall commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 1999 fall season for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1999 fall commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portion of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters

if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out in the attached Declaration of Emergency have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit requirements, and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 Declaration of Emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1999 fall commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, 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

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana 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). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore. NMFS provides rules for commercial harvest seasons and limits for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and NMFS and the Gulf Council request that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS and the Gulf Council typically request

consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

The 1999 fall commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters will open beginning September 1. During the season, the fishery will open at noon on the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 15th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. In order to enact regulations so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 1999 fall commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the fall commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon September 1, 1999. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon September 15, 1999. The commercial season for red snapper harvest in Louisiana state waters will also reopen at 12:00 noon on October 1, 1999 and close at 12:00 noon on October 15, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the fifteenth of each month, for each month of 1999 until the remainder of the 1999 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the opening of the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional

Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of red snapper by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell red snapper. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess red snapper in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 are properly maintained, and those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Craig Lamendola presented a **Resolution - Point of Sale Issuance of Electronic Federal Duck Stamps**. He stated when automated licenses begins, all the state licenses will be available except for the federal duck stamp. The resolution expresses the Commission's approval to have the federal duck stamp available. It also asks the Governor to request Congress to amend the federal law which will allow the issuance of the federal duck stamp. Chairman Busbice asked if a paper copy would be issued and then a hard copy would be sent later? Commissioner Carver asked if the retailer would benefit from this transaction? Mr. Lamendola stated no, he would not get anything more than the normal transaction fee. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Lamendola asked that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Congressional Delegation and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies office.

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

A RESOLUTION

**LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, August 5, 1999.

WHEREAS, several states including Louisiana have implemented or are in the process of implementing automated hunting and fishing license issuance systems to electronically issue every other sports license, stamp, or privilege, except the federal migratory bird stamps; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation has been drafted for introduction in the 106th Session of the United States Congress which would provide each state the option of devising their own systems to issue, recognize and account for a temporary electronic federal duck stamp privilege; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation provides permissive authority for a state to issue temporary electronic federal duck stamp privileges in the same manner as other hunting and fishing licenses by issuance of a temporary confirmation number effective until the actual paper federal duck stamp is received in the mail by the licensee; and

WHEREAS, implementing such a system will provide the public with the convenience of "total one stop license shopping" whereby they can purchase all their licenses and stamps at one place, including federal duck stamp privileges; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation imposes no obligation or mandate on any state to issue electronic federal duck stamp privileges, but instead grants them permissive authority to do so.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission urges and requests Governor Mike Foster to support legislation in the Congress of the United States designed to provide the convenience of increased access and availability of sports licenses to the public by amending the Federal Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.A. 715, et seq.) to authorize the several states to devise their own systems to issue and for federal

recognition of "temporary electronic duck stamp privileges".

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

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

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 - 102 citations and 60 warnings.
Region II - Monroe - 89 citations and 44 warnings.
Region III - Alexandria - 155 citations and 43 warnings.
Region IV - Ferriday - 208 citations and 43 warnings.
Region V - Lake Charles - 169 citations and 29 warnings.
Region VI - Opelousas - 144 citations and 26 warnings.
Region VII - Baton Rouge - 134 citations and 50 warnings.
Region VIII - New Orleans - 212 citations and 34 warnings.
Region IX - Thibodaux - 272 citations and 67 warnings.
Statewide Strike Force - 29 citations and 10 warnings.
Oyster Strike Force - 42 citations.
SWEP - 22 citations.
Seafood Investigation Unit - 51 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 1,483. Also there were 396 warning citations issued for the month. Chairman Busbice asked about the possession of a fawn deer in Region I? Then he asked about a mounted fawn in Region III? Commissioner Carver asked if the Governor signed the bill on using hoop nets with a recreational fishing license? Major LaCaze stated yes, fishermen will not be able to fish hoop nets using

their recreational license. They would have to buy a commercial gear license. Commissioner Carver asked what would be the difference in price? A commercial license will be \$86 as opposed to \$25 for a recreational license.

The aviation report for July 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 90.8 hours for enforcement and 35.2 hours for other divisions.

Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Bud Carpenter for the **Division Report, National Youth Hunter Education Challenge**. Mr. Carpenter stated the Youth Hunter Education Challenge was held July 26 - 30, 1999 in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. There were 24 states and 1 Canadian province represented and a total of 304 youths participated. From the Senior Division, the individuals from Louisiana took first in archery, shotgun and trail, second in shotgun and in wildlife identification. In the team standings, the DeSoto team from Louisiana placed second overall. For the Junior Division, the team placed third overall, but Louisiana had the top individual from the Junior Division, stated Mr. Carpenter. Overall, of 127 potential events, Louisiana placed in 50 of them. Mr. Carpenter requested the opportunity to introduce the youth to the Commission. Chairman Busbice stated he would like to meet and recognize them at a future meeting. Mr. Carpenter felt this program was a shining example of what firearms and youth can do.

Chairman Busbice asked that Civil Restitutions be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **December 1999 Meeting** on Thursday, December 2, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

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

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Fony Gwynn, however, will have to wait at least one more day for his milestone. He got his 2,999th career hit — a two-run double in the ninth inning — in going 1-for-4 with a walk.

A sellout crowd of 45,106 had come to Busch Stadium hoping to see a double-dose of history, and watched McGwire become the 16th member of the 500-homer club in the third inning.

"I know there's been a lot of individual accomplishments," McGwire said. "But let's not forget this is a team sport."

After just missing in his first at-bat, the slugger who hit a record 70 homers last season sent a hanging, 1-1 breaking ball from Andy Ashby an estimated 451 feet over

ed by teammates, who exchanged his signature fake gut punches along with high-fives.

McGwire, who hit 499th homer Wednesday night, took his second curtain call in as many nights as Ashby stood off the mound, looking out towards center field.

Then in the eighth, McGwire homered again off Ashby. This one traveled an estimated 479 feet, the longest this season at Busch, and banged off the scoreboard near his No. 25 in a lineup list before dropping into the seats right above the Padres bullpen.

McGwire made it to 500 in 5,487 at-bats, obliterating Babe Ruth's record of 5,801 at-bats. The others

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Associated Press photo Cardinals' Mark McGwire waves to an adoring St. Louis crowd Thursday after connecting for his 500th career home run. He later added his 501st.

State duck hunters have same-day seasons

BY JOE MACALUSO
Advocate outdoors writer

For the first time since the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries received federal approval to divide Louisiana into duck hunting zones, state hunters will have the same run of days in all three zones. East, West and Catahoula Lake zones hunters will have two shots each — Nov. 13-28 and Dec. 11-Jan. 23.

The good news is that it's a 60-day season with a six-duck-per-day limit, a limit that has certain qualifications on individual species in-

side that limit.

The most notable species change is the limit of three-per-day on scaup, a bird most Louisianians call "dos gris."

Federal biologists noted a decline in the long-term average in the number of breeding pairs of scaup.

Otherwise, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's survey indicated a Fall Flight Index of 94 million ducks, a 13 percent increase over 1998.

"We know we have some hunters who hunt the (three) zones, but that was one of the very few nega-

tives when we considered all the factors," LDWF assistant secretary Phil Bowman said.

"We've got petitions from over 300 hunters to move the season. By backing up the opening of the West Zone, we believe we may have more birds," Bowman explained.

The usual West Zone opener has been the first Saturday in November.

"Moving the season back one week could give us another cold front to push more ducks down," Bowman said. "And, God forbid if we should have another hurricane,

it will give us another week to recover from storm damage. Hunters in the marshes last year know about that."

Two hurricanes and two tropical storms last September destroyed valuable waterfowl habitat across the entire Louisiana coast.

Bowman pointed out that the same-day seasons is not a signal to state hunters, nor to the USFWS, that state biologists are ready to go to a statewide season.

"It's something we want to see how it works out, and we want to retain the option for zones in future years," Bowman said.

Goose hunters among the growing number of those going after highly prized specklebellies will have an extra 16 days. The statewide specklebelly season will run from Nov. 13-Feb. 6, and will have a special Jan. 18-26 Canada goose season in special areas.

The daily limit on specklebellies is two. A change from 1998-99 regulations will allow hunters to take one Canada goose along with two specklebellies during the special Canada season. The extra days comes after a USFWS survey iden-

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Sports . . .

Record

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Jeff Gordon set a Indy stock car mark at the Indy



Saints

Hopeful

Danan Hughes looks to land roster spot with



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Hunters

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tified a marked increase in specklebelly populations.

The blue/snow goose season will run 107 days — Nov. 13-Feb. 27 — and, for the third consecutive year, there's a very liberal 20-per-day limit with no possession limit. The USFWS and the Canadian Wildlife Service have identified a crisis situation as the blue/snow geese population is estimated to be five times more than it was 20 years ago.

State Waterfowl Study leader Robert Helm said whether or not the USFWS will approve the liberal hunting regulations it did at the end of the 1998-99 season will rest in the hands of the U.S. Senate.

Monday, the House approved a bill to allow the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns for blues and snows after the specklebelly season.

Other seasons were posted for poule d'eau (coots), mergansers, rails and gallinules.

While usually a formality, the season dates must be submitted for USFWS approval.

Other commission action included:

- Receiving USFWS approval for season dates and limits on migratory birds — a 70-day dove season, the special Sept. 11-26 teal, rail and gallinule seasons, a Nov. 6-Feb. 20 season on snipe and a Dec. 18-Jan. 31 season for woodcock;

- Approving a change in the wording for proposed Deer Management Assistance Program rules that "encourages" rather than "requires" DMAP clubs to provide keys to main access gates;

- Approving an Aug. 16 statewide opening for the fall inshore shrimp season;

- Approving dates for the taking of oysters from public seed grounds in Hackberry Bay/Bay Gardene (Sept. 8), Sister Lake (Sept. 8-17 & Oct. 1-May 15) and Calcasieu and Sabine lakes (Oct. 16-April 30), and the season-long closing of the Bay Junop area. The commission also delayed a decision until its September meeting on a petition by oystermen to limit the take to 75 sacks per vessel in September and October in areas east of the Mississippi River;

- Approving the opening of the fall commercial red snapper season for Sept. 1;

- And, took under advisement a petition from the Lake Pontchartrain Fishermen's Association to limit fall shrimping to a daytime-only activity.



Jeff Gordon signs autographs after stock-car qualifying record of 179.61

Gordon

By The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Maybe they named the wrong road after Jeff Gordon.

A day after celebrating his 28th birthday and having a street in nearby Pittsboro, Ind. — where he spent most of his teen years — named after him, Gordon had another big day on the 2½-mile oval at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The Kid set an Indy stock car qualifying record with a lap of 179.612 mph, grabbing his third pole in six tries on the track where he is the only two-time winner of

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, August 5, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Bill Busbice (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	—
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	—
Daniel Babin	<u>✓</u>	—
Glynn Carver	<u>✓</u>	—
Tom Gattle	—	<u>✓</u>
Jerald Hanchey	—	<u>✓</u>
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	—

Mr. Chairman:

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

Asst Sec Bowman
~~Secretary Jenkins~~ is also present.



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Memorandum
From the desk of

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

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Phone: (318) 559-1500

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TO: **Members of the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission**

FROM: **Tom Gattle** 

DATE: **August 3, 1999** 

RF: **August 1999 Meeting**

You have heard the old adage that "lightning always strikes twice in the same spot". Well, I feel that I have been struck by lightning this summer as it pertains to LA Wildlife & Fisheries.

Personal reasons prevented me from attending the July meeting. I see my father once a year and at 75 he had his estate on his mind. I was already in northern Michigan on vacation and chose to stay with him rather than fly down to the meeting and then go straight back for meetings with him. Now I find myself burdened again by the death of a close friend's wife who also happens to be my wife's best friend. This lady was a strong influence in our community, very active in our church and my family will be involved in different ways with her funeral service. The funeral is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Thursday morning. Therefore, at this writing, I will not be able to attend the August meeting.

I realize that I owe no one an explanation and that you may find it strange that I am even writing to each of you about this. The fact is that I take my responsibility to the Commission and the Department seriously. I have always been committed to our meetings and try to spend the appropriate time in making the proper decisions. I feel badly that these circumstances prevent me from carrying out my obligation to the Commission. I remain active in monitoring the issues and indulge your patience in my time of absence. I look forward to being back "harassing" each of you at the September meeting.

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BATON ROUGE, LA

August 5, 1999

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 5, 1999

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

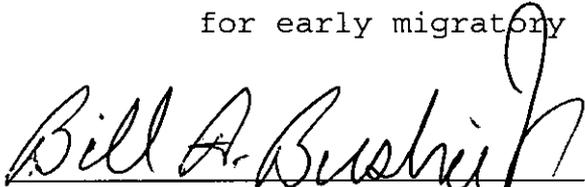
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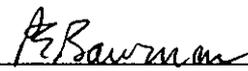
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these dates have been forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selections for early migratory bird seasons.



Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



for James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL

1999-2000 Hunting Seasons

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Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit 24

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

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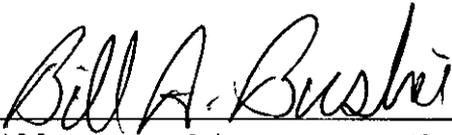
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby tentatively adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

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 1999-2000 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.



Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



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

**TENTATIVE SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR DUCKS, COOTS AND GEESE**

DUCKS AND COOTS:

West Zone: (60 days) Nov. 13 (Sat.)-Nov. 28 (Sun.) (16 days)
Dec. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 23 (Sun.) (44 days)

East Zone: (60 days) Nov. 13 (Sat.)-Nov. 28 (Sun.) (16 days)
Dec. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 23 (Sun.) (44 days)

Catahoula Lake Zone:

(60 days) Nov. 13 (Sat.)-Nov. 28 (Sun.) (16 days)
Dec. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 23 (Sun.) (44 days)

Youth Waterfowl Day - December 4 in West Zone, January 30 in East Zone

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 AND BLUE)

STATEWIDE SEASON:

Nov. 13 (Sat.)-February 27 (Sun.) **107 days**

Daily bag limit (snow and blue): **20**
Possession limit (snow and blue): **None**

WHITE-FRONTED (SPECKLE BELLIES):

Nov. 13 (Sat.)-Feb. 6 (Sun.) **(86 days)**

Daily Bag limit (speckle bellies) **2**

Possession limit (speckle bellies)

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CANADA GEESE: CLOSED IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW

Jan. 18 (Tues)-Jan. 26 (Wed)

9 days

During the Canada Goose Season (Jan. 18-Jan. 26) the daily bag limit for Canada geese shall be one and white-fronted geese is 2. 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 Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal 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, 2000 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the **Canada Goose Season** the following year.

RAILS:

November 13 (Sat.)-January 5 (Wed.)

54 days

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Shooting Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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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 1999-2000 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

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

**TENTATIVE SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR DUCKS, COOTS AND GEESE**

DUCKS AND COOTS:

West Zone: (60 days) Nov. 13 (Sat.)-Nov. 28 (Sun.) (16 days)
Dec. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 23 (Sun.) (44 days)

East Zone: (60 days) Nov. 13 (Sat.)-Nov. 28 (Sun.) (16 days)
Dec. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 23 (Sun.) (44 days)

Catahoula Lake Zone:

(60 days) Nov. 13 (Sat.)-Nov. 28 (Sun.) (16 days)
Dec. 11 (Sat.)-Jan. 23 (Sun.) (44 days)

Youth Waterfowl Day - December 4 in West Zone, January 30 in East Zone

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 AND BLUE)

STATEWIDE SEASON:

Nov. 13 (Sat.)-February 27 (Sun.) 107 days

Daily bag limit (snow and blue): 20
Possession limit (snow and blue): None

WHITE-FRONTED (SPECKLE BELLIES):

Nov. 13 (Sat.)-Feb. 6 (Sun.) (86 days)

Daily Bag limit (speckle bellies) 2

Possession limit (speckle bellies)

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During the Canada Goose Season (Jan. 18-Jan. 26) the daily bag limit for Canada geese shall be one and white-fronted geese is 2. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

CANADA GEESE: CLOSED IN THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW

Jan. 18 (Tues)-Jan. 26 (Wed)

9 days

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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 Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal 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, 2000 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the **Canada Goose Season** the following year.

RAILS:

November 13 (Sat.)-January 5 (Wed.)

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 13 (Sat.)-January 5 (Wed.) 54 days
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

Shooting Hours: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.



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House votes to allow more snow goose hunting

RAW NEWS

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A House-passed bill would to allow 24 states to expand hunting of snow geese as they migrate north, a move to restore hunting rules that the government withdrew in response to a lawsuit by animal advocates.

The Interior Department said last February it would allow eased state hunting restrictions because the snow geese's soaring population growth threatened the Arctic tundra where they feed during the summer.

But the Humane Society of the United States sued, and the regulation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was withdrawn.

The legislation, passed in the House Monday by voice vote and now awaiting Senate action, essentially codifies the regulations announced in February.

At the time, officials said an estimated 1.2 million birds were expected to be shot. Over the past three decades, the population of snow geese has exploded from 800,000 birds to an estimated 5 million.

The 24 states where increased hunting would be allowed are Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

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RESOLUTION

1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 1999

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 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at official sunrise August 16, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the closing date for the 1999 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset December 20, 1999 in Zones 2 and 3, and official sunset December 31, 1999 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, 2000. The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening or closing date 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 1999
Fall Inshore Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part
of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

P. Bowman For

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 1999 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 16, 1999.

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

*Died for lack
of motion.*

RESOLUTION
FALL 1999 LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN NIGHT SHRIMPING PROHIBITION
adopted by the
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
August 1999

WHEREAS, the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations to set seasons, times, places, etc. for all wildlife and fish, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the technical data presented by the Marine Fisheries Division, and has received public comment, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that shrimping shall be prohibited between official sunset and official sunrise in Lake Pontchartrain and its tributaries west of the I-10 bridge, all in Zone 1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this prohibition shall be effective from official sunset August ____, 1999 and last until the closing of the fall inshore shrimp season in this portion of Zone 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission hereby grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to modify these times if technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency prohibiting night shrimping in Lake Pontchartrain and its tributaries during the fall shrimp season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
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James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

1999/2000 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August, 1999
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1999 is September 8, 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, 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 the Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds, Hackberry Bay and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1999 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will be open for 10 days from one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1999 to one-half hour after sunset September 17, 1999, then will reopen one-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1999 and close one-half hour after sunset May 15, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 1999/2000 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.

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 and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on October 16, 1999 and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on April 30, 2000, 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.



Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman, La. Wildlife and
Fisheries Commission



for 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 declare:

1. The Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds, Hackberry Bay and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1999.

2. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation will be open for 10 days from September 8 to September 17, 1999 and will reopen one-half hour before sunrise October 1, 1999 and close one-half hour after sunset May 15, 2000.

3. The Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed for the 1999/2000 oyster season.

4. A designated sacking only area east of the Mississippi River will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1999. 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.

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Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August, 1999
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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.

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

1999 FALL COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASON
August 1999

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WHEREAS, the 1999 fall commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters will begin September 1, and

WHEREAS, during the fall season, the EEZ fishery will open at noon on the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 15th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and

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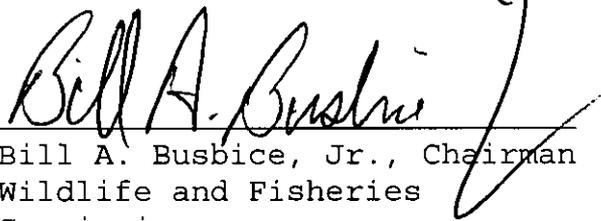
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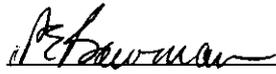
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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Mr. Bill Busbice, Jr.
LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898

Dear Bill:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the resolution regarding your support of federal legislation authorizing states to issue temporary electronic federal duck stamp privileges.

It is important that I am aware of the views and concerns of my Louisiana constituents. Rest assured that I will keep your views in mind as Congress proceeds with its work this session.

Please let me know if there is anything else that I can do for you or your constituency.

Sincerely,



JOHN BREAUX
United States Senator

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

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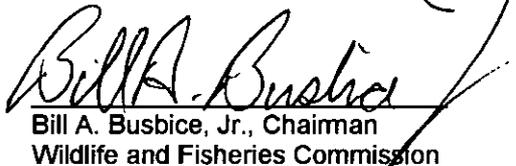
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission


for James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
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State of Louisiana



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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

August 25, 1999

Honorable John Breaux
United States Senator
516 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Breaux:

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Thank you in advance for the services of your office.

Sincerely,

Bill A. Busbice, Jr. /sch

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825 Hart Senate Building
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240 Cannon House Building
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Honorable W. J. "Billy" Tauzin
United States Representative
2183 Rayburn House Building
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United States Representative
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Washington, DC 20515

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317 Cannon House Building
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International Association of Fish
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444 N. Capitol Street, Suite 544
Washington, DC 20001

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JULY 1999

REGION 1:

**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
DESOTO, RED RIVER,
WEBSTER**

TOTAL CASES	102	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	1
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
55	Boating
14	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License – Non-Resident
28	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take Undersize Black Bass
1	Possession Of (Live) Wild Quadruped W/O Permit (Deer)
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
60	
10	Angling W/O Resident License
50	Boating Safety

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Black Bass; 1 Live Yearling Buck Deer

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

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0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
45	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
1	WMA Rules and Regulations
60	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
1	Bodcau

REGION 2:

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

TOTAL CASES	89	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	-0-
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
43	Boating
23	Angle W/O A Resident License
1	Angle W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
4	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take Over Limit Fresh Water Game Fish
1	Possess Firearm While Frogging
2	Use Illegal Mesh Net
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
2	Littering
1	Resisting An Officer
1	Resisting By Refusing
1	Illegal Possession Of Alcohol Under 21 Years Old
1	Take Alligator Closed Season

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Criminal Trespass
1	Criminal Damage To Property

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 44	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
13	Angling W/O A License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>1 – 9' 2 ½" Alligator, 1- Ruger M777 20 Rifle With Scope, 48 Feet Of Webbing, 1- Remington 22 Rifle</p>

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
43	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
29	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
-0-	WMA Rules and Regulations
44	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance- Assist Stranded Boaters and Motorist

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
-0-	No Cases Made On Any WMA

REGION 3:

**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHEs, RAPIDES
SABINE, VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	155	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	7
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
86	Boating
35	Angling W/O A License
6	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
2	Angle W/O A Non-Resident License In Possession
1	Possess Undersized Black Bass
3	Fish W/O Pole License
1	Take Game Fish Illegally (Snagging)
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Buy/Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours (Rabbit)
1	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
2	Illegal Possession Of Spotted Fawn
3	Operate A.T.V. On Public Road
1	D.W.I. 2nd Offense
3	Criminal Trespass On State Property
6	Littering

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Possession Of Alligator Closed Season

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
43	
17	Boating
20	Angle W/O License In Possession
1	Angle W/O Non-Resident License In Possession
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
4	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
5 catfish, 8 white bass, 1 alligator, 3 beer bottles, 1 spotted fawn (mounted), 1 live spotted fawn, 29 undersized blue catfish, 1 non-resident three day trip license, 9 black bass, 3 cans, 1 plastic bottle, 1 cellphone, 1 crappie, 1 bream, 1 ice chest, 1 penn wheel & rod, 4 treble hooks.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
86	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
6	Littering
9	Miscellaneous
48	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
43	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
2	Alexander State Forest W.M.A.
3	Spring Bayou W.M.A.
2	Camp Beauregard W.M.A.

REGION4:

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

TOTAL CASES	208	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	9
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
101	Boating
34	Angling W/O A License
23	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
29	Fish W/O Pole License
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Take Alligators From Other Than Approved Area
2	Take Alligators W/O License
2	Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
2	Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
1	DWI
5	Littering
1	Obtain License By Fraud
2	Violate Rules And Regs. Of Harvest Of Sale Of Freshwater Mussels

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 43	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
18	Boating
16	Angling W/O A License
8	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Fish W/O Pole License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
9 washboard mussels and license, 1 resident fishing license, 3-½ foot alligator, 30-30 Winchester rifle.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
101	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
87	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations
43	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
7	Dewey Wills
2	Red River

REGION5:

PARISHES: ACADIA, ALLEN,
 BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
 CAMERON, EVANGELINE
 JEFF DAVIS, VERMILLION

TOTAL CASES	169	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	23
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
72	Boating
40	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Take Or Possess Over Limit Of Red Drum
1	Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum
2	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
2	Take Or Possess Over Limit Spotted Sea Trout
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
2	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
4	Set Crab Traps In Navigation Channels Or Entrance To Streams
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
1	Theft Of Crab Traps
2	Trawling In Closed Season

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Butterflying In Closed Season
2	Take Or Possess Alligators Closed Season
15	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area
1	Resisting An Officer
7	Littering
2	Criminal Trespassing On Crawfish Pond
2	Fail To Keep Federally Controlled Fish Intact

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 29	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
22	Boating
4	Angling W/O A Resident License
3	Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 – crab trap; 7 – black drum; 2 – red drum; 2 – alligator; 2 – ice chests; 123 pound shrimp sold for \$266.00; 69 spotted sea trout.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
72	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
7	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
54	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
15	WMA Rules and Regulations
29	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
21	Rockefeller Refuge
2	State Wildlife
0	Marsh Island
0	Sabine Island
0	West Bay
0	Marshy Bayou

REGION6:

PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
LAFAYETTE, PT.COUPÉE
ST.LANDRY, W.B.ROUGE

TOTAL CASES	144	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	2
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
74	Boating
34	Angling W/O A License
1	Flight From An Officer
4	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Trawling Closed Season
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Use Illegal Mesh Nets
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle
3	Removing Contents Of Crab Traps
7	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
4	Littering
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
1	Comm. Fisherman Sell To Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer
6	Fish W/O Resident Pole License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
1	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 26	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
21	Boating
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
4	Angling W/O License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 skimmer nets, 2 gill nets, 10 black bass, 6 sacks of crawfish, 1 cigarette pack containing marijuana , 2 outboard motors, 1 black drum, 1 red drum, 1 speckled trout, 1 beer bottle

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
74	Boating
9	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
54	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
26	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
1	Sherburne Wildlife Management Area
1	Attakapas Wildlife Management Area
0	Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area

REGION 7:

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

TOTAL CASES	134	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	13
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
78	Boating (3 D.W.I.'S)
35	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Angling W/O A Pole License
2	Use Gear W/O A Recreational Gear License
1	Unmarked Crab Pots
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
2	Take Undersize Red Drum
2	Take Undersize Speckled Trout
2	R & R – Camp in Restricted Area
3	Operate A Watercraft While Intoxicated
1	Poss. Of An Outboard Motor W/O Serial Number

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 50	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
28	Boating
17	Angling W/O A Resident License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
2	Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Use Gear W/O A Recreational Gear License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 – 30 HP Evinrude motor, 5 crab traps, 12 speckled trout, 5 red drum.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
79	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
39	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations
50	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
13	Pearl River WMA

REGION 8:

PARISHES: JEFFERSON, ORLEANS,
 PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
 ST. CHARLES

TOTAL CASES	212	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	26
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
63	Boating
40	Angling W/O A License
11	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
2	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
1	Use Gear W/O A Non-Resident Gear License
8	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
2	Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License
3	Take/Possess Over The Limit Of Freshwater Gamefish(Channel Catfish)
3	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
3	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
5	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations For Commercial Finfish(Take Menhaden in Closed Area)
1	Take/Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
2	Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License
1	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Sell /Buy Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealer's License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Possess Exotic Fish(Tilapia)
1	Use Saltwater Gill Net Illegally
1	Sell And Or Purchase Game Fish
1	Buy Permitted Species From Unpermitted Fisherman
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
2	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Remove Contents
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear License
1	Fail To Comply With Spotted Sea Trout Quota Closure
3	Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs (10%-19%)
3	Possess Over 20% Undersized Crabs
5	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
1	Use Oversized Recreational Trawl
6	Failure To Have Written Permission
4	Possess Improperly Tagged Alligator
4	Illegal Possession Of Alligator Skins

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
3	Littering
1	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9 (Fail To Refrigerate Properly)
3	Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9(Vessel Regulations)
1	Obstruction Of Justice
18	Violate No Wake Zone

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 34	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
13	Angling W/O A Recreational License
1	Angling W/O A Non-Resident Recreational License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
1	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
3	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
2	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
13	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Seafood Destroyed:----9 red drum, 9 ,spotted sea trout, 3 sacks of oysters, 1 alligator hide.
Seafood Returned To Water:----95 sacks of oysters, 1,745 pounds of crabs.
Seafood Donated:----13 black drum, 10 red drum, 11 tilapia, 27 spotted sea trout, 3 sheepshead, 3 flounder, 1 catfish, 206 striped bass, 6 large mouth bass.
Seafood Sold At Bid:--113 spotted sea trout--sold for \$190.50:--150 pounds Of shrimp Sold For \$228.55:--200,000 pounds Of Menhaden sold for \$6,000.
Hardware Confiscated:--600 feet of gill net, 2 skimmer nets, 2 crab traps, 4 boats, 1 outboard motor, 1 truck, 1 ice chest.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
63	Boating
41	Commercial Fishing
4	Littering
24	Miscellaneous
72	Recreational Fishing
8	State Hunting/Trapping
30	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
8	SALVADOR WMA
10	BILOXI WMA
8	PAS A LOUTRE WMA

REGION 9:

PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, LAFOURCHE,
ST. JAMES, ST. JOHN,
ST. MARTIN, ST. MARY,
TERREBONNE

TOTAL CASES	272	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	30
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
145	Boating
48	Angling W/O A License
3	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
11	Angling W/O Saltwater License
2	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
2	Take Over Limit Of Freshwater Gamefish (Bass)
1	Take Over Limit Of Freshwater Gamefish (Catfish)
5	Take Undersized Red Drum
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
9	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
5	Take Undersized Black Drum (Rec.)
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Crab Trap)

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Sell Game Fish
2	Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
3	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
2	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
2	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Gear License
1	Trawling In Closed Season (Inside Waters)
7	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
1	Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit
4	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
2	Violate No Wake Zone
1	Flight From An Officer
2	Not Abiding By R & R Of Management Area (Over Limit Of Crabs)

WARNING CITATIONS

TOTAL 67	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
33	Boating
10	Angling W/O A License
22	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Take undersized Red Drum
1	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
683 lbs. shrimp \$893.85, 5 red drum, 7 black drum, 34 bass, 44 speckled trout, 2 white trout, 3 alligators, 14 sacks oysters, 100 catfish, 122 berry-staged crabs, 825 lbs. crabs, 6 skimmer nets, 15 crab traps, 1 boat, 1 trawl, 2 commercial licenses, 1 harvester log sheet, 1 hand written note, 1 ice chest

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
145	Boating
28	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
89	Recreational Fishing
1	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations
67	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
26	Pointe-Aux-Chenes
3	Atchafalaya Delta
1	Manhac

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	29	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	12
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
2	Take Or Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout
1	Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Spotted Sea Trout
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Violate Crab Trap Escape Ring Requirements
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
3	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 10	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
19 spotted sea trout, 2 white trout, 6 boxes of crabs, 33 dozen of crabs, 1 crab trap.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
12	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
9	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
2	WMA Rules and Regulations
10	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
12	Pointe-Aux-Chenes

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	42	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
9	Boating
1	Take Oysters Without Vessel Tarp
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman to Use Gear
1	Take Oysters Without Filling Out Harvester Log Book
2	Take Oysters From Private Lease Without Written Permission
1	Take Oysters From An Unmarked Lease
1	Misbranded Oysters
2	Failure to Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
4	Failure To Properly Refrigerate Oysters
9	Angling Without A Basic License
8	Fishing Without A Saltwater License
1	Take Undersize Red Drum
1	Take Undersize Spotted Sea Trout

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1,365 sacks of oysters, 1 red drum, 1 spotted sea trout.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Boating
14	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
19	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
0	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
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S.W.E.P.

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	22	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Boating
6	Angling W/O A License
1	DUI
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
2	No Vessel License
2	Skimming In Closed Season
1	Possess Berry Crabs
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
4 skimmer nets, 74 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$103.60, 109 berry crabs, 2 white trout.

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

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
8	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules And Regulations
0	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
0	

10 HOURS RUNNING TIME
208 BOATS CHECKED

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	51	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) & REFUGES	0
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TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	Boating
2	Angling W/O A License Non Resident
1	Take/Possess Undersize Red Drum
2	Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs.
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
3	Sell/Buy Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License
1	Retail Dealer, Restaurant, Grocer Buy From Other Than Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Sell/Purchase Game Fish
2	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Licensed Fisherman
4	Possess Crabs Berry Stage
2	Fail To Mark Crab Containers
2	Fail To Comply with Quota Closure-Speckled Sea Trout
2	Fail To Report Commercial Finfish Data
8	Possess/Sell Undersize Crabs (10% to 19%)
13	Possess Over 20% Undersize Crabs

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Take Oysters From Unapproved Area
3	Violation Of Sanitary Code

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
80 speckled sea trout, 5 red drum, 1 ice chest, and returned to water 2,040 sacks of oysters, 2100 lbs. of blue crabs.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
48	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	WMA Rules and Regulations
0	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES MADE ON WMAs AND REFUGES

TOTAL	NAME OF MANAGEMENT AREA
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TOTAL CASES WMA AND REFUGES -111

TOTAL CASES -1483

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =396

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT

JULY, 1999

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. 51.6

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 45.0

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 29.4

Enforcement Hours - 90.8

Other Divisions - 35.2

Total Plane Use - 126.0

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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%
FICAL 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%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
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

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

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

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999								
Sept., 1999								
Oct., 1999								
Nov., 1999								
Dec., 1999								
Jan., 2000								
Feb., 2000								
Mar., 2000								
Apr., 2000								
May, 2000								
June, 2000								
Total FY 2000	5	\$1,556.38	\$0.00	9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81	224%	180%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 30-JUL-1999

CURRENT MONTH: 07/01/1999 TO 07/31/1999
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE: 07/01/1999 TO 07/31/1999
INCEPTION TO DATE: 07/31/1999

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	5	\$1,556.38	5	\$1,556.38	3,811	\$2,598,324.84
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	180	\$4,650.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

RESTITUTION ASSESSED	5	\$1,556.38	5	\$1,556.38	3,811	\$2,405,060.60
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PAYMENTS	9	\$2,287.53-	9	\$2,287.53-	2,539	\$448,041.13-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	6	\$1,198.81-	6	\$1,198.81-	1,775	\$218,928.79-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$290.50	1	\$290.50	121	\$3,002.08
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$290.50	1	\$290.50	46	\$8,488.37
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$18,449.45-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$10,601.49
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	18	\$78,254.09
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	58	\$36,391.47-
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.72-	1	\$0.72-	209	\$138,114.54-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$11,261.59-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	33	\$73,542.36-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00

** TOTAL OUTSTANDING 1,053 \$1,566,220.74

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	65	\$11,439.77
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$2,859.94
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$3,202.60 *

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 30-JUL-1999

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES		AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES	
VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN			
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00	CAN NOT BE INVOICED
31 - 60 DAYS	1	\$266.00	CURRENT
61 - 90 DAYS	21	\$4,095.00	1 - 30 DAYS
91 - 120 DAYS	24	\$12,698.10	31 - 90 DAYS
121 - 150 DAYS	8	\$3,454.89	
151 - 180 DAYS	14	\$18,615.75	
181 - 365 DAYS	3	\$4,333.50	91 - 180 DAYS
OVER ONE YEAR	61	\$84,189.77	181 - 365 DAYS
OVER TWO YEARS	148	\$113,790.43	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION
OVER THREE YEARS	128	\$77,072.00	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING
	367	\$308,887.95	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)
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** TOTAL AGING	775	\$627,403.39	** TOTAL AGING
			1,053
			\$1,566,222.74

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 30-JUL-1999

	CURRENT MONTH 07/01/1999 TO 07/31/1999	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1999 TO 07/31/1999	INCEPTION TO DATE 07/31/1999
FINES	934	934	74,516
HEARING COSTS	34	34	16,237
DEBITS	1	1	1
CREDITS			
TOTAL DUE	\$47,975.00	\$47,975.00	\$4,189,748.87

PAID IN FULL	630	630	41,040	\$2,127,107.07-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	12	12	1,153	\$52,278.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	4	4	844	\$23,889.34
REFUNDS	4	6	147	\$7,404.31
RETURNED CHECKS	0	0	57	\$3,050.00
MISC CHANGES	0	0	57	\$965.00
DEBITS	0	1	167	\$155.23-
CREDITS	1	1		
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION	0	0	116	\$6,900.00
DEBITS	0	0	14	\$800.00-
CREDITS	0	81	4,107	\$174,625.73-
VOIDS	61	17	643	\$32,050.00-
NOT GUILTY	0			

TOTAL OUTSTANDING

\$1,844,941.12

	AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE	AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE
CURRENT	537	1,343
1 - 30 DAYS	419	2,977
31 - 90 DAYS	1,085	673
91 - 180 DAYS	758	1,000
181 - 365 DAYS	1,199	479
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	0
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	0
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	25,445	22,971
	\$1,624,801.12	\$1,496,536.12

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

- SEPT-99 RULE - Deer Management Assistance Program
- RULE - Isles Dernieres Barrier Islands Refuge
- OCT-99 RULE - Black Bass Regulations, Lake Fausse Point/
 Lake Dauterive Complex
- NOV-99 RULE - Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake
- RULE - 2000 Wild Turkey Season

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA AMENDMENT FOR AUGUST MEETING

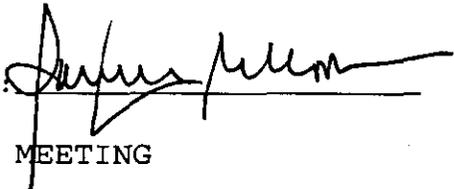
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9. Declaration of emergency — 1999-2000 oyster season, public grounds
10. Declaration of emergency — 1999 fall commercial red snapper season
11. Resolution — point of sale issuance of electronic federal duck stamps
12. Enforcement and Aviation reports/July
13. Division Report — National Youth Hunter Education Challenge
14. Set Dec. 1999 meeting date
15. Public comments
16. Adjournment

August 3, 1999

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APPROVED: 

AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
August 5, 1999
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
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3. Declaration of Emergency - 1999-2000 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates - Dave Morrison
4. Tentative Season Dates for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Birds - Robert Helm
5. Consideration of Amending Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Notice of Intent/Rule - Dave Arnoldi
6. Public Comments - 2000 Turkey Season
7. Declaration of Emergency - 1999 Fall Shrimp Season - Mark Schexnayder
8. Consideration & Possible Declaration of Emergency to Prohibit Night Shrimping in Lake Pontchartrain - Danny Babin
9. Declaration of Emergency - 1999-2000 Oyster Season, Public Grounds - Ron Dugas
10. Declaration of Emergency - 1999 Fall Commercial Red Snapper Season - Karen Foote
11. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July - Keith LaCaze
12. Division Report - National Youth Hunter Education Challenge - Bud Carpenter
13. Set December 1999 Meeting Date
14. Public Comments
15. Adjournment

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary

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CONTACT
504/765-2923

7/30/99

AMENDED AGENDA FOR AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING

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August 2, 1999

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: RB 2601

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary

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7/30/99

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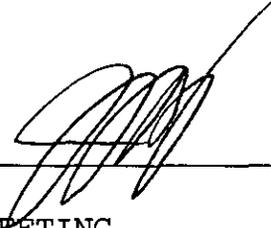
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July 28, 1999

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APPROVED: _____



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State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
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July 26, 1999

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: August Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 5, 1999, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 1999

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

3. Declaration of Emergency - 1999-2000 Migratory Bird (Teal, Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail & Gallinules) Hunting Season Dates
4. Tentative Season Dates for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Birds
5. Public Comments - 2000 Turkey Season and DMAP Rule

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

6. Declaration of Emergency - 1999 Fall Shrimp Season
7. Consideration & Possible Declaration of Emergency to Prohibit Night Shrimping in Lake Pontchartrain

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8. Declaration of Emergency - 1999-2000 Oyster Season,
Public Grounds

9. Declaration of Emergency - 1999 Fall Commercial Red
Snapper Season

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10. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July

DIVISION REPORTS

(None)

11. Set December 1999 Meeting Date

12. Public Comments

JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
Phil Bowman
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Catherine Blades
Division Chiefs

Hawkins, Susan

From: Burke, Marianne
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 1999 10:25 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: Commission agenda

Susan,

Please remove item #10, NHFD proclamation from the August 5 commission meeting agenda. I would like to have the proclamation from the Governor's and Mayor's office on hand when I present it to the commission members.

Thank you.

Marianne

July 26, 1999

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APPROVED: _____



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Bill Busbice called +
said agenda was okay
7/23/99 - 3:21 AM

C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Bill Busbice
Fax #: 318-837-1423
Subject: Agenda
Date: July 23, 1999
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda for the August Meeting and then give me a call. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: August Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 5, 1999, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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Snapper Season

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

10. National Hunting & Fishing Day Proclamation

WINTON VIDRINE

11. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July

DIVISION REPORTS

(None)

12. Set December 1999 Meeting Date

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JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
Phil Bowman
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Catherine Blades
Division Chiefs

Pete Deuca -
(May Comm mtg)
Prohibiting night
shrimping in Lk
Pontchartrain
(include w/ 1999
Fall Shrimp Season)

43 AM

3:55 AM
yder, Mark

John Roussel spoke with Commissioner Babin and it has been decided that night shrimping will be discussed at the August Meeting. Please concur or make changes on the following agenda topic: "Consideration and Possible Declaration of Emergency to Prohibit Night Shrimping in Lake Pontchartrain".

Thanks,

Susan

Hawkins, Susan

From: Boudreaux, Claude

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 1999 10:38 AM

To: Hawkins, Susan

Cc: Roussel, John E; Foote, Karen; Schexnayder, Mark

Subject: August Commission meeting Agenda

Please add the following item to the Commission agenda:

"Consideration of Inshore Fall Shrimp Season"

(or whatever language was used last year

DE - 1999 Fall Shrimp Season

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Friday, July 09, 1999 9:15 AM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Greeson, Cathy; Hawkins, Susan; Boudreaux, Claude; Dugas, Ronald; Abbott, Janet; Pausina, Randy
Subject: August Commission items- Marine Fisheries

August Commission agenda items to date:

Declaration of Emergency- 1999-2000 Oyster Season, Public Grounds- Ron Dugas

Declaration of Emergency- 1999 Fall Commercial Red Snapper Season- Karen Foote

Please note:

Commercial Red Snapper- The proposed federal regulatory amendment for the Red Snapper Fall Commercial Season is out for public comment until July 14. We expect a federal decision shortly thereafter. The proposal is to allow fishing from noon on Sept. 1 to noon on Sept. 10 with similar openings each month until the remainder of the quota is filled. This is a change from last year when it was the 1-15 of each month. I have the DE ready for the 10 day seasons but won't send it up until the feds have approved it.

Recreational Red Snapper- (Harry's wisdom)- Per the Commission action of December 3, 1998 that set the 1999 recreational red snapper season, the Secretary has the authority to close the recreational season when informed that the rec. quota for the Gulf has been filled or is projected to be filled. We have a letter from the feds requesting us to close at 12:01 am August 29. I am preparing a Secretarial Declaration of Emergency to close at the same time.

Hawkins, Susan

From: Schexnayder, Mark
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 1999 4:31 PM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: thanks

thanks for your help. I talked w/ Danny about the agenda item (night shrimping in Pontchartrain), and he would like you to call him tomorrow about putting it on the agenda.

Mark

*Called 8:28AM
7/16/99 - Danny
will talk to John
Roussel on Monday.*

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Assistant

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*Declaration of Emergency - Early Season Migratory Birds
Tentative Date for Waterfowl and other migratory Birds
Public Comments: Proposed Turkey Season + DMAP rules*

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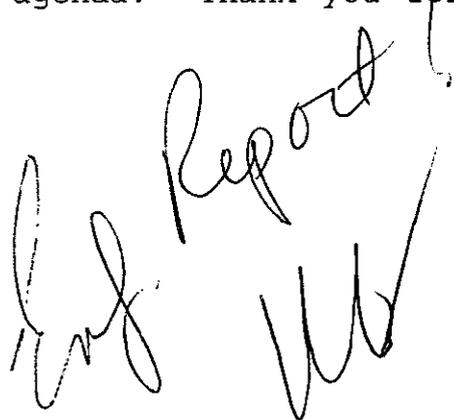
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*Susan:
I have no agenda
item(s) for the August 5th
meeting - JHJ*

Bennie

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Susan
Nothing to add -
Thanks!
Catherine

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Catch - Day or night doesn't matter

(Night or day)
Shrimper

Allocation question Type Shrimper (Trawl
winnet
etc.)

Vermilion Bay closed at night (seems to work)

Reduce user

Conflict of interest → Crab traps loss

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10:00 AM

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12. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/July - Keith LaCaze
13. Division Report - National Youth Hunter Education Challenge - Bud Carpenter
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