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BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

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CHAIRMAN

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, September 1, 1994

Chairman Jeff Schneider presiding.

Bert Jones  
Peter Vujnovich  
Jerald Hanchey  
Joseph B. Cormier  
Tee John Mialjevich  
Perry Gisclair

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Schneider called for a motion for approval of the **August 4, 1994, Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed unanimously.

A **Donation from Safari Club International for Wood Duck Boxes** was presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman. Mr. Bateman asked Mr. Bill Burns, Coordinator for the Wood Duck Boxes Program to come forward. Mr. Burns announced the Department just completed its fifth year with this program. There are approximately 2,300 boxes around the state. The Safari Club donated \$2,500 last year for this program and was matching that donation for this year stated Mr. Burns. He then thanked Safari Club, Mr. Lloyd Songe and Mr. Ron Barthels for this contribution. Mr. Barthels stated Safari Club was pleased to donate the money for this program because of the improvement in wood duck production. Then he announced the national branch of Safari Club would match the \$5,000 donation for the Department. Also presented from Safari Club was a check for \$500 for the Louisiana Wildlife Agents Association. Mr. Songe stated he was proud of the matching donation and thanked the Department for working with them. Chairman Schneider thanked the Club for their support. Secretary Herring stated, with the donation of the first \$2,500 there was national publicity for the department on the program and hoped to have more with this donation.

A **Donation from Pennzoil Oil Company for the Rigs to Reef Program** began with Mr. Corky Perret presenting a plaque to Pennzoil for their donation of the forty-third structure to the Rigs to Reef Program. Mr. Perret thanked Mr. Jerry Gilmore and Mr. Paul Gallagher from Pennzoil for their contribution. He then read the inscription on the plaque. Mr. Gilmore thanked the Department and Mr. Rick Kasprzak for their cooperation and presented a check in the amount of \$177,228 for the state. He then stated he appreciated the efforts of the program and felt it was a win-win

situation for the fishermen and the oil companies. Chairman Schneider thanked Mr. Gilmore and stated the Commission's appreciation. Mr. Perret stated he was glad to hear that Pennzoil would participate in this program again.

Chairman Schneider asked Commissioner Jones to provide a report on **Shell Dredging, Central Coast - Consideration of Minerals Committee Recommendation**. Commissioner Jones stated the Minerals Committee of the Commission met to consider a bid from Louisiana Shell Dredging for Tracts 1 and 2. The tracts, approximately 113,537 acres in size, were bid on for 1/8 of \$10 or \$1.25 per cubic yard with a minimum annual royalty payment of \$1 million. The Department suggested the Commission should accept the bid as proposed. Commissioner Jones then asked Ms. Karen Foote to review the procedure followed in advertising for bids. He made a motion to accept the bid from Louisiana Dredging and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. Ms. Foote read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

**RESOLUTION  
AWARD OF SHELL DREDGING LEASE**

**WHEREAS,** the Commission has solicited bids for shell dredging leases for Tracts 1 and 2, said tracts having been previously described by formal action of this Commission;

And being that one bid was submitted and the bid met the Commission's published requirements;

And it being the recommendation of the Minerals Committee that the bid submitted by Louisiana Dredging Company for said Tracts 1 and 2 in globo is advantageous to the state;

And the Commission accepting the recommendation of the Minerals Committee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission does hereby formally award the lease for said Tracts 1 and 2 to LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the authorized representative of LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY shall be immediately furnished with copies of the lease which lease shall be returned to the Department for execution no later than twenty (20) days from today's date along with the requisite performance bonds and certificates of insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby designate Joe L. Herring, Secretary of the Department, or his designee, as its agent for execution of this lease and any other necessary documents, and to perform any and all acts necessary to effectuate this lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the return of the lease form and the other requisite documents, the lease shall be simultaneously executed by the Secretary, or his designee, and the duly authorized corporate agent of LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY at the office of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on the 1st day of September, 1994.

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John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &  
Fisheries Commission

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

Commissioner Gisclair asked that **Discussion of Blue and Yellow Catfish and Possible Notice of Intent to Increase Minimum Size Limit of Blue Catfish from 12 inches to 17 inches** be the next item discussed. He stated, in the absence of Commissioner Mialjevich and in discussing this with fishermen, that the Sport and Commercial Fishing Committee of the Commission meet to hash this out and make a presentation at the next regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Jones asked if the Department suggested the changes or was this Commissioner Mialjevich's suggestion? Mr. Bennie Fontenot, speaking for the Department, stated there was no intent to make any changes. Commissioner Jones then stated he did not know why the item was on the agenda and felt it unfair to defer it to a committee and not know what the intentions were. Commissioner Gisclair stated he did not know Commissioner Mialjevich's intentions. Commissioner Jones felt it rude for Commissioner Mialjevich not to show up for the meeting to express his views on the item. Commissioner Gisclair stated he was sure Commissioner Mialjevich put this on the agenda due to one or more fishermen contacting him to look at it. He then again stated it should be discussed in Committee and made a motion to that effect. Commissioner Vujnovich seconded the motion. Chairman Schneider stated, since no decision was being made at the meeting, there would be no public comments taken. Commissioner Gisclair suggested the fishermen put their thoughts in writing and send to the Commission members. The motion passed with no opposition. Commissioner Jones asked for a tentative date for this Committee meeting. Chairman Schneider stated as soon as Commissioner Mialjevich was able to make a meeting, a date would be set.

The July Aircraft Report was presented by Mr. Lee Caubarreaux. This report showed four pilots flew a total of 91.8 hours for the month, along with the breakdown for the different planes, the estimated cost, the actual cost and the Commission's method. The individual flight logs were also listed in the report. Commissioner Jones asked, with the Partenavia being a federal aid plane, how did the Office of Tourism interrelate with the federal government? Then he asked if a delegation from Japan was flown for alligator industry business. Secretary Herring explained this Department and the Department of Agriculture hosted nine representatives from Japan in order to boost trade in the alligator hide industry. Commissioner Jones asked Chief Pilot Gene Rackle if he found any dead sea turtles on one of his flights, if he was nervous flying over water in the 210, and what was the policy for flying non-state employees in the planes?

Ratification of the 1994-95 Waterfowl (Ducks, Geese and Coots) Hunting Season Dates began with Mr. Robert Helm quickly reviewing what occurred over the past 30 days on the issue of duck hunting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service denied the Mississippi Flyway Council's request for a 40 day season with a four bird bag limit. The Commission adopted season dates for both a 30 day and a 40 day season with a four bird bag limit. In mid-August, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offered a change allowing the states the option of a 40 day season with a three bird bag limit or a 30 day season with a four bird bag limit. Mr. Helm reviewed the waterfowl season dates for the record and read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Jones asked if the Department received a response from the letter and resolution sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? Chairman Schneider asked if a letter from one of the Congressional Delegates was responded to? Then he asked for public comments.

An unidentified speaker requested not opening the second split on the west zone until December 24th. In argument for an earlier season, the November season would solve that argument. Chairman Schneider stated this problem was struggled with every year and it was a no-win situation with the east and west zones.

Mr. Hugh Bateman stated the Congressional Delegation did send a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and they also acknowledged the recommendations from the state were correct. He then stated the Service's response was the two options. Also Mr. Bateman felt the original recommendation was the proper way to go. Commissioner Jones asked, as a Commissioner, how could he help in fixing the situation that has arisen as a result of a few administrative government people. Then Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency.

Mr. Ernest Eldridge, a duck hunter, felt the state was coming upon some good times but there was a serious problem with the government not listening to what the states are saying. He felt

there should be an attempt to get into the hierarchy of the federal government and get some reasonable dates for duck hunting. Mr. Eldridge offered his support in any way that would help.

Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Bateman who cut the deal that resulted in the change, and did the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reconsider the data before making their final decision? Chairman Schneider felt there was an upside and that being more ducks would go north to hatch for next year. Secretary Herring stated he appreciated Mr. Eldridge's comments and felt the expertise the personnel within the Department have on waterfowl was overlooked. He then explained the different trips and projects that have occurred with the waterfowl program. Secretary Herring stated he was proud of the personnel and felt the Commission, Department and hunters should back these people.

With Commissioner Jones making a motion to accept the dates, Commissioner Cormier seconded and the motion 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

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 1, 1994.

- WHEREAS,** public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington, D.C., 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 ratify the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these dates are ratified by Declaration of Emergency and these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 1994-95 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

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John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman, La. Wildlife &  
Fisheries Commission

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Joe L. Herring  
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 R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the 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 ducks, coots and geese during the 1994-95 hunting season shall be as follows:

#### DUCKS AND COOTS:

West Zone: (40 days)  
November 12 (Saturday) - November 27 (Sunday)  
December 17 (Saturday) - January 9 (Monday)

East Zone: (40 days)  
November 19 (Saturday) - November 27 (Sunday)  
December 17 (Saturday) - January 16 (Monday)

Catahoula Lake Zone: (40 days)  
November 19 (Saturday) - November 27 (Sunday)  
December 10 (Saturday) - January 9 (Monday)

**Daily Bag Limits:** The daily bag limit on ducks is three and may include no more than two mallards (no more than one of which may be a female), one black duck, two wood ducks, one pintail, one canvasback and one redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

**Mergansers:** The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, only one 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: Statewide Season**

November 12 - December 4; December 17 - February 1; and February 2 - February 14. Daily bag limit is seven in the aggregate of blue, snow and white-fronted geese of which not more than two may be white-fronted (specklebellies). During the last 13 days (February 2 - February 14), only blue and snow geese may be taken. During the Canada Goose Season (January 18 - January 26) the daily bag limit for Canada and white-fronted geese is two, of which not more than one can be a Canada goose. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

**CANADA GOOSE SEASON: January 18 - January 26**

A Canada Goose Season will be open in a portion of southwest Louisiana. The area shall be described as follows: Easterly from the Texas line along Highway 12 to Ragley; then easterly along U.S. 190 from Ragley to its junction with I-49 near Opelousas; then south along I-49 to its junction with Highway 167 near Lafayette; then south along Highway 167 from Lafayette to its junction with Highway 82 at Abbeville; then south and west along Highway 82 to the Intracoastal Waterway at Forked Island; then westerly along the Intracoastal Waterway from Forked Island to the junction of the Intracoastal Waterway and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; then south along the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel to Highway 82 at Cameron; then westerly along Highway 82 to the Texas line. All lands lying within these boundaries shall be open for the Canada Goose Season except all open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River from Highway 14 bridge south.

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 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from the Lake Charles, Opelousas and Baton Rouge Offices.

Return of harvest information requested on permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 1995 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Canada Goose Season the following year.

**Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise 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 November 12, 1994 and extend through sunset on February 14, 1995.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency to Recommend Fur Harvest Season Dates was handled by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. The take of animals for fur has been depressed because of low prices, but last year the prices were better than before and they should be higher this year. The Fur and Alligator Council meeting held in February 1994 discussed the two zones in the state and the extension of season dates. The industry suggested to the Department a more stable operation in terms of number of days. Mr. Tarver then recommended December 1, 1994 through March 15, 1995 as the season dates and read the Declaration of Emergency for the record. Secretary Herring complimented the staff on including the extension now instead of waiting. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gayle Keller felt the days taken away in November were prime trapping in the northern part of the state. The inclusion of these days at the end of the season made it difficult to sell his fur. He also stated the zoning helped him last year. Mr. Tarver remarked this recommendation was thought about a great deal and was backed by the Fur and Alligator Council, the Louisiana Trapping Association and dealers and buyers in the state. Chairman Schneider stated if there was a lot of heat raised about the zones, the Department may need to go back to it. Then he asked what was the value of trapping back in the good days of trapping.

Mr. Harold Kimrey stated there are a lot of problems with animals in the state because of a lack of trappers. He agreed with extending the season at the end of March. Mr. Kimrey explained how trapping was handled back in his grandfather's days. He then suggested trapping should begin November 15 and close on March 15 so you could satisfy the people in the north zone and those that want to trap into March. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Kimrey and Mr. Keller to go to the Council and tell them their recommendations.

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

#### Declaration of Emergency

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:467(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the 1994-94 fur harvest season statewide from December 1, 1994 through March 15, 1995. Authority to extend or shorten the adopted season by the Secretary is hereby authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

Mr. Harry Blanchet handled a Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent to Change Opening Date of "Roe" Mullet Season. The "roe" season now opens on October 15, but the industry felt it advantageous to open the season on the third Monday in October. This would allow the processors to be efficient by having their work force on hand during the regular work week. The Declaration of Emergency would cover the opening for this year and the Notice of Intent would make this change permanent. Commissioner Gisclair asked Mr. Blanchet what kind of response has he received on this item? Chairman Schneider asked, when a rule was made permanent, could it be considered on a year to year basis if there was a need? Commissioner Cormier asked, what was the enforcement problem on this? Commissioner Jones asked, how many roe fishermen are there? Commissioner Gisclair asked, where did this suggestion come from, why some of the dealers were not aware of this possible change and did the Department propose the change? Chairman Schneider then asked for public comments.

Mr. Sal Piazza, a processor, stated the mullet fishery has grown just like the shrimp fishery. As the opening date on shrimp season was moved to a Monday, the same request was being made for the mullet season. A Monday opening date seems to alleviate problems both for processors and the fishermen. Mr. Piazza requested the opening date be changed to the third Monday in October.

Mr. Audrey Kelley, President of the South Louisiana Finfishermen Association in Plaquemines Parish, stated his concern was for good quality control in the industry. If the processors lose a batch of fish, the fishermen would have to suffer. Mr. Kelley felt if there was any criticism from any fishermen, it would be between opening the season on the second Monday or the third Monday in October.

Mr. Malcolm Estave, owner of Southern Foods, stated he has been monitoring the progression of the roe for the past four years. He also felt the second Monday in October may be good for one year, but in the long run, the third Monday in October was best.

Chairman Schneider asked if the industry has grown in the past five years and how long has the Department been in the roe

business? Then he stated he would be interested in seeing a year to year comparison. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Vujnovich seconded the motion and passed with no opposition.

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

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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

A framework of seasons is hereby set for the harvest of mullet. A "pre-ro" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. September 15 until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) of the Sunday preceding the third Monday in October of each year. A "ro" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. of the third Monday in October until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) January 14 of the following year. A "non-ro" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. January 15 until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) September 14 of each year.

The Commission takes this action in order to provide the industry with a consistent opening date at the beginning of the work week in order to reduce costs and enhance the economic benefits of the fishery. A Notice of Intent for a permanent rule to this effect is also being promulgated.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

#### NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a Rule (Title 76, Part VII, Chapter 3, Section 343(A)) changing the opening date for the "ro" mullet season from October 15 to the third Monday in October.

Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.3 and 56:333.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

**Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery**

**§342. Mullet Daily Take**

A. Seasons: A framework of seasons is hereby set for the harvest of mullet. A "pre-roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. September 15 until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) of the Sunday preceding the third Monday in October of each year. A "roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. of the third Monday in October until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) January 14 of the following year. A "non-roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. January 15 until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) September 14 of each year.

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**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:325.1, 56:326.3 and 56:333.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:1420 (December 1992), amended LR .

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to October 20, 1994.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

A Notice of Intent for the Dealer Receipt Form began with Mr. Joey Shepard asking that the full implementation date on this form be postponed from January 1, 1995 to January 1, 1996. Chairman Schneider asked if the Department still did not have the money for this program? Commissioner Jones asked if it was the Department's wish to postpone this date? Commissioner Gisclair asked for a breakdown on the saltwater gill net license and how much money has been generated per year? No motion was made to change the implementation date for the Dealer Receipt Form.

A Notice of Intent to change the implementation date on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form was also handled by Mr. Joey Shepard. The change was also to move the date from January 1,

1995 to January 1, 1996. Again, no motion was made for the Notice of Intent for the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form.

Mr. Al Carver presented a Proclamation for the 1994 National Hunting and Fishing Day. He began giving a brief history on National Hunting and Fishing Day, noting it has been celebrated for approximately 15 years. Mr. Carver read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Proclamation. Commissioner Jones stated there were some significant points in the Whereas portion of the Proclamation. He then noted it was important to realize that hunting and fishing was a viable industry and there was a need to continue promoting and acknowledging this. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the Proclamation. It was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey and passed unanimously. Mr. Carver stated this program was put on through contributions and that the workers were strictly volunteers. He also encouraged and extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend the event. Secretary Herring complimented and thanked everyone who worked on this event.

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

#### LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

##### PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish and seafood that hunters, fishermen and commercial industries have long appreciated; and
- WHEREAS,** the State's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species unmatched anywhere else in the nation making Louisiana the nation's second largest producer of fisheries products with more than one billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of more than \$280 million; and
- WHEREAS,** in Louisiana, more than 55,000 people directly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling and distribution of Louisiana seafood, including in-direct employment in the seafood industry increases to 90,000 individuals, and
- WHEREAS,** the fish and wildlife industries contribute approximately \$2 billion to the State's economy; and
- WHEREAS,** during the past half century, hunters and anglers have contributed more than \$12 billion to conservation programs through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes, currently providing \$3 million a day for conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** half of the people in the United States, sixteen years old and older enjoy some type of fish or wildlife related activity, adding more than \$59 billion to local, state and national economies; and

**WHEREAS,** more than one million anglers in the state spend more than \$2,750,000 annually and in total, a direct expenditure of \$686 million in pursuit of their sport, making fishing one of the largest industries in the state; and

**WHEREAS,** a national recreation survey by the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56% of all Louisianans participate in some type of fishing or wildlife related activity.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaims September 24, 1994, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Commission urges all citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists and commercial industries in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations and urges all its citizens to take part to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

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John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &  
Fisheries Commission

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

Announcement of the Successful Bidder of the Wildlife & Fisheries Affinity Credit Card Program was omitted from the agenda.

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update for the month of August was provided by Ms. Wynnette Kees. During August, 41 cases were assessed for a value of \$96,403 and payment was received on 20 cases which totaled approximately \$1,000. The assessment value was high because of a case involving 31 paddlefish which equaled about \$85,000. The Legal Section met with the Hearing Officer to review the remaining issues on adjudication, notification procedures and such items. Chairman Schneider asked if the attorney has taken action on any of the old cases? Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Department was near the end of handling Civil Restitutions in an orderly manner.

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for August was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of August.

Region I - Minden - 48 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 80 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 96 citations. Commissioner Jones asked about the confiscation of a quarter horse and saddle.

Region IV - Ferriday - 60 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 247 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 164 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 114 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 195 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 196 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 71 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 23 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 23 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of August was 1,223.

Col. Vidrine then informed the Commission that Agent Jeff Maynes was sent to the different Wholesale Dealer houses throughout the state and issued 56 citations. The total fines paid by these violators for August was \$47,425.

Secretary Herring handled **Water Manipulation on D'Arbonne Lake for Repairs**. Mr. William Lowe, Chairman of the Lake D'Arbonne Commission, requested the Commission give approval to lower D'Arbonne Lake to do repairs on piers and wharfs, and for State Parks to do some stumpage work. The lake commission requested the drawdown begin September 20, 1994. The staff has reviewed their resolution and recommended the Commission give the authority to Secretary Herring to ask the Department of Public Works to begin lowering the lake. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Bennie Fontenot if he had any comments on this issue. Mr. Fontenot stated Commissioner Jones was asking about the netting situation. Commissioner Jones stated there was no viable commercial fishery in Lake D'Arbonne. Mr. Fontenot stated a five foot drawdown would still leave 59% of the lake water and would concentrate the fish to this smaller area. Chairman Schneider asked if this would create a problem for the people in that area? Commissioner Gisclair asked if the lake commission was asking for an okay to get the drawdown and there was no mention of commercial fishing in the resolution? Secretary Herring stated there was no biological control for lowering the lake, it was just for repairs on structures around the lake. Commissioner Gisclair asked if enforcement could do anything

to fishermen who are intentionally putting nets in the lake and what was the impoundment area? Commissioner Jones asked if postponing the drawdown for ten days would make a difference and then he asked Secretary Herring for his opinion? Secretary Herring stated the longer you wait to begin a drawdown, the less chances you have of a good drawdown. Commissioner Jones then made a motion to authorize the Secretary of the Department to lower D'Arbonne Lake at his discretion. Commissioner Gisclair seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

The Secretary's Report to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. He provided each of the Commissioners with a copy of the 1994-95 Hunting Regulations pamphlet. Also provided was a synopsis sheet to be carried in the wallet on the season dates.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman, a new program within the Department, has proven to be more popular than first thought. The Department has had to turn down applicants and are setting up another program in April. Several topics to be discussed included fishing, hunting, photography and bird watching.

Channel 2 in Baton Rouge and KNOE in Monroe asked the Department to furnish videos. Secretary Herring hoped to get further into making videos for television stations on a weekly basis.

During August, 80 Hunter Education courses were taught with 3,523 students; Bow Hunter Education held 16 courses with 765 students; one Bow Hunter Instructor course was held with seven people qualified; Aquatic Education held four courses with 195 students; four Aquatic Education Teachers courses with 43 teachers; Project WILD held four courses with 90 students. For the month, a total of 109 courses were held with 4,623 students attending.

The Marine Finfish Advisory Panel met for the first time. The committee, composed of commercial fishermen, sport fishermen, the restaurant association and others that deal with fish products, discussed the appointment of officers and their goals.

Two more rigs were put down for the Rigs to Reef Program during August. The money received from the oil companies was put into an escrow to place markers on top of the rigs once they are put down. Also provided to the Commissioners was the third of the Coastal Maps which covered the eastern part of the State.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 3,595 acres by boat and cleaned 22 parish boat launches during August. Then Secretary Herring explained the procedure for building boat ramps through the Wallop-Breaux funds.

The renovation of the old portion of the Beechwood Fish Hatchery has started. A lot of the renovation should be completed before the November Commission Meeting when the meeting would be held in that area. In November, there also will be a ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the new hatchery.

The City of Monroe has agreed to install screens on portions of Bayou DeSiard for the stocking of Triploid Grass Carp to help alleviate their grass problems.

The leasing of dove fields, a new program in the Wildlife Division, was moving along fairly well this year. Six fields have signed up for this program to allow the public the opportunity to hunt for doves. These are located in Franklin, St. Landry and Red River Parishes and total approximately 590 acres leased. Secretary Herring hoped this program would be a good program in the future.

The Governor's Conference was held in Little Rock, Arkansas and was attended by four Department staff members. This Conference dealt with problems occurring nationwide on why certain aspects of fishing, non-game and hunting are going up or down.

The September issue of the Louisiana Conservationist was out and should be received by mail soon.

The **January 1995 Meeting Date** was scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 1995 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Schneider asked for **Public Comments**. Commissioner Vujnovich announced he went out on August 20th to check the State Seed Grounds and found the area looked real good. The oyster market has been good for the past couple months and he is looking forward to a good season.

**Henry Mouton vs. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, State of Louisiana - Discussion of Status** began with Commissioner Jones asking Mr. Don Puckett to review the litigation on the spotted seatrout rule. Mr. Puckett advised a rule was passed by the Commission on spotted seatrout management, and a legislative resolution nullified a portion of the rule on weekend fishing. Mr. Mouton filed a lawsuit to seek the enforcement of the rule. The trial judge reinstated the Commission's original rule prohibiting commercial fishing for spotted seatrout on weekends.

Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich and passed with no opposition.

  
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Joe L. Herring  
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, September 1, 1994

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Chairman Jeff Schneider presiding.

Bert Jones  
Peter Vujnovich  
Jerald Hanchey  
Joseph B. Cormier  
Tee John Mialjevich  
Perry Gisclair

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Schneider called for a motion for approval of the **August 4, 1994, Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed unanimously.

**A Donation from Safari Club International for Wood Duck Boxes** was presented by Mr. Hugh Bateman. Mr. Bateman asked Mr. Bill Burns, Coordinator for the Wood Duck Boxes to come forward. Mr. Burns announced the Department just completed its fifth year with this program. There are approximately 2,300 boxes around the state. The Safari Club donated \$2,500 last year for this program and was matching that donation for this year stated Mr. Burns. He then thanked Safari Club, Mr. Lloyd Songe and Mr. Ron Barthels for this contribution. Mr. Barthels stated Safari Club was pleased to donate the money for this program because of the improvement in wood duck production. Then he announced the National Branch of Safari Club would match the \$5,000 donation for the Department. Also presented from Safari Club was a check for \$500 for the Louisiana Wildlife Agents Association. Mr. Songe stated he was proud of the matching donation and thanked the Department for working with them. Chairman Schneider thanked the Club for their support. Secretary Herring stated, with the donation of the first \$2,500 there was national publicity for the department on the program and hoped to have more with this donation. PROGRAM

**A Donation from Pennzoil Oil Company for the Rigs to Reef Program** began with Mr. Corky Perret presenting a plaque to Pennzoil for their donation of the forty-third structure to the Rigs to Reef Program. Mr. Perret thanked Mr. Jerry Gilmore and Mr. Paul Gallagher from Pennzoil for their contribution. He then read the inscription on the plaque. Mr. Gilmore thanked the Department and Mr. Rick Kasprzak for their cooperation and presented a check in the amount of \$177,228 for the state. He then stated he appreciated the efforts of the program and felt it was a win-win

situation for the fishermen and the oil companies. Chairman Schneider thanked Mr. Gilmore and stated the Commission's appreciation. Mr. Perret stated he was glad to hear that Pennzoil would participate in this program again.

*were* Chairman Schneider asked Commissioner Jones to provide a report on **Shell Dredging, Central Coast - Consideration of Minerals Committee Recommendation**. Commissioner Jones stated the Minerals Committee of the Commission met to consider a bid from Louisiana Shell Dredging for Tracts 1 and 2. The tracts, approximately 113,537 acres in size, ~~was~~ bid on for 1/8 of \$10 or \$1.25 per cubic yard with a minimum annual royalty payment of \$1 million. The Department suggested the Commission should accept the bid as proposed. Commissioner Jones then asked Ms. Karen Foote to review the procedure followed in advertising for bids. He made a motion to accept the bid from Louisiana Dredging and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. Ms. Foote read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION  
AWARD OF SHELL DREDGING LEASE

**WHEREAS,** the Commission has solicited bids for shell dredging leases for Tracts 1 and 2, said tracts having been previously described by formal action of this Commission;

And being that one bid was submitted and the bid met the Commission's published requirements;

And it being the recommendation of the Minerals Committee that the bid submitted by Louisiana Dredging Company for said Tracts 1 and 2 in globo is advantageous to the state;

And the Commission accepting the recommendation of the Minerals Committee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Commission does hereby formally award the lease for said Tracts 1 and 2 to LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the authorized representative of LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY shall be immediately furnished with copies of the lease which lease shall be returned to the Department for execution no later than twenty (20) days from today's date along with the requisite performance bonds and certificates of insurance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission does hereby designate Joe L. Herring, Secretary of the Department, or his designee, as its agent for execution of this lease and any other necessary documents, and to perform any and all acts necessary to effectuate this lease.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon the return of the lease form and the other requisite documents, the lease shall be simultaneously executed by the Secretary, or his designee, and the duly authorized corporate agent of LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY at the office of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on the 1st day of September, 1994.

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John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &  
Fisheries Commission

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

Commissioner Gisclair asked that **Discussion of Blue and Yellow Catfish and Possible Notice of Intent to Increase Minimum Size Limit of Blue Catfish from 12 inches to 17 inches** be the next item discussed. He stated, in the absence of Commissioner Mialjevich and in discussing this with fishermen, that the Sports and Commercial Fishing Committee of the Commission meet to hash this out and make a presentation at the next regular Commission Meeting. Commissioner Jones asked if the Department suggested the changes or was this Commissioner Mialjevich's suggestion? Mr. Bennie Fontenot, speaking for the Department, stated there was no intent to make any changes. Commissioner Jones then stated he did not know why the item was on the agenda and felt it unfair to defer it to a committee and not know what the intentions were. Commissioner Gisclair stated he did not know Commissioner Mialjevich's intentions. Commissioner Jones felt it rude for Commissioner Mialjevich not to show up for the meeting to express his views on the item. Commissioner Gisclair stated he was sure Commissioner Mialjevich put this on the agenda due to one or more fishermen contacting him to look at it. He then again stated it should be discussed in Committee and made a motion to that effect. Commissioner Vujnovich seconded the motion. Chairman Schneider stated, since no decision was being made at the meeting, there would be no public comments taken. Commissioner Gisclair suggested the fishermen put their thoughts in writing and send to the Commission members. The motion passed with no opposition. Commissioner Jones asked for a tentative date for this Committee meeting, ~~be set~~. Chairman Schneider stated as soon as Commissioner Mialjevich was able to make a meeting, a date would be set.

The July Aircraft Report was presented by Mr. Lee Caubarreaux. This report showed four pilots flew a total of 91.8 hours for the month, along with the breakdown for the different planes, the estimated cost, the actual cost and the Commission's method. The individual flight logs were also listed in the report. Commissioner Jones asked, with the Partenavia being a federal aid plane, how did the Office of Tourism interrelate with the federal government? Then he asked if a delegation from Japan was flown for alligator industry business. Secretary Herring explained this Department and the Department of Agriculture hosted nine representatives from Japan in order to boost trade in the alligator hide industry. Commissioner Jones asked Chief Pilot Gene Rackle if he found any dead sea turtles on one of his flights, if he was nervous flying over water in the 210, and what was the policy for flying non-state employees in the planes?

Ratification of the 1994-95 Waterfowl (Ducks, Geese and Coots) Hunting Season Dates began with Mr. Robert Helm quickly reviewing what occurred over the past 30 days on the issue of duck hunting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service denied the Mississippi Flyway Council's request for a 40 day season with a four bird bag limit. The Commission adopted season dates for both a 30 day and a 40 day season with a four bird bag limit. ~~Mid-August~~ <sup>IN</sup> Mid-August, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offered a change allowing the states the option of a 40 day season with a three bird bag limit or a 30 day season with a four bird bag limit. Mr. Helm reviewed the waterfowl season dates for the record and read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Jones asked if the Department received a response from the letter and resolution sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? Chairman Schneider asked if a letter from one of the Congressional Delegates was responded to? Then he asked for public comments.

An unidentified speaker requested not opening the second split on the west zone until December 24th. In argument for an earlier season, the November season would solve that argument. Chairman Schneider stated this problem was struggled with every year and it was a no-win situation with the east and west zones.

Mr. Hugh Bateman stated the Congressional Delegation did send a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and they also acknowledged the recommendations from the state were correct. He then stated the Service's response was the two options. Also Mr. Bateman felt the original recommendation was the proper way to go. Commissioner Jones asked, as a Commissioner, how could he help in fixing the situation that has arisen as a result of a few administrative government people. Then Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency.

Mr. Ernest Eldridge, a duck hunter, felt the state was coming upon some good times but there was a serious problem with the government not listening to what the states are saying. He felt

there should be an attempt to get into the hierarchy of the federal government and get some reasonable dates for duck hunting. Mr. Eldridge offered his support in any way that would help.

Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Bateman who cut the deal that resulted in the change, and did the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reconsider the data before making their final decision? Chairman Schneider felt there was an upside and that being more ducks would go north to hatch for next year. Secretary Herring stated he appreciated Mr. Eldridge's comments and felt the expertise the personnel within the Department ~~has~~ <sup>have</sup> on waterfowl was overlooked. He then explained the different trips and projects that have occurred with the waterfowl program. Secretary Herring stated he was proud of the personnel and felt the Commission, Department and hunters should back these people.

With Commissioner Jones making a motion to accept the dates, Commissioner Cormier seconded and the motion 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

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 1, 1994.

- WHEREAS,** public hearings have been held to discuss the status of waterfowl, including ducks, coots, and geese in Washington, D.C., 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 ratify the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these dates are ratified by Declaration of Emergency and these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations set for Louisiana's 1994-95 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

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John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman, La. Wildlife &  
Fisheries Commission

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Joe L. Herring  
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 R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the 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 ducks, coots and geese during the 1994-95 hunting season shall be as follows:

#### DUCKS AND COOTS:

West Zone: (40 days)  
November 12 (Saturday) - November 27 (Sunday)  
December 17 (Saturday) - January 9 (Monday)

East Zone: (40 days)  
November 19 (Saturday) - November 27 (Sunday)  
December 17 (Saturday) - January 16 (Monday)

Catahoula Lake Zone: (40 days)  
November 19 (Saturday) - November 27 (Sunday)  
December 10 (Saturday) - January 9 (Monday)

**Daily Bag Limits:** The daily bag limit on ducks is three and may include no more than two mallards (no more than one of which may be a female), one black duck, two wood ducks, one pintail, one canvasback and one redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

**Mergansers:** The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, only one 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: Statewide Season

November 12 - December 4; December 17 - February 1; and February 2 - February 14. Daily bag limit is seven in the aggregate of blue, snow and white-fronted geese of which not more than two may be white-fronted (specklebellies). During the last 13 days (February 2 - February 14), only blue and snow geese may be taken. During the Canada Goose Season (January 18 - January 26) the daily bag limit for Canada and white-fronted geese is two, of which not more than one can be a Canada goose. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

CANADA GOOSE SEASON: January 18 - January 26

A Canada Goose Season will be open in a portion of southwest Louisiana. The area shall be described as follows: Easterly from the Texas line along Highway 12 to Ragley; then easterly along U.S. 190 from Ragley to its junction with I-49 near Opelousas; then south along I-49 to its junction with Highway 167 near Lafayette; then south along Highway 167 from Lafayette to its junction with Highway 82 at Abbeville; then south and west along Highway 82 to the Intracoastal Waterway at Forked Island; then westerly along the Intracoastal Waterway from Forked Island to the junction of the Intracoastal Waterway and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; then south along the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel to Highway 82 at Cameron; then westerly along Highway 82 to the Texas line. All lands lying within these boundaries shall be open for the Canada Goose Season except all open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River from Highway 14 bridge south.

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 administrative fee will be charged. This permit may be obtained from the Lake Charles, Opelousas and Baton Rouge Offices.

Return of harvest information requested on permit is mandatory. Failure to submit this information to the Department by February 15, 1995 will result in the hunter not being allowed to participate in the Canada Goose Season the following year.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise 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 November 12, 1994 and extend through sunset on February 14, 1995.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency to **Recommend Fur Harvest Season Dates** was handled by Mr. Johnnie Tarver. The take of animals for fur has been depressed because of ~~the~~ low prices. But last year the prices were better than before and they should be higher this year. The Fur and Alligator Council meeting held in February 1994 discussed the two zones in the state and the extension of season dates. The industry suggested to the Department a more stable operation in terms of number of days. Mr. Tarver then recommended December 1, 1994 through March 15, 1995 as the season dates and read the Declaration of Emergency for the record. Secretary Herring complimented the staff on including the extension now instead of waiting. Commissioner Cormier made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gayle Keller felt the days taken away in November <sup>was</sup> prime trapping in the northern part of the state. The inclusion of these days at the end of the season made it difficult to sell his fur. He also stated the zoning helped him last year. Mr. Tarver remarked this recommendation was thought about a great deal and was backed by the Fur and Alligator Council, the Louisiana Trapping Association and dealers and buyers in the state. Chairman Schneider stated if there was a lot of heat raised about the zones, the Department may need to go back to it. Then he asked what was the value of trapping back in the good days of trapping. <sup>was</sup>

Mr. Harold Kimrey stated there <sup>are</sup> ~~was~~ a lot of problems with animals in the state because of a lack of trappers. He agreed with extending the season at the end of March. Mr. Kimrey explained how trapping was handled back in his grandfather's days. He then suggested trapping should begin November 15 and close on March 15 so you could satisfy the people in the north zone and those that want to trap into March. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Kimrey and Mr. Keller to go to the Council and tell them their recommendations.

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

#### Declaration of Emergency

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:467(D) which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission use emergency procedures to set the 1994-94 fur harvest season statewide from December 1, 1994 through March 15, 1995. Authority to extend or shorten the adopted season by the Secretary is hereby authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

Mr. Harry Blanchet handled a Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent to **Change Opening Date of "Roe" Mullet Season**. The "roe" season now opens on October 15, but the industry felt it advantageous to open the season on the third Monday in October. This would allow the processors to be efficient by having their work force on hand during the regular work week. The Declaration of Emergency would cover the opening for this year and the Notice of Intent would make this change permanent. Commissioner Gisclair asked Mr. Blanchet what kind of response has he received on this item? Chairman Schneider asked when a rule was made permanent, could it be considered on a year to year basis if there was a need? Commissioner Cormier asked what was the enforcement problem on this? Commissioner Jones asked how many roe fishermen are there? Commissioner Gisclair asked where did this suggestion come from, why some of the dealers were not aware of this possible change and did the Department propose the change? Chairman Schneider then asked for public comments ~~at this point.~~

Mr. Sal Piazza, a processor, stated the mullet fishery has grown just like the shrimp fishery. As the opening date on shrimp season was moved to a Monday, the same request was being made for the mullet season. A Monday opening date seems to alleviate problems both for processors and the fishermen. Mr. Piazza requested the opening date be changed to the third Monday in October.

Mr. Audrey Kelley, President of the South Louisiana Finfishermen Association in Plaquemines Parish, stated his concern was for a good quality control in the industry. If the processors lose a batch of fish, the fishermen would have to suffer. Mr. Kelley felt if there was any criticism from any fishermen, it would be between opening the season on the second Monday or the third Monday in October.

Mr. Malcolm Estave, owner of Southern Foods, stated he has been monitoring the progression of the roe for the past four years. He also felt the second Monday in October may be good for one year, but in the long run, the third Monday in October was best.

Chairman Schneider asked if the industry has grown in the past five years and how long has the Department been in the roe

business? Then he stated he would be interested in seeing a year to year comparison. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent. Commissioner Vujnovich seconded the motion and passed with no opposition.

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

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

##### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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

A framework of seasons is hereby set for the harvest of mullet. A "pre-roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. September 15 until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) of the Sunday preceding the third Monday in October of each year. A "roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. of the third Monday in October until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) January 14 of the following year. A "non-roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. January 15 until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) September 14 of each year.

The Commission takes this action in order to provide the industry with a consistent opening date at the beginning of the work week in order to reduce costs and enhance the economic benefits of the fishery. A Notice of Intent for a permanent rule to this effect is also being promulgated.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

#### NOTICE OF INTENT

##### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a Rule (Title 76, Part VII, Chapter 3, Section 343(A)) changing the opening date for the "roe" mullet season from October 15 to the third Monday in October.

Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.3 and 56:333.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

**Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery**

**§342. Mullet Daily Take**

A. Seasons: A framework of seasons is hereby set for the harvest of mullet. A "pre-roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. September 15 until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) of the Sunday preceding the third Monday in October of each year. A "roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. of the third Monday in October until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) January 14 of the following year. A "non-roe" season is set to run from 12:01 a.m. January 15 until 12:00 p.m. (midnight) September 14 of each year.

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**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:325.1, 56:326.3 and 56:333.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:1420 (December 1992), amended LR .

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to October 20, 1994.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

*that* A Notice of Intent for the Dealer Receipt Form began with Mr. Joey Shepard asking for the full implementation date on this form be postponed from January 1, 1995 to January 1, 1996. Chairman Schneider asked if the Department still did not have the money for this program? Commissioner Jones asked if it was the Department's wish to postpone this date? Commissioner Gisclair asked for a breakdown on the saltwater gill net license and how much money has been generated per year? No motion was made to change the implementation date for the Dealer Receipt Form.

A Notice of Intent to change the implementation date on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form was also handled by Mr. Joey Shepard. The change was also to move the date from January 1,

1995 to January 1, 1996. Again, no motion was made for the Notice of Intent for the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form.

Mr. Al Carver presented a **Proclamation for the 1994 National Hunting and Fishing Day**. He began giving a brief history on National Hunting and Fishing Day, noting it has been celebrated for approximately 15 years. Mr. Carver read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Proclamation. Commissioner Jones stated there were some significant points in the Whereas portion of the Proclamation. He then noted it was important to realize that hunting and fishing was a viable industry and there was a need to continue promoting and acknowledging this. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the Proclamation, was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey and passed unanimously. Mr. Carver stated this program was put on through contributions and that the workers were strictly volunteers. He also encouraged and extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend the event. Secretary Herring complimented and thanked everyone who worked on this event. IT

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

#### LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

##### PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish and seafood that hunters, fishermen and commercial industries have long appreciated; and
- WHEREAS,** the State's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species unmatched anywhere else in the nation making Louisiana the nation's second largest producer of fisheries products with more than one billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of more than \$280 million; and
- WHEREAS,** in Louisiana, more than 55,000 people directly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling and distribution of Louisiana seafood, including in-direct employment in the seafood industry increases to 90,000 individuals, and
- WHEREAS,** the fish and wildlife industries contribute approximately \$2 billion to the State's economy; and
- WHEREAS,** during the past half century, hunters and anglers have contributed more than \$12 billion to conservation programs through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes, currently providing \$3 million a day for conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** half of the people in the United States, sixteen years old and older enjoy some type of fish or wildlife related activity, adding more than \$59 billion to local, state and national economies; and

**WHEREAS,** more than one million anglers in the state spend more than \$2,750,000 annually and in total, a direct expenditure of \$686 million in pursuit of their sport, making fishing one of the largest industries in the state; and

**WHEREAS,** a national recreation survey by the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56% of all Louisianans participate in some type of fishing or wildlife related activity.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaims September 24, 1994, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Commission urges all citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists and commercial industries in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations and urges all its citizens to take part to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

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John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &  
Fisheries Commission

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

**Announcement of the Successful Bidder of the Wildlife & Fisheries Affinity Credit Card Program** was omitted from the agenda.

**Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update** for the month of August was provided by Ms. Wynnette Kees. During August, 41 cases were assessed for a value of \$96,403 and payment was received on 20 cases which totaled approximately \$1,000. The assessment value was high because of a case involving 31 paddlefish which equaled ~~to~~ about \$85,000. The Legal Section met with the Hearing Officer to review the remaining issues on adjudication, notification procedures and such items. Chairman Schneider asked if the attorney has taken action on any of the old cases? Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Department was near the end of handling Civil Restitutions in an orderly manner.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for August** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of August.

Region I - Minden - 48 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 80 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 96 citations. Commissioner Jones asked about the confiscation of a quarter horse and saddle.

Region IV - Ferriday - 60 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 247 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 164 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 114 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 195 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 196 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 71 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 23 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 23 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of August was 1,223.

Col. Vidrine then informed the Commission <sup>Hunt</sup> Agent Jeff Maynes was sent to the different Wholesale Dealer houses throughout the state and issued 56 citations. The total fines paid by these violators for August was \$47,425.

*And* Secretary Herring handled **Water Manipulation on D'Arbonne Lake for Repairs.** Mr. William Lowe, Chairman of the Lake D'Arbonne Commission, requested the Commission give approval to lower D'Arbonne Lake to do repairs on piers/wharfs, and for State Parks to do some stumpage work. The lake commission requested the drawdown begin September 20, 1994. The staff has reviewed their *the* resolution and recommended the Commission give the authority to Secretary Herring to ask Department of Public Works to begin lowering the lake. Chairman Schneider asked Mr. Bennie Fontenot if he had any comments on this issue. Mr. Fontenot stated Commissioner Jones was asking about the netting situation. Commissioner Jones stated there was no viable commercial fishery in Lake D'Arbonne. Mr. Fontenot stated a five foot drawdown would still leave 59% of the lake water and would concentrate the fish to this smaller area. Chairman Schneider asked if this would create a problem for the people in that area? Commissioner Gisclair asked if the lake commission was asking for an okay to get the drawdown and there was no mention of commercial fishing in the resolution? Secretary Herring stated there was no biological control for lowering the lake, it was just for repairs on structures around the lake. Commissioner Gisclair asked if enforcement could do anything

to fishermen <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ are intentionally putting nets in the lake and what was the impoundment area? Commissioner Jones asked if postponing the drawdown for ten days would make a difference and then he asked Secretary Herring for his opinion? Secretary Herring ~~stated~~ <sup>OF</sup> the longer you wait to begin a drawdown, the less chances you have <sup>a</sup> good drawdown. Commissioner Jones then made a motion to authorize the Secretary of the Department to lower D'Arbonne Lake at his discretion. Commissioner Gisclair seconded the motion and <sup>it</sup> passed with no opposition.

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. He provided each of the Commissioners with a copy of the 1994-95 Hunting Regulations pamphlet. Also provided was a synopsis sheet to be carried in the wallet on the season dates.

<sup>Becoming AN</sup> The Outdoors Woman, a new program within the Department, has proven to be more popular than first thought. The Department has had to turn down applicants and are setting up ~~for another program~~ in April. Several topics to be discussed included fishing, hunting, photography and bird watching.

Channel 2 in Baton Rouge and KNOE in Monroe asked the Department to furnish videos. Secretary Herring hoped to get further into making videos for television stations on a weekly basis.

During August, 80 Hunter Education courses were taught with 3,523 students; Bow Hunter Education held 16 courses with 765 students; one Bow Hunter Instructor course was held with seven people qualified; Aquatic Education held four courses with 195 students; four Aquatic Education Teachers courses with 43 teachers; Project WILD held four courses with 90 students. For the month, a total of 109 courses were held with 4,623 students attending.

The Marine Finfish Advisory Panel met for the first time. The committee, composed of commercial fishermen, sport fishermen, <sup>and the</sup> restaurant association and others that deal with fish products, discussed the appointment of officers and their goals.

Two more rigs were put down for the Rigs to Reef Program during August. The money received from the oil companies <sup>was</sup> ~~were~~ put into an escrow to place markers on top of the rigs once they are put down. Also provided to the Commissioners was the third of the Coastal Maps which covered the eastern part of the State.

<sup>Launches</sup> The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 3,595 acres by boat and cleaned 22 parish boat <sup>launches</sup> during August. Then Secretary Herring explained the procedure for building boat ramps through the Wallop-Breaux funds.

The renovation of the old portion of the Beechwood Fish Hatchery has started. A lot of the renovation should be completed before the November Commission Meeting when the meeting would be held in that area. In November, also there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the new hatchery.

The City of Monroe has agreed to install screens on portions of Bayou DeSiard for the stocking of Triploid Grass Carp to help alleviate their grass problems.

The leasing of dove fields, a new program in the Wildlife Division, was moving along fairly well this year. Six fields have signed up for this program to allow the public the opportunity to hunt for doves. These are located in Franklin, St. Landry and Red River Parishes and total approximately 590 acres leased. Secretary Herring hoped this program would be a good program in the future.

The Governor's Conference was held in Little Rock, Arkansas *members* and was attended by four Department staff. This Conference dealt with problems occurring nationwide on why certain aspects of fishing, non-game and hunting are going up or down.

The September issue of the Louisiana Conservationist was out and should be received by mail soon.

The January 1995 Meeting Date was scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 1995 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Schneider asked for Public Comments. Commissioner Vujnovich announced he went out on August 20th to check the State Seed Grounds and found the area looked real good. The oyster *he is* market has been good for the past couple months and looking forward to a good season.

Henry Mouton vs. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, State of Louisiana - Discussion of Status began with Commissioner Jones *the* asking Mr. Don Puckett to review the litigation on spotted seatrout rule. Mr. Puckett advised a rule was passed by the Commission on spotted seatrout management, and a legislative resolution nullified a portion of the rule on weekend fishing. Mr. Mouton filed a lawsuit to seek the enforcement of the rule. The trial judge reinstated the Commission's original rule prohibiting commercial fishing for spotted seatrout on weekends.

Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, *IT* was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich and passed with no opposition.

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Joe L. Herring

FINE POINTS/OUTDOORS

# Commission votes to approve 40-day duck season

BY JOE MACALUSO  
Advocate outdoors writer

Just the mention of ducks at Thursday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission touched off another hail of protest from the state's top waterfowl biologist.

"We want to make sure this kind of situation never happens again," Wildlife Division administrator Hugh Bateman told the commission. "The options that came from a political decision created a problem for us and for a lot of other states."

The commission, with member Tee John Mialjevich absent, voted 6-0 to approve a 40-day duck season with a three-duck-per-day limit. The other option given Louisiana and the other states in the Mississippi Flyway was a 30-day season with a four-duck-per-day bag limit.

The commission officially ratified the dates: Nov. 12-Nov. 27 and Dec. 17-Jan. 9, 1995 in the West Zone; Nov. 19-Nov. 27 and Dec. 17-Jan. 16,

1995 in the East Zone; and Nov. 19-Nov. 27 and Dec. 10-Jan. 9, 1995 in the special waterfowl hunting zone in Catahoula Lake.

The daily limits will be the same as last year, except that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the taking of one canvasback in the three-duck bag. It means that no more than two mallards (only one of which can be a hen), two wood ducks and no more than one each of the black duck, pintail, canvasback and redhead can make up the daily limit.

Bateman said the issue should never have come down to the states having to select and option. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced its waterfowl season framework in early August, it called for a 30-day Mississippi Flyway season with a four-bird daily limit.

All states in the four flyways (Atlantic, Mississippi, Central and Pacific) covering the lower 48 states had recommended both a 10-day in-

## Dove hunting deal falls through

Mark Ollnde, the Dove Study Leader for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said Thursday that a deal to lease farmland for public dove hunting in Washington Parish "fell through."

In the listing of areas in this new LDWF program, the site was among seven scheduled for public hunting Saturday, the

statewide opening day of the dove season.

The Washington Parish area was described as being in the Warneron area, about 10½ miles north of Franklinton.

"We regret it happened, but we will still have six other areas, five within driving distance of Baton Rouge, for dove hunters," Ollnde said.

— Joe Macaluso

crease in the season and a four-duck limit. A stream of congressional protests moved Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt to allow the states to select increased days or increased limits, but not both.

"We are pleased with the 10 extra days," Bateman said, "but we're not happy with the way it came about. When 50 states ask for the same things (increased seasons and bag limits), and those recommendations are based on biological information, then it's not right for one, two, three

or four people in a federal government agency to decide it's not the time to undertake those increases.

"It was a political deal and that's not what's supposed to happen. We want the USFWS to respond to biological data not political pressure," Bateman said.

In other action, the issue over hiking the minimum size on blue catfish in the state from 12 to 17 inches was deferred to the LWFC's Fisheries Committee. Mialjevich, who was ill Thursday, had the resolution placed on the agenda.

Also voted in was the state's fur harvest season (Dec. 1 through March 15, 1995), although chairman Jeff Schneider said requests to move the season up to Nov. 15 next year would be taken under advisement.

Also approved was a move from an annual Oct. 15 opening date for the "roe muller" season to the third Monday in October. The closing date will remain midnight of the

following Jan. 14 of every year.

The effective dates for the implementation of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card and Dealer Receipt Forms was pushed back to Jan. 1, 1996.

The LWFC also awarded a \$281 dredging bid for two tracts in Vermilion Bay to Louisiana Dredging Co. for a minimum to the state of \$1 million a year, and received \$177,000 from Pennzoil Co. for the state's Artificial Reef Program.

National Hunting and Fishing Day was proclaimed for Saturday, Sept. 24, and the Lake D'Arbonne Watershed Commission was given approval to draw down the Union Parish reservoir on Sept. 20.

The LWFC also voted to meet Jan. 5, 1995 in Baton Rouge; learned that \$4,045 was collected in August in the Civil Restoration Program; and was informed that agents had issued 1,223 citations last month.

COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, September 1, 1994  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Jeff Schneider (Chairman)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bert Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perry Gisclair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tee John Mialjevich	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Cormier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jerald Hanchey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Vujnovich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 5 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.  
Secretary Herring is also present.

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And it being the recommendation of the Minerals Committee that the bid submitted by Louisiana Dredging Company for said Tracts 1 and 2 in globo is advantageous to the state;

And the Commission accepting the recommendation of the Minerals Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally award the lease for said Tracts 1 and 2 to LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized representative of LOUISIANA DREDGING COMPANY shall be immediately furnished with copies of the lease which lease shall be returned to the Department for execution no later than twenty (20) days from today's date along with the requisite performance bonds and certificates of insurance.

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Joe L. Herring  
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Governor

William S. "Corky" Perret  
Assistant Secretary

August 9, 1994

**MEMORANDUM:**

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Lee Caubarreaux, Assistant Secretary *LC*

SUBJECT: Aviation Report - July 1994  
Total hours listed are:

PILOT	TOTAL HOURS
G. Rackle -	35.2
B. Stamey -	39.4
M. Windham -	0.0
D. Clause -	14.2
T. Lott -	3.0
<b>TOTAL HOURS -</b>	<b>91.8</b>

-0- No Flights

PLANE	FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED <sup>1</sup> COST(TOTAL)	ACTUAL <sup>2</sup> COST(TOTAL)	COMMISSION METHOD
N61092 Amphib -	17.2	2,014.64	1,278.65	3,593.94
70365 Float-DC -	14.2	1,309.67	1,364.99	1,862.19
N2576K Float-MW -	0.0	0.00	0.00	
N9467Y 210 -	24.4	2,726.46	2,496.89	5,046.16
N223MS Partenavia -	11.7	1,838.30	904.29	3,188.02
N57266 Aero Commander -	24.3			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>7,889.07</b>	<b>6,044.82</b>	<b>13,690.31</b>

<sup>1</sup>Estimated Cost is based on an historical average per flight hour.

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

LCC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

July, 1994

PLANE: N223MS (PARTENAVIA)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
07/05/94	Stamey	BR-PINEVILLE-BR: inspection of drawdown on Cleco lake	2.7	L. Richardson
07/12/94	Stamey	BR-TUSCALOOSA, AL-BR: pick up C-210	5.3	T. Lott, S. Police
07/21/94	Rackle	BR-WINNSBORO-LCH-BR: Office of Tourism	3.7	F. Trappey B. Clark J. Lansing
		TOTAL	11.70	

PLANE: N9467Y (210)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
07/12/94	T. Lott S Police	TUSCALOOSA-LOCAL-BR: test fly & return from paint shop	3.0	-----
07/20/94	Rackle	BR-LCH-NEW IBERIA-GALLIANO-COASTAL-ROCKEFELLER-NO: Japanese alligator delegation trout & inspection	5.1	L. Caubarreaux N. Kinler T. Joanen S. Yamatnoso
07/20/94	Rackle	ROCKEFELLER-COASTAL-NO: investigate reports of dead sea turtles	4.0	M. Hebert
07/25/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-: search for dead sea turtles	2.7	-----
07/26/94	Rackle	NO-GALLIANO-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	1.5	K. Kilgen
07/27/94	Rackle	NO-BR-HOUMA-BR: pickup aircraft from maintenance	1.0	B. Stamey
07/28/94	Stamey	BR-HOUMA-MSY-BR: Loop pipeline	2.7	R. Allemand
07/29/94	Stamey	BR-SHV-ALEX-BR: Soda Lake & Catahoula Lake	4.4	J. Emfinger
		TOTAL	24.40	

## PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
07/01/94	Clause	NI-REG 8-NI: shrimp,gill net patrol	4.0	R. Martin
07/19/94	Clause	NI-REG 8,9-NI: gill net	2.3	F.
07/21/94	Clause	NI-GRAND ISLE-NI: shrimp patrol	1.0	G. Adams D. Folse
07/22/94	Clause	NI-GRAND ISLE-NI: shrimp patrol	1.0	G. Adams D. Folse
07/23/94	Clause	NI-GRAND ISLE-NI: shrimp patrol	2.0	G. Adams D. Folse
07/24/94	Clause	NI-GRAND ISLE-NI: shrimp patrol	1.0	G. Adams D. Folse
07/25/94	Clause	NI-GRAND ISLE-NI: shrimp patrol	2.9	G. Adams D. Folse
		TOTAL	14.20	

## PLANE: N61092 (AMPHIB)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
07/05/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	.4	R. Latapie
07/05/94	Rackle	NO-TANGIPAHOA-LOCAL-NO: fish kill investigation	2.1	H. Rogillio
07/13/94	Rackle	NO-ATCHAFALAYA COASTAL-NO: Corps of Engineers dredging project	3.5	M. Carloss J. Siefert,COE J. Valentowr,COE
07/14/94	Rackle	NO-ATCHAFALAYA COASTAL-NO: USFWS marsh mgt. cooperative project	3.8	M. Carloss G. Linscombe J. Harris,USFWS L.Mitchell,USFWS
07/15/94	Rackle	NO-GALLIANO COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	2.2	K. Kilgen
07/19/94	Rackle	NO-COASTAL-NO: Chandeleur Sound shrimp survey-Marine Lab inspection	2.1	C. Perret B. Savoie
07/19/94	Rackle	NO-HOUMA: drop off aircraft for Avionics work	.5	-----
07/27/94	Rackle	HOUMA-LOCAL-NO: pick up aircraft-test fly-return to N.O.	.8	-----

07/28/94	Rackle	NO-HOUMA COASTAL-NO: DNR permits	1.8	D. Harris
		TOTAL	17.20	
PLANE: N2576K (FLOAT-MW)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
		NO FLIGHTS		
PLANE: N25766 (AERO COMMANDER)				
DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
07/16/94	Stamey	BR-WICHITA, KS-BISMARCK, ND: enroute to Canada to make onsite inspections of wetlands and DU projects funded by LA	7.0	J. Hanchey B. Bateman R. Helm
07/17/94	Stamey	BISMARC, ND-REGINA, SASK: enroute Canada to make onsite inspections of wetlands and DU projects funded by LA	1.8	J. Hanchey B. Bateman R. Helm
07/18/94	Stamey	N/A: standby		
07/19/94	Stamey	REGINA, SASK-SW OF CURRENT, SASK-LLOYMINSTER, ALTA: inspections of wetlands and DU projects funded by LA	3.1	J. Hanchey B. Bateman R. Helm
07/20/94	Stamey	LLOYMINSTER, ALTA-EDMONTON, ALTA: inspections of wetlands and DU projects funded by LA	1.1	J. Hanchey B. Bateman R. Helm
07/21/94	Stamey	EDMONTON, ALTA-BROOKS, ALTA-NEOICINEHAT-BELLING, MT-CHEYENNE, MT: return from Canada	6.0	J. Hanchey B. Bateman R. Helm
07/22/94	Stamey	CHEYENNE, MT-OKLAHOMA CITY-BR: return from Canada	5.3	J. Hanchey B. Bateman R. Helm
		TOTAL	24.30	

Dear, Mr. Bert Jones

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Thank You  
Ronald Cavalieri

# LOUISIANA BAYOUS PRIDE FISH CO

1177 HWY 70 SOUTH

BELLE ROSE, LA. 70341

PH:504-369-2570

FAX:504-369-2595

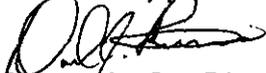
September 1, 1994

Mr Bert Jones  
P.O. Box 298  
Simsboro, La. 71275

Dear Mr. Jones,

This issue is not a real issue at all. It should be finished once and for all. If you would allow yourself to look at the Des Allmand fisherman to see that they are here in strength. But in essence, they have at maximum four processing plants. So, in the event fifty fisherman go fishing and catch fifteen hundred pounds each, that is a total of seventy five thousand pounds. No way in hell can these four processing plants process this fish. The real issue here is that there are fisherman illegally cleaning this fish and selling it to the processors already dressed. That is the issue that should be looked at. Illegal fish is going on the market as a Louisiana product. As you can tell, I am a processor which still believes in the right way, but you guys on the board are going to force the industry to END. So please focus on the real issue at hand.

Sincerely,



Darrel J. Rivere  
President

DISCUSSION ON CATFISH AGENDA ITEM

September 1, 1994

Commissioner Gisclair: At this time, can I suggest we move number 8 up?

Chairman Schneider: Certainly. Okay we have a good number of people here, I think that is what we are probably interested in. So if there is no objection from the rest of the Commission, once again proving how flexible we are ...

Commissioner Jones: Infinite flexibility.

Chairman Schneider: ...we will move number 8, Discussion of Blue and Yellow Catfish and Possible Notice of Intent to Increase Minimum Size Limit of Blue Catfish from 12 to 17 inches, which was put on the agenda by Tee John. Go ahead Perry if you want to say something.

Commissioner Gisclair: In the absence of Mr. Mialjevich, and I have talked to some people on both sides that perhaps we use our committees and send it to the Sports and Commercial Fishing Committee and try to have a meeting date set up before the next regular Commission Meeting and that we can hash it out with Mr. Mialjevich there and just bring our findings to the full Commission at that time.

Chairman Schneider: Okay. I think that is a good suggestion since Tee John is not here. Is there a motion to that effect?

Commissioner Jones: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Schneider: Go ahead.

Commissioner Jones: Mr. Chairman, on discussing of this, I know we have encumbered a lot of people to come up here today as apparent by the bus load that came out and consequently all these people here, does the Department itself suggest that we make these changes or is this something that Tee John has put on the agenda as possibly his suggestion? I think that we don't need to misinform the general public that these are our intentions to change the size limits on this. Bennie do you have as a Department, do you have any intentions of changing anything in regards to this?

Mr. Bennie Fontenot: No sir, this isn't the Department's recommendation.

Commissioner Jones: So this is not the Department's recommendation that this size limit be changed. I think that it's critical that you the fishermen be able to understand and know that

as a fact that this was put on the agenda not by the Department and I am not saying there is anything wrong with it because we are all free to certainly put anything on the agenda that merits discussion and action. But, Tee John Mialjevich is the driving force to have this on the agenda and not the department. And that means that this is not the department's wish from the Fisheries Division that we change anything, is that right?

Mr. Fontenot: That's correct sir.

Commissioner Jones: I mean we are deferring this to Committee and I just want ya'll to feel a little more comfortable about the fact that I don't know why it's on the agenda myself, I've not had any conversations with Tee John and my conversation with the Department is they are not in favor of changing anything to this point. Is that right?

Mr. Fontenot: That's correct.

Commissioner Jones: All right, so I am here really to kind of settle the minds of the fishermen out here that what we have presently is what I would anticipate unless there is some ground swell of change that I haven't heard coming from the Department that this is an action that Tee John Mialjevich is suggesting that it be on the agenda. I don't even know which way he suggested that it be moved. If any body else is familiar with his position because I know we have encumbered a lot of people to come here and I think it is unfair for us to just defer it to Committee and not tell what possibly his intentions were.

Commissioner Gisclair: And then again, Mr. Jones, I don't know what his intentions were.

Chairman Schneider: Okay. You can't speak for him.

Commissioner Jones: Okay. I understand that Perry. I would certainly think that, I don't know how to say this any way but just to say it. I think it's rude for him not to be here and have all of ya'll come and him not here to make his presentation to the situation.

Several statements in the audience: The man is sick.

Chairman Schneider: Well.

An unidentified gentleman: Can I get up and speak?

Chairman Schneider: We are not taking public comment right now. We are still discussing it amongst the Commission. Does any other Commissioner have any questions of Bennie or want to say anything? Okay, Perry made a motion that we defer this to Committee, is there a second?

Commissioner Gisclair: Let me just say something. I'm sure that he put it on the agenda because some fisherman got in touch with him ...

Chairman Schneider: I'm sure of that, yes.

Commissioner Gisclair: ... and asked him to either consider it or look at it. So that is why I am saying, at the same time we go to Committee and find out exactly how many fishermen we are talking about, look at both sides and hash it out in Committee. And that is my suggestion and I make a motion to that effect.

Commissioner Vujnovich: I second that.

Chairman Schneider: All right, it has been moved and seconded.

Commissioner Jones: Do we want to take public comments?

Chairman Schneider: In light that we are not going to make any decision on this today, I would prefer not to take public comment. I would rather have you folks comment at the Committee meeting, if that is okay? I know some of ya'll have driven long distances, but seeing as how we are not going to bring this up for any kind of vote today, I don't think it would be. But we will, if you feel like you have to say something, you know we will listen to you because that is what we are here for.

Commissioner Gisclair: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Schneider: Go ahead.

Commissioner Gisclair: There is also another way, I am saying, I have received some here today and they could put it in writing also, you know, before the next meeting just exactly as many letters as they want. We can also consider those when we have our meeting.

Chairman Schneider: But if any of ya'll have to, you know, won't have any other time to come and speak to us, we will take your public comment now. But if you can come back or send a representative to the Committee hearing, we appreciate it because we need to move on, but we will take public comment now on limited basis if you have to do that. So, if you want to comment, come up to the mike. We are sorry ya'll made a water haul up here but sometimes it is unavoidable and we will consider this at the Committee meeting. Okay, it has been moved and seconded, all those in favor, say aye? (Everyone said aye.) All those opposed? (None were heard.) It clearly passes. Okay.

Commissioner Jones: Mr. Schneider, in lieu of all these people being here, can ya'll kind of set up a tentative or a fixed

date for when the Committee meeting will be so that all the fishermen here will have an opportunity to make their comment?

Chairman Schneider: Well, we are going to make sure that Tee John is well because we want him at the Committee meeting. So as soon as we hear from Tee John, we will let ya'll know in the press and I don't think we can set a Committee date today. But as soon as we confer with Tee John we will let ya'll know. And we appreciate ya'll coming, I know it's important to you.

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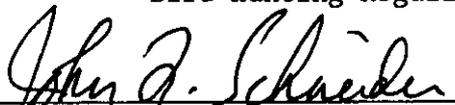
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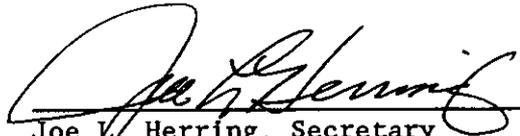
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Declaration of Emergency  
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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## COMPARATIVE TAKE OF FUR ANIMALS IN LOUISIANA

## 1993-94 SEASON

	No. of Pelts	Approximate Price to Trapper	Value
Nutria (Eastern)	160,553	\$ 2.50	\$401,382.50
Nutria (Western)	55,415	\$ 4.50	249,367.50
	215,968		\$ 650,750.00
Muskrat (Eastern)	3,948	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,948.00
Muskrat (Western)	8,005	\$ 1.00	\$ 8,005.00
	11,953		\$ 11,953.00
Raccoon (Upland)	21,900	\$ 4.50	\$ 98,550.00
Raccoon (Coastal)	4,818	\$ 1.75	\$ 8,431.50
	26,718		\$ 106,981.50
Mink	8,779	\$ 9.00	\$ 76,011.00
Opossum	1,311	\$ 0.80	\$ 1,048.80
Otter	4,063	\$ 30.00	\$ 121,890.00
Red Fox	26	\$ 11.00	\$ 286.00
Gray Fox	624	\$ 10.00	\$ 6,240.00
Bobcat	554	\$ 12.00	\$ 6,648.00
Beaver	1,824	\$ 7.00	\$ 12,768.00
Coyote	83	\$ 8.00	\$ 664.00
TOTAL PELTS	271,906		\$ 995,240.30
	No. of Pounds		
Nutria Meat	330,000	\$ 0.10	\$ 33,000.00
Raccoon Meat	97,000	\$ 0.90	\$ 87,300.00
Opossum Meat	4,000	\$ 0.25	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL VALUE			\$ 121,300.00
GRAND TOTAL			\$1,116,540.30

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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

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The Commission takes this action in order to provide the industry with a consistent opening date at the beginning of the work week in order to reduce costs and enhance the economic benefits of the fishery. A Notice of Intent for a permanent rule to this effect is also being promulgated..

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate a Rule (Title 76, Part VII, Chapter 3, Section 343(A)) changing the opening date for the "roe" mullet season from October 15 to the third Monday in October. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.3 and 56:333.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life**

**Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery**

**§342. Mullet Daily Take**

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**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:325.1, 56:326.3 and 56:333.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:1420 (December 1992), amended LR .

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to: Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to October 20, 1994

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses its intent to amend the full implementation date of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form from January 1, 1995 to January 1, 1996.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provisions

§203. Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form

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D. The effective of this Section is January 1, 1996.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:345(B).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 18:82 (January 1992), repromulgated LR 18:198 (February 1992), amended LR 20:323 (March 1994), LR ..

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Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 2. General Provisions

§201. Commercial Fisherman's Sales Card; Dealer Receipt Form

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F. Effective date of Subsections A and B of this Section is upon publication in the Louisiana State Register. Effective date for Subsections C, D and E of this Section will be January 1, 1996.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:303.7.

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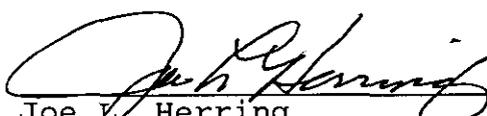
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LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

PROCLAMATION

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- NOW, THEREFORE,** the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaims September 24, 1994, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Commission urges all citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists and commercial industries in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations and urges all its citizens to take part to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

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John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife &  
Fisheries Commission

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

# State of Louisiana



**Edwin W. Edwards**  
Governor

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish and seafood that hunters, fishermen and commercial industries have long appreciated; and
- WHEREAS, the States's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species unmatched anywhere else in the nation, making Louisiana the nation's second largest producer of fisheries products with more than one billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of more than \$280 million; and
- WHEREAS, in Louisiana, more than 55,000 people are directly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling and distribution of Louisiana seafood, including indirect employment in the seafood industry increases to 90,000 individuals; and
- WHEREAS, the fish and wildlife industries contribute approximately \$2 billion to the State's economy; and
- WHEREAS, during the past half century, hunters and anglers have contributed more than \$12 billion to conservation programs through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes, currently providing \$3 million a day for conservation purposes; and
- WHEREAS, half of the people in the United States, sixteen years old and older, enjoy some type of fish or wildlife related activity, adding more than \$59 billion to local, state and national economies; and
- WHEREAS, more than one million anglers in the state spend more than \$2,750,000 annually, and, in total, a direct expenditure of \$686 million in pursuit of their sport, making fishing one of the largest industries in the state; and
- WHEREAS, a national recreation survey by the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56% of all Louisianans participate in some type of fishing or wildlife related activity.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 24, 1994 as the

### 10TH ANNUAL LOUISIANA HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

in the State of Louisiana in recognition of the economic contributions of the hunting and fishing industry, and in acknowledgement of the sport enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set*

*my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this*

the 26TH day of JULY

A.D., 1994

Attest By  
The Governor

*Joseph S. Ketter*  
Secretary of State

*Edwin W. Edwards*  
Governor of Louisiana

**CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT  
SEPTEMBER COMMISSION MEETING**

In August 41 cases were assessed for a value of \$96,403. During this same period we received payment on 20 cases totalling \$1,010.

The assessment value is high because of one particular violation for taking of 31 paddlefish which were valued at \$85,637.

You will note that credit for the sale of confiscated goods still appears in the August records. We are awaiting completion of programming changes to implement the revised policy. This should be accomplished in September.

Our legal staff met with the hearing officer last week and reviewed the remaining questionable issues regarding adjudication/notification procedures and other outstanding problems.

My staff and I met with Don and Mike on Monday to discuss the outcome of that meeting. The previously issued judgements will be re-done in accordance with some agreed-upon changes, and we were given a format to use for the Notices of Decision.

Other topics of discussion included: exclusion of certain cases under a specified amount; providing the hearing officer with the list of cases prior to each hearing; judgements to be issued within 60 days; when to give credit for or refund proceeds from the sale of confiscated goods; timely sending of prehearing demand letters; the need for a system to track CRS numbers; recording equipment for the hearing officer.

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN
July, 1992	105	26,553	(10,515)	103	5,578	
Aug, 1992	137	26,153	(3,241)	95	5,292	
Sept, 1992	214	34,341	(3,245)	82	6,186	
Oct, 1992	346	238,388	(19,670)	119	8,310	292
Nov, 1992	34	17,264		220	11,744	4,651
Dec, 1992	122	76,371	(7,012)	97	5,042	1,275
Jan, 1993	77	35,470	(979)	75	7,389	3,799
Feb, 1993	40	10,787		81	13,141	6,941
March, 1993	37	15,552	(1,876)	60	13,479	5,848
April, 1993	24	8,418	(10,809)	31	5,000	2,379
May, 1993	21	16,063	(1,599)	39	5,704	2,381
June, 1993	40	23,637	(7,454)	27	8,356	4,077
<b>Total FY 93</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>528,997</b>	<b>(66,400)</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>95,221</b>	<b>31,643</b>

July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545
August, 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048
October, 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845
Dec., 1993	53	13,777	0	27	6,507	6,713
Jan., 1994	38	18,918	0	32	4,423	2,831
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993
March, 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214
<b>Total FY 94</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>425,242</b>	<b>(68,670)</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>71,474</b>	<b>45,547</b>

FISCAL YEAR 1994-95

July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437
August, 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

	CURRENT MONTH 08/01/1994 TO 08/31/1994	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1994 TO 08/31/1994	INCEPTION TO DATE 08/31/1994
	# CASES	# CASES	# CASES
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	41	58	2,072
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	5	8	306
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	4	6	138
	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
	\$96,403.47	\$98,530.94	\$1,379,157.06
	\$3,034.50-	\$3,369.50-	\$251,025.60-
	\$1,234.50	\$1,333.50	\$61,969.37
RESTITUTION ASSESSED	41	58	2,072
	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
	\$94,603.47	\$96,494.94	\$1,190,100.83
PAYMENTS	20	43	1,298
OVERPAYMENTS	0	4	34
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	12	33	690
REFUNDS	0	2	12
REMUNERATION REFUNDS	0	0	4
RETURNED CHECKS	0	0	1
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	1
DEBITS	0	0	1
CREDITS	0	0	0
REASSESSMENTS	0	0	0
DEBITS	0	0	0
CREDITS	0	0	0
ADJUST VIOLATION	0	1	36
DEBITS	0	0	0
CREDITS	0	0	0
WRITE-OFFS	0	1	182
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	1	5
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	0	2
	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,001.34
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,189.20-
	\$0.00	\$126.40-	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	\$0.01-	
	\$0.00	\$288.00-	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	524	524	\$669,474.27

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT  
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR

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

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
1 - 30 DAYS	7
31 - 60 DAYS	28
61 - 90 DAYS	7
91 - 120 DAYS	3
121 - 150 DAYS	3
151 - 180 DAYS	9
181 - 365 DAYS	10
CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	217
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	0
	240
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$201,158.60
	\$1,319.85
	\$93,033.37
	\$587.90
	\$8,402.16
	\$1,250.24
	\$35,880.09
	\$7,508.50
	\$320,333.56
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$201,158.60

\*\* TOTAL AGING 524 \$669,474.27

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

	CURRENT MONTH 08/01/1994 TO 08/31/1994	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1994 TO 08/31/1994	INCEPTION TO DATE 08/31/1994
FINES			
HEARING COSTS			
DEBITS	1,031	2,247	35,484
CREDITS	339	826	8,361
	\$52,855.00	\$115,855.00	\$1,799,202.07
	\$8,500.00	\$20,675.00	\$209,055.00
	\$0.00	\$200.00-	\$875.00-
TOTAL DUE	\$61,355.00	\$136,330.00	\$2,007,382.07

PAID IN FULL	581	1,300	18,011	\$919,943.75-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	24	74	481	\$20,617.18-
OVERPAYMENTS	6	18	278	\$12,845.93
REFUNDS	0	3	42	\$2,608.00
RETURNED CHECKS	3	3	22	\$1,100.00
MISC CHANGES				
DEBITS	3	3	22	\$350.00
CREDITS	5	9	88	\$92.48-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION				
DEBITS	3	5	51	\$2,900.00
CREDITS	0	1	6	\$250.00-
VOIDS	108	162	1,655	\$65,931.63-
NOT GUILTY	3	53	321	\$15,925.00-
TOTAL OUTSTANDING				\$1,004,425.96

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES  
FROM CITATION DATE

0 - 30 DAYS	474	\$24,395.00
31 - 60 DAYS	769	\$39,800.00
61 - 90 DAYS	464	\$24,520.00
91 - 120 DAYS	437	\$26,995.00
121 - 150 DAYS	365	\$25,710.00
151 - 180 DAYS	370	\$24,795.00
181 - 365 DAYS	950	\$65,190.50
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	11,902	\$773,045.46

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES  
FROM HEARING DATE

PRE HEARING	1,747	\$90,590.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,934	\$168,845.50
91 - 180 DAYS	649	\$43,005.00
181 - 270 DAYS	2	\$75.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,096	\$79,421.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	9,303	\$622,514.46

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**AUGUST, 1994**

**ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-AUGUST 1994**

**REGION I**

**TOTAL CASES-48**

**ENFORCEMENT-48**

**OTHER - 0**

19-Boating

4-Angling W/O A License

2-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

6-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

4-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

2-Taking Fish Illegally

2-Hunting Doves Closed Season

8-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

1-DWI

**CONFISCATIONS:**

11 black bass, 2 doves, 3 guns, 1-1974 GMC Pickup, 3 marijuana cigarettes, 3 boats, 79 1/2 pounds of catfish,  
1 electronic shocking device.

**GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:**

19-Boating

18-Fishing

2-MGB

9-Misc.

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**REGION 2**

**TOTAL CASES-80**

**ENFORCEMENT-80**

**OTHER - 0**

34-Boating

17-Angling W/O A License

8-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

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

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

2-Take/Poss. Spoonbill Catfish

3-Hunting W/O Resident Lic.

2-Take/Possess Spotted Fawn

1-Possession Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

2-DWI

4-Littering

1-Operate ATV On Public Road

1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

**CONFISCATIONS:**

1 spoonbill catfish, 50 yards of 3 1/2 inch gill net.

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

34-Boating

30-Fishing

6-Hunting

10-Other

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**REGION 3**

**TOTAL CASES-96**

**ENFORCEMENT-82**

**OTHER -14**

26-Boating

41-Angling W/O A License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

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

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

2-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season

1-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

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

1-Buy Or Sell F.B.A. W/O Buyers License

1-Possession Of Live Non-Game Quadrupeds

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Resisting An Officer

2-Criminal Trespass On State Property

2-Criminal Trespass

2-Littering

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

3-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

**CONFISCATIONS:**

16 black bass, 1 alligator, 1 deer, 1 rifle, 1 quarter horse, saddle & bridle, 1 raccoon, 1 bag marijuana, 238 catfish.

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**REGION 3 CONT'D.**

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

26-Boating

50-Fishing

6-Hunting

14-Misc.

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**REGION 4**

**TOTAL CASES-60**

**ENFORCEMENT-60**

**OTHER - 0**

18-Boating

16-Angling W/O A License

11-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

13-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Not abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

**CONFISCATIONS:**

None.

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

18-Boating

41-Fishing

1-Wma

**REGION 5**

**TOTAL CASES-247**

**ENFORCEMENT-211**

**OTHER - 36**

96-Boating

52-Angling W/O A License

6-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

3-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Poss.

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

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

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

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

3-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

3-Theft Of Pond Raised Fish

2-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

4-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit & Report Rules

3-Trawling In Closed Season

2-Use Oversize Butterfly Net Or Skimmers

12-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs.

14-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

19-Littering

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

3-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

4-Flight From An Officer

5-Driving Without Operators License

**REGION 6**

**TOTAL CASES-164**

**ENFORCEMENT-160**

**OTHER - 4**

68-Boating

40-Angling W/O A License

3-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

13-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

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

2-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

23-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

2-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

1-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Poss.

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

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

1-Not Abide By Commission Rules Finfish

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

1-Fail To Mark Softshell Crab Container Or Improper Molting Stage

1-Trawl In Restricted Areas

2-Littering

**CONFISCATIONS:**

116 black bass, 8 red drum, 1 cobia, 30 redliner crabs.

**GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:**

68-Boating

94-Fishing

2-Misc.

**REGION 7**

**TOTAL CASES-114**

**ENFORCEMENT-108**

**OTHER - 6**

33-Boating

46-Angling W/O A License

5-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

10-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species

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

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial Lic.

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

6-Sell Undersize Crabs

2-Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs

3-DWI

2-Littering

1-Refuse/Misrepresent Booking Info.

**CONFISCATIONS:**

2 trawls, 3,600 lbs. of crabs returned-to-water, 129 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$300.00.

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

33-Boating

75-Fishing

6-Other

**REGION 8**

**TOTAL CASES-195**

**ENFORCEMENT-195**

**OTHER - 0**

28-Boating

54-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

6-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

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

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

5-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout

1-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Poss.

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

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

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

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

5-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Taking Fish Illegally

2-Leave Nets Unattended

2-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

4-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

4-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents

6-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure Spotted Sea Trout

4-Theft Of Crab Trap

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

- 1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs
- 2-Sell Undersize Crabs
- 1-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name & Address
- 2-Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs
- 2-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board
- 8-Trawl In Restricted Areas
- 11-Use Skimmers In Closed Season
- 2-Take Oysters Closed Season
- 2-Take Oysters Illegal Hours
- 1-Fail To Mark Oyster Lease While Harvesting
- 2-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 1-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
- 2-Possession Of Untagged Oysters
- 3-Illegal Fishing Breton & Chandeleur Islands
- 1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
- 1-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators W/O Permit
- 1-Illegal Poss. Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins
- 2-Resisting An Officer
- 1-Simple Assault On An Officer
- 3-Criminal Trespass
- 2-Public Intimidation
- 2-Littering
- 1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 2-Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9

**REGION 8 CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

8 black drum, 23 redfish, 180 perch, 4 bass, 173 catfish, 4 gaspergoo, 1 alligator, 30 lbs. of crabmeat, 89 trout, 42 oysters destroyed, 195 lbs. of shark, 4,228 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$10,156.55, 181 lbs. of king mackerel sold for \$108.60, 66 lbs. of speckled trout sold for \$132.00, 2 boats, 1 outboard motor, 2 gill nets totalling 2,800 feet.

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

28-Boating

60-Fishing

43-Commercial Fishing

36-Trawling

13-Oysters

2-Alligator

13-Misc.

**REGION 9**

**TOTAL CASES-196**

**ENFORCEMENT-180**

**OTHER - 16**

**33-Boating**

**49-Angling W/O a License**

**1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License**

**2-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.**

**2-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum**

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

**9-Take Illegal Size Black Bass**

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

**4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout**

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

**3-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident**

**1-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic. Non-Resident**

**1-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Poss.**

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

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

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

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

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

**1-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish**

**7-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage**

**1-Fail To Comply W/Gamefish Shipping Regulations**

**2-Use Crab Tarps W/O Required Markings**

**1-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents**

**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

1-Fail To Mark Softshell Crab Container Or Improper Molting Stage

2-Theft Of Crab Trap

8-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

4-Sell Undersize Crabs

5-Trawling In Closed Season

8-Butterflying In Closed Season

2-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

1-Take Shrimp Illegal Gear

3-Use Oversize Butterfly Net Or Skimmers

1-Use Illegal Butterfly Nets Extension

9-Use Skimmers In Closed Season

1-Harvest Oysters From Unmarked Lease

1-Possession Of Marijuana

2-Littering

9-Possess/Take Federal Controlled Fish

1-Misrepresent Booking Info.

1-Reckless Operation Of M/V

1-Contribute To Delinquency Of Minor

1-Criminal Damage To Property

**CONFISCATIONS:**

78 catfish, 22 red drum, 36 grouper, 1,021 lbs. of red snapper sold for \$1,828, 13 black bass, 74 berry crabs, 5,600 lbs. crabs returned-to-water, 2,622 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$3,250.00.

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**REGION 9 CONT'D.**

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

33-Boating

117-Fishing

29-Trawling

1-Oysters

16-Misc.

**SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE**

**TOTAL CASES-71**

14-Boating

13-Angling W/O A License

1-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

1-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout

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

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

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

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

1-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

2-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

6-Sell Undersized Crabs

12-Trawling In Closed Season

3-Trawling Inside Waters W/oversized Double Rigs

1-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

1-Use Skimmers In Closed Season

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish

1-Refuse/Misrepresent Booking Info.

1-Magnuson Act

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**STATE STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.**

**CONFISCATIONS:**

12 trawls, 1 commercial license, 1,865 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$4,303.05, 3,500 lbs. of crabs 45 berry crabs,  
40 spotted sea trout, 1,000 lbs. of red snapper.

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**

**TOTAL CASES-23**

- 1-No Commercial License In Poss.
- 1-Fail To Mark Crab Traps
- 1-Unlawful Removal Of Crab Trap Contents
- 1-Fail To Mark Buster Containers
- 1-Theft Of Crab Traps
- 1-Possession Of Undersize Crabs
- 1-Fail To Mark Commercial Vehicle
- 2-Fail To Complete Tags Correctly
- 1-Fail To Tag Oysters
- 1-Poss. Untagged Oysters
- 1-Unregistered Vessel
- 1-No Running Lights
- 1-Careless Operation Of Watercraft
- 2-Resisting Arrest
- 1-Simple Assault On An Officer
- 2-Public Intimidation Of Officer
- 1-Contributing To A Delinquency Of A Minor
- 1-Criminal Damage To Property
- 1-Reckless Operation Of A Motor Vehicle
- 1-Improper Refrigeration

**CONFISCATIONS:**

82 sacks of oysters-returned to water.

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

**RUNNING TIME-141 HOURS**

**BOATS CHECKED-153**

**23-TOTAL CASES**

9-Trawling In Closed Season

2-Trawling In Restricted Areas

2-Use Oversize Double Rigs Inside Waters

2-Use Oversize Trawl Boards Inside Waters

4-Angling W/O A License Non-Resident

2-Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non-Resident

1-Improper Running Lights

1-Improper Numbers

**CONFISCATIONS:**

2,680 LBS. shrimp sold for \$6,414.20, 11 trawls, 4 speckled trout, 1 redfish.

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**TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-1124**

**TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 76**

**TOTAL CASES OSFORCE - 23**

**TOTAL CASES SFFORCE - 71**

**TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 23**

**GRAND TOTAL - 1223**

**REGION 5**

**TOTAL CASES-247**

**ENFORCEMENT-211**

**OTHER - 36**

96-Boating

52-Angling W/O A License

6-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

3-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Poss.

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

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

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

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

3-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

3-Theft Of Pond Raised Fish

2-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

4-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit & Report Rules

3-Trawling In Closed Season

2-Use Oversize Butterfly Net Or Skimmers

12-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs.

14-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

19-Littering

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

3-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

4-Flight From An Officer

5-Driving Without Operators License

BAYOU D'ARBONNE LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #94-3

At a special meeting of the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission at its domicile in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana, on September 1, 1994 with a quorum of members in attendance, after due notice given, the following resolution was passed by a majority vote of members present.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission was established by Act 9 of the regular session of 1956 of the Louisiana Legislature as the governing authority of the Said District.

WHEREAS, the D'Arbonne Lake Commission has received numerous request for a draw-down of the lake from area lake residents and landowners.

WHEREAS, the D'Arbonne Lake Commission desires to accommodate these landowners in order that they can make structural repairs along the shoreline.

WHEREAS, the State Park and Recreation Department desires to perform work within the lake bottom in the proximity of the new State Park on Lake D'Arbonne.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners for the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District Commission asks the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, through its Public Works office, to lower the level of Lake D'Arbonne a minimum of five (5) feet with a maximum drawdown level to be determined by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Said drawdown is to commence on September 20, 1994, and be maintained until January 15, 1995, at which time closure of the drawdown structure will occur.

Said resolution having been read and considered, on a motion by Commission Member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Commission Member \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt this resolution 94-3, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Petrus, Secretary-Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
William T. Lowe, President

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:22(B), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in order to protect fish populations in freshwater impoundments during water drawdown periods, does hereby enact the following rule:

All freshwater impoundments shall be closed to use of commercial fish netting during water drawdown periods, unless otherwise specified by the Department based upon biological and technical data; the closure to begin on the date the drawdown control structure is opened and continued until the lake returns to full pool following closure of the structure.

Emergency action is necessary to provide immediate protection to fish populations in impoundments that are presently, or soon will be in the drawdown condition.

John F. "Jeff" Schneider  
Chairman

# JANUARY 1995

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>New Year's Day New moon</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Peak waterfowl numbers in coastal Louisiana.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>LDWF begins annual Bald Eagle nest surveys.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Peak deer breeding time in Atchafalaya Basin.</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Large schools of crappie congregate in deep water.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Crappie appear in river channel at Toledo Bend.</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Resident Great Horned Owls nesting.</p> <p>7</p>
<p>First quarter moon. Red maple begins blooming this month.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Endangered Louisiana pearlshell reproduces in cold water creeks in central Louisiana.</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Deer begin losing antlers in Area 2.</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Bald Eagles begin nesting. Report sightings to LDWF.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Woodcock begin leaving the state for northern nesting grounds.</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Early nesting wood ducks begin their search for tree cavities.</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Striped bass migrate up Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers.</p> <p>14</p>
<p>Bright red berries persist on dormant deciduous holly in forests and along fence rows.</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Full moon</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Male Woodcock can be seen and heard in courtship flights.</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Clean and repair Purple Martin nest boxes in anticipation of first arrivals in early February.</p> <p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Brown Pelicans may be observed, at times, resting on the Cameron jetties.</p> <p>21</p>
<p>Last deer season ends.</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Last quarter moon</p> <p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Peak number of Canada Geese in southwest Louisiana rice fields.</p> <p>29</p>	<p>New moon Squirrel season close (30).</p> <p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

Photo by Frances Grant  
Lake D'Arbonne, Union Parish

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# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## NEWS RELEASE

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8/30/94

### SEPT. WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AGENDA REVISED

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August 30, 1994

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

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# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## NEWS RELEASE

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8/26/94

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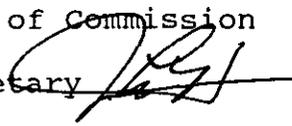
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Edwin W. Edwards  
Governor

August 24, 1994

## MEMORANDUM

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## LEE CAUBARREAU

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## TEE JOHN MIALJEVICH

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CORKY PERRET

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MINERALS COMMITTEE

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DON PUCKETT

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JLH:sch

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Fred Prejean  
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Corky Perret  
Don Puckett  
John Medica  
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Joe L. Herring  
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Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
John F. "Jeff" Schneider - Member  
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Edwin W. Edwards  
Governor

To: Susan Hawkins  
Re: Sept. Agenda  
Fax: 504-765-2607

Bert asked that Puckett  
give us an update on the lawsuit  
concerning the "Trout Plan" and  
weekend meeting being overruled by  
concurrent resolution. 2.

Henry Menton vs, La. DWFO  
state of La. / )

Thru discussion of status  
Jeff (Executive Session)

*Revised*

**FAX TRANSMITTAL**

TO: Jeff Schneider  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
FAX# \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM Susan Hawkins  
\_\_\_\_\_  
RE: September Commission Agenda  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please review the attached agenda for the September 1, 1994 Meeting. Let me know if additions or changes need to be made. Thank you.

DATE: August 23, 1994  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TIME SENT \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR INFORMATION CALL (504) 765- 2806  
OUR FAX # (504) 765-2607  
PAGES TO FOLLOW 2  
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CORKY PERRET

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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July 19, 1994

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Hugh Bateman  
FROM: Joe L. Herring  
RE: Donation - \$2,500 - Safari Club

Butch, Lloyd Songe will present this Department another check from the Safari Club in the amount of \$2,500 for woodduck boxes at our September 1, 1994 Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting. Please have another large check similar to the last one for Songe to present.

We will schedule him first on the agenda so he can leave if he desires. As stated in earlier correspondence we were told this \$2,500 check would follow the first. We are now working on a \$5,000 check for woodducks and bluebirds.

Thanks!

JLH/pc

C: Susan Hawkins ✓  
Bill Burns  
Tommy Prickett

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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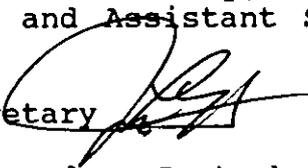
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August 4, 1994

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-  
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Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary 

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - September 1, 1994

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Karl Turner

### WILDLIFE DIVISION ITEMS:

- (1) Ratify 1994-95 waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots) hunting season dates - Robert Helm
- (2) Receive donation from Safari Club International wood duck boxes - Hugh Bateman

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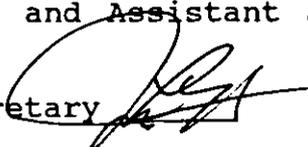
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*Recommend Fur Harvest Season  
Dates  
January - February  
8-15-94*

LINDA,  
Please check w/Proc Mems  
+ Karen for Droms

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY and NOTICE OF INTENT  
To Change the Opening Date of the "ROE" MULLET  
SEASON - HARRY BLANCHET

NOTICE OF INTENT  
COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S SALES REPORT  
FORM - JOEY SHEPARD

NOTICE OF INTENT  
DEALER RECEIPT FORM  
JOEY SHEPARD

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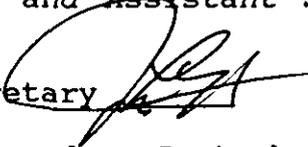
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*I & E will need to do a proclamation  
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Bob Dennie*

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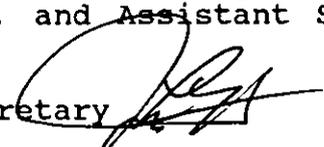
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*Civil Restitution*  
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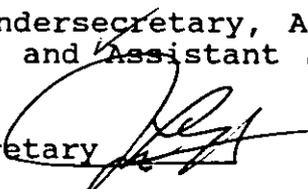
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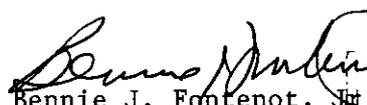
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Dear Susan:

The Inland Fisheries Division has nothing to be included on the agenda for the September Commission meeting.

  
Bennie J. Fontenot, Jr.  
Administrator

  
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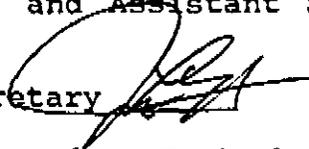
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*Nothing to Add -*  
*Karl Turner*

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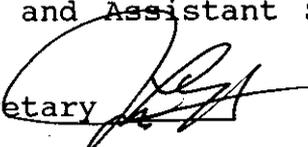
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