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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Monday, October 4, 1993

Chairman Bert H. Jones presiding.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Peter Vujnovich
Jeff Schneider
Joseph B. Cormier
Tee John Mialjevich
Perry Gisclair

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Jones announced that Mr. Russell Markey, an employee of the Department, had passed away and expressed sympathy to his wife and children. He then noted that Mr. Jesse Fontenot from Morgan City had also passed away.

Chairman Jones called for a motion for approval of the September 2, 1993, Commission Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed unanimously.

The Lease for Fossil Shell Extraction was first handled by Mr. Don Puckett. He noted Louisiana Dredging Company requested a reduction of the performance bond on the lease. Last January, the Commission agreed to reduce the bond from \$2.4 million to \$1.6 million. The request this time was to reduce the bond from \$1.6 million to \$800,000, with this being the last year of the lease. Mr. Puckett then introduced Mr. Richard Koen from Louisiana Dredging Company. Mr. Koen reminded the Commission of the original agreement for the bond and stated the Company had exceeded their obligation for the first two years. He requested the bond for the Company effective November 1 to be \$800,000. Commissioner Jenkins stated he did not have a problem with the request and then asked if the \$800,000 was the remaining obligation. Mr. Fred Prejean stated his office had no strong objection to the request but asked the Commission to consider the fact that the Department would not be protected from any amount in excess of the bond. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the bond was a performance bond? Did it basically guarantee the contract? Was the Company only required to perform on the \$800,000 amount for this year? And did the Commission have the right to put Louisiana Dredging in default at any time? He then stated the Department's only recourse was to collect on the bond if Louisiana Dredging was to default on the contract. Mr. Prejean restated his concern that this reduction was reducing the security for the Department. Commissioner Cormier asked Mr.

Puckett if he had any objections to reducing the bond. Mr. Puckett stated the Commission does have the authority to reduce the bond. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to reduce the bond to \$800,000 as requested and was seconded by Commissioner Mialjevich. The motion passed unanimously.

The August Aircraft Report was presented by Mr. Lee Caubarreaux. This report showed four pilots flew a total of 159.5 hours for the month; and the breakdown for the different planes, the estimated cost and the actual cost. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the cost figures included the actual salaries for the pilots and if the next report would include the salary figures. He then asked what the initials ASCS Oyster Survey stood for; was it part of the federal reimbursement program? And were all stops being listed on the log sheets? Chairman Jones asked if there was a time frame to use the AeroCommander in order for the Department to get the credit due them. Commissioner Vujnovich asked if the Department received any money for the oyster cleanup. Chairman Jones asked about a flight on August 5 on the Amphib plane and felt it was used for personal transportation and noted he had a different use for his tax dollars. Commissioner Mialjevich commented he used to drive to shrimp meetings and noted Mr. Caubarreaux had other duties to address and if these duties could be done in a timely manner, he felt it was not a misuse of tax dollars. Chairman Jones asked what time the plane left on August 5th; was the plane stationed in Baton Rouge? What time did the flight leave from Baton Rouge? And was work performed prior to leaving and upon returning from the meeting? Secretary Herring stated that he and Mr. Caubarreaux were in the office until about 8 p.m. that night. Chairman Jones felt the usage of the planes according to the best interests of Louisiana tax payers has gotten better. Secretary Herring explained that the use of marine boats in saltwater areas and the aircraft were two of the most expensive operations in the routine of the Department, that they were needed and were used efficiently. Commissioner Jenkins remarked that the Department does not operate efficiently. He felt there was total abuse of the aircraft 5 years ago but it was better now. He also noted there was still a lot of inefficiency.

Setting of Non-Resident Recreational Fishing and Hunting License Fees was presented by Mr. Fred Prejean. He began by reminding the Commission that this report was in response to a request by them at the last Commission Meeting. The data compiled by the Staff was from the sheriff's offices of 23 parishes that sold 100 or more 2-day combination licenses during 1992-93 fiscal year. The comparison of license sales for July and August of 1992-93 fiscal year was made with those of July and August of 1993-94 fiscal year. He reported that non-resident license sales had increased during July and August 1993 over 1992 except for the 2-day combination freshwater/saltwater license. He noted a 2-month comparison was not enough time to determine if an impact on the number of non-resident anglers was occurring. Mr. Prejean

explained different reasons that could affect the sale of non-resident licenses. He then explained the comparisons in sales of the non-resident fishing licenses for July and August 1992-93 with those of 1993-94 and stated that since there was no decline in sales, there was not a negative impact to the State. Statistical information provided by Mrs. Linda Curtis-Sparks at the September Commission Meeting and quoted by the media was not correct, reported Mr. Prejean. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department could not determine an increase or decrease in license sales for the two counties around Toledo Bend. Several reasons for a change in the number of non-residents fishing Toledo Bend were also noted. Mr. Prejean reported that with only two months of data, it was impossible to draw a conclusion on a possible impact of the license increase. However, the two months of data show an increase in non-resident license sales but a decrease in the sale of 2-day combination license. The Department's recommendation was to continue the study and, after six months into the fiscal year, report back on what the impact license fees were having on state revenue.

Commissioner Jenkins asked if the information on the 1992-93 figures was actual data and if the 1993-94 information was actual data or incomplete data; and at year end, would the July and August figure sales have to be adjusted. Then, he asked Mr. Prejean to carry the Commission through the changes in the license fees for Louisiana and Texas from last year until this year and did Texas increase their license fees. Mr. Prejean noted there has been two license increases in one year. Chairman Jones asked for public comments at this point.

Representative Joe Salter stated that he appreciated the chance to speak last month and again at the meeting today and that he was also at a disadvantage at not having seen the report. He felt, in talking to people in his area, there was still a problem and wanted to express his concern. Chairman Jones asked how long had Toledo Bend been down? Going on, Representative Salter stated the state would lose money on license sales and there would be a decrease in business activity around Toledo Bend.

Mrs. Linda Curtis-Sparks, Sabine River Authority, stated that her agency contacted the convenience stores and marinas around Toledo Bend and felt it would be difficult to report back to the Commission the impact of the license fee increase. However, they did work with the Sheriff's Office and have different figures from what was reported. They reported that for the months of August and September 1992 in the parishes of DeSoto and Sabine, the total count was 407, but for August and September 1993, the count was 56 for the 7-day trip license. However, the seasonal ticket sales showed an increase. She reported that they see a number of people going from the Louisiana side over to the Texas side. She asked the Department personnel to explain how tickets were sold to commercial operators. Mrs. Curtis-Sparks asked the Commission to

consider the seriousness of the matter and noted the fishing season for Toledo Bend begins on February 15. She restated the Sabine River Authority believes in enforcement on Toledo Bend. Commissioner Schneider asked Mrs. Curtis-Sparks if she had a recommendation for the Commission. Mrs. Curtis-Sparks stated their request was to go back to the \$10 charge or at least go back to the \$15.50 charge for the 7-day non-resident license. Commissioner Schneider stated that he thought the 2-day combo was the problem.

Mr. Johnny Glover, owner of Coco Marina, stated he had a problem with the non-resident licenses but felt the season license could be higher. He noted there was not that much difference in total cost between the season licenses and the 7-day trip licenses. The biggest problem for him was the 2-day combo license. He felt this license was affecting the tourists who come into Louisiana and residents' friends and relatives who come to visit because it was too expensive. He also noted that people would not buy the 2-day license and stated that there was a problem with the 2-day license as far as the economy for rural communities. Chairman Jones commented that Louisiana was not competing with Florida and Mississippi for the fishing tourists. Commissioner Jenkins stated that Louisiana's competition for the saltwater fishery was Texas. Then he asked Mr. Glover if he was finding his business up or down; what was the amount an average fisherman would spend on a chartered trip? And would he blade the north road to his business? Commissioner Gisclair asked Mr. Glover if he would be surprised to learn that more than 400 2-day trip licenses had been sold. Mr. Glover felt the 2-day license was going to affect tourism and the small businessman. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Glover if he was going to lower his charter fee and if it would be by the same percentage. Commissioner Jenkins and Commissioner Mialjevich both asked who raised the fees, the Commission or the Legislature?

Mr. Prejean quoted the following figures: \$706 million was the impact to the state from recreational fishing and the impact from non-resident fishermen was \$60 million. He further stated that it was understood the concern expressed by businesses on the impact from non-residents and that the Department's report was based on numbers only, with no preference stated.

Mr. Randy Ziegler, Toledo Bend Resort owner, began by stating he was upset that Toledo Bend was treated as a stepchild. Any group of tourist coming to his resort would only have to drive 6 miles to save \$20 and, in fact, some Louisiana people are advising tourist to go to Texas to buy their licenses. He further stated negative reinforcement went against everything and raising the fees was a negative thing and there should be positive thinking. He suggested trying to quadruple the fines for violators and hoped the Commission would give Toledo Bend some thought. Commissioner Jenkins asked Mr. Ziegler how the Department should get the State to give us the monetary difference if license fees were reduced. Chairman Jones explained that the Department does not get General

Fund money, that it operates off license fees, user fees and sources of this type and that it receives no direct benefits from taxes or sales. He then asked for help from the private businessmen in getting legislators to give the Department more money to compensate for the loss. Chairman Jones asked Enforcement Division personnel if there was a definitive line in Toledo Bend between Texas and Louisiana so that fishermen can fish anywhere in the reservoir with a license.

Ms. Connie Sheer felt part of the problem was the cost of the non-resident 2-day combo license. She noted they had figures on the license sales but not on what was missing. Ms. Sheer requested that the Commission implement a license that could be offered for a half-day trip or a single day trip. Commissioner Jenkins asked if she was thinking of a one-day license at last year's price and if it would solve the problem, and if there would be any abuses. Then he asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Commission could create a new license or could they just adjust the fees on current licenses.

Ms. Cindy Danley, Toledo Bend marina operator, stated that last year she sold 6 sheets of fishing licenses; but this year, she has only sold 1 license. She said with the license fees as they are now, she did not see how they would make the money this year that was made last year. When non-residents go to the Texas side, as most of them are doing, she loses the gas sales and all of the other sales associated with a fishing trip.

Commissioner Cormier commented that the Commission was in an unusual predicament, that for Louisiana's resources to be what they are now took money and for Enforcement to maintain the resources took money, but also private businesses needed to survive. He then asked for comments to help resolve the predicament.

Secretary Herring stated the meeting was a healthy meeting in that the recreational people were expressing their concerns. He went on and stated that the Department operated on funds taken in from license sales, sale on land, and oil revenues, and Louisiana still charges low prices on certain licenses. Sport fishing and hunting is worth more than \$1 billion in Louisiana. He then explained that the Department needed help in getting some General Fund money to operate the agency, and the payment of the gasoline taxes going only to the Highway Department. Secretary Herring complimented the Legislators who took the time to come to the meeting and emphasized the Department need for the public's help.

Mr. Hugh Hyman, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association, felt the 7-day and 2-day combo non-resident licenses needed to be reduced. The message that Louisiana's non-resident license fees has almost doubled has reached other states and it scares the people who promote tourism. He wished the Commission would act at the meeting so the message of reduced fees would get out.

Commissioner Schneider and Commissioner Mialjevich asked what was Mr. Hyman's recommendation. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Hyman if he would support passing a gasoline tax that would benefit the Department and if he would help to find a way to better finance the Department. Mr. Johnny Glover suggested going up on resident recreational fishing license fees.

Mr. Jerry Saymore suggested having one basic license and paying one set fee and charge non-residents a fee, such as \$15.

Mr. Bill Dekemel commented that, with living on Lake Pontchartrain and friends or relatives visiting, they would have to buy a fishing license and suggested having a wharf license or a 1-day license. Chairman Jones asked how many people had been to his wharf that had never fished before.

Commissioner Jenkins asked Mr. Prejean if the saltwater license was twice as much as the freshwater license and how much money would be generated if the resident freshwater license was raised to equal the saltwater license. With Mr. Prejean saying it would raise additional funds for the Department, Commissioner Jenkins stated that the Commission could then lower the non-resident licenses. Mr. Prejean added that the value of the license increase equaled to \$860,000. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if that increase was because of all non-resident licenses, what percent of the \$860,000 would be affected if the 2-day and the 7-day trip licenses would be reduced? And was the old price \$15.50?

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked what the total budget for the Department for 1993 was, and if there was a lobbyist for the Department. He stated he was very satisfied with the resident license fees and was willing to do his share to help the Department.

Reconvening after lunch, Chairman Jones asked for more public comment. Hearing none, he then asked if the Commission had a recommendation. Commissioner Jenkins stated that one problem was not being able to reconcile a difference in the numbers that was reported, some people in the state were having problems with the fees and the Department would have a problem if the fees were reduced. He suggested a committee be formed to include coastal marina operators, Toledo Bend operators, Department personnel and legislators to understand the situation on both sides and possibly find a solution.

Commissioner Mialjevich noted that, from what he heard, the people around Toledo Bend would be affected the most and if a Notice of Intent was not started now, then a change could not occur by February, when the tourist season began. He agreed with the committee idea suggested by Commissioner Jenkins so it could settle whether the fees should remain the same or be reduced. Then Commissioner Mialjevich asked Mr. Puckett if there was a way to

begin a Notice of Intent and, based on what the Committee finds, then the Commission could act further or just disregard the Rule. Mr. Puckett advised the Commission to have a specific fee in mind when writing the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if the exact charge for the 2-day combo and the 7-day trip non-resident license prior to the last increase could be found.

Commissioner Jenkins liked Commissioner Mialjevich's suggestion but wondered if the Commission should include more in the Notice of Intent as a way to adjust other license fees. Mr. Puckett reminded Commissioner Jenkins all the Commission could adjust were the non-resident fees. Commissioner Mialjevich felt that since the only public comments were concerned with fishing licenses, the Notice of Intent should pertain to just the fishing licenses. Mr. Prejean stated the non-resident 2-day combo was \$12.50 before the increase and the non-resident 7-day trip license was \$15.50. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if these prices were after the first increase, then suggested using these figures for a starting point and adjustments be made if needed. He then stated he would make the motion and Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion. Commissioner Schneider asked if this was to include the committee that was talked about.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other public comments. Hearing none, Chairman Jones asked Commissioner Mialjevich to restate his motion. Mr. Puckett stated that there was enough information and that a voice vote would be sufficient to get everything moving on the Notice of Intent. Chairman Jones called for the vote. The motion passed with no opposition. Chairman Jones stated that he wanted the study to include a direct economic impact, how and who it was going to affect in the state. Mr. Prejean asked Chairman Jones if the 7-day trip license should include both the freshwater and saltwater licenses and should Enforcement be on guard to look for ways to adjust their budget in the event these license fees were changed.

The Consideration of Shrimp Sanctuaries was the next item discussed. Secretary Herring read several letters into the record. Mr. Barry Bonvillain, Parish President from Terrebonne Parish, stated, "Although some of the proposed areas that are to be designated as shrimp sanctuaries will be beneficial to all parties, some will be detrimental to many local fishermen. Members of the shrimping industry, the fishermen, are the ones who should have input in the decision to designate certain sanctuaries. I am requesting that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission attempt to postpone the implementation of the areas to be designated as sanctuaries until such time that shrimpers (Shrimp Task Force) may have input on this decision." Next, Secretary Herring stated Senator Picard called and requested it be noted that "the Senator is particularly interested in those lands currently under marsh management at Pecan Island in Vermilion Parish. Local fishermen make a substantial portion of their income fishing by agreement

with land owners on privately-owned and managed lands within Vermilion Parish. Should proposed shrimp sanctuaries close any of these managed lands, it could severely impact the livelihood of many of the residents of this area. The land owners and fishermen in this area are currently managing shrimp through the marsh management program and any additional efforts to manage shrimp through the institution of shrimp sanctuaries will surely have a negative impact on their efforts. Prior to any action on this issue the Senator asks that consideration be given to having a series of public hearings across coastal Louisiana to obtain public input." Mr. Reggie Dupre Jr., councilman from the parish of Terrebonne, stated, "It is my position that some of the proposed areas to be designated as shrimp sanctuaries will be beneficial to all parties and that some will become a detriment to many local fishermen. I strongly believe that members of the shrimping industry, the actual fishermen, should have some input in the decision to designate certain sanctuaries. I am requesting that the Commission postpone the implementation of the areas to be designated as sanctuaries until such time that shrimpers (Shrimp Task Force) may have input on this decision. Your consideration of my request will be appreciated. Thank you."

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had seen the Department's proposed sanctuaries and stated he had received several phone calls from fishermen saying the proposed sanctuary would put them out of business. Mr. Brandt Savoie stated that no one outside the Department has had access to the proposed map, but there has been speculation. Chairman Jones remarked that the fact that they did not have the information prior to the meeting was bad and requested again to have any information for a particular subject prior to the meeting.

Mr. Savoie began by reminding the Commission that the goal for shrimp sanctuaries was "to reduce fishing pressure on juvenile shrimp and prevent possible damage to other marine life and habitat." Other methods to reduce fishing pressure were also suggested, such as gear and vessel restriction, adjustment of seasons, size limits, etc. The Marine Fisheries Division felt a series of public hearings should be held to see if the majority of fishermen even wanted sanctuaries. An explanation of benefits of shrimp sanctuaries were also given but it was noted that there may be some impact. The staff provided maps of their region which showed areas in which juvenile shrimp were found and could be set aside as a sanctuary. At this point, Mr. Savoie showed a slide which showed the areas where juvenile shrimp were, and the intercostal waterway was marked as the northern boundary. The staff's recommendation for restricted areas would be increased by an additional 3.1 million acres.

Chairman Jones asked again for the Department's recommendation for shrimp sanctuaries and if the areas shown on the slide were what was being suggested as a sanctuary. Mr. Savoie answered that

it was the staff's recommendation not to establish shrimp sanctuaries at this time. Then Chairman Jones repeated his request. He then stated, for the record, that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Marine Fisheries Division, suggests that the whole yellow area on the map be a shrimp sanctuary. Mr. Savoie said, "No", and repeated that the Department did not recommend establishing sanctuaries. Mr. Corky Perret stated that sanctuaries could have some benefits in increasing the size of shrimp for harvest if: 1) law enforcement can enforce the areas and 2) the sanctuary is accepted by the majority of the shrimp fishermen. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the shrimp plan recommended sanctuaries and if the Department had developed suggestions to implement any of the shrimp plan's suggestions. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Perret to explain the why's of sanctuaries and what they would do for the audience in attendance. Mr. Perret advised that the purpose of a sanctuary would be "to protect and allow the smaller shrimp to reach a larger, more valuable size before they were harvested." Commissioner Jenkins asked if the same process was attempted during the 70s, then asked what happened? Has shrimping methods and areas changed? Are there additional concerns for habitat destruction? And felt the problem was that the process never got off the ground.

Commissioner Schneider asked for a staff member to place a finger on the map and show an area that could be considered a sanctuary just to be used as a starting point. Then he asked if the Department wanted to keep the recommendations listed in the 70s report, if the scientific data the report was based on changed, if the gear changed since the 70s, if the number of shrimpers changed, and could Mr. Perret point to the map and show areas that could serve as sanctuaries. Chairman Jones stated that the Department would have to have their own recommendation and then react to what the fishermen wanted or needed. Commissioner Gisclair stated that the Commission needed a map that would show exactly what they would be voting on, and then agreed with the fact that public input should be received from the fishermen. He also mentioned that a copy of the 1977 map was floating around and the process should begin with the Shrimp Task Force holding public hearings and then work forward from there. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if the Shrimp Task Force in existence now was the first one to address sanctuaries and felt that now there was a vehicle, the Task Force, that was actually looking at shrimp sanctuaries. He stated that if the fishermen get sour on this subject, there would be no sanctuaries. Commissioner Mialjevich then asked the Chairman of the Shrimp Task Force to inform the Commission of what the Task Force will do. Commissioner Jenkins asked if you could start with the map and not allow anything bigger than that and thought it was what the Commission should do. After having discussions with the staff, Mr. Savoie commented that they tried to pick out smaller areas, but biologically they could not justify one area over another and asked the industry, the fishermen and the local people what part could they live with. Commissioner Schneider stated that

for one reason or another, there would be areas that would not be set aside for sanctuaries and noted the Department would have to help the Task Force and Commission understand why an area could not be set aside. Chairman Jones reminded Mr. Savoie that the shrimp seasons were not set because of biological reasons.

Commissioner Cormier reminded the Commission and audience how he had voted to change the shrimp season dates after listening to the shrimpers and that shrimp sanctuaries were not totally dependent upon biological data; that there were social and economic factors to be considered. Secretary Herring then reminded the Commission that hunting season dates were set only after hearing public comments received at the Commission Meetings and felt public comments should be received at this time.

Mr. Bubbie Reuther, Chairman of the Shrimp Task Force, informed the Commission of activities that occurred during the previous administration. Dr. Jerry Clark, from the previous administration, had set his goal to fix the fishery as being limited entry. He also mentioned that none of the Commission Members except Commissioner Mialjevich and Commissioner Gisclair ever asked for minutes or came to any of the meetings. Mr. Reuther felt sanctuaries were more than a biological issue. When the Task Force held their meeting in August, the main topic of discussion was on sanctuaries and the Task Force received a lot of information from the Department's staff and LSU Cooperative Extension Service. The recommendation from these people was that if a set of lines was put out before talking to the fishermen, they would automatically resist. If the Commission wanted to ask the fishermen to regulate themselves, the fishermen needed to be involved in the process. The fishermen needed to draw their own lines, remarked Mr. Reuther. Chairman Jones asked what the intentions of the Task Force were from this point forward in order to expedite or implement the alternative to the shrimp plan. Mr. Reuther stated that the public hearings would take place during January, February and March. Chairman Jones then asked if it would be figured out during January, February and March, and if the Task Force would be able to list during March what their recommendations would be, how often Task Force meetings were held and if a meeting was held last month. Chairman Jones told the fishermen they needed to generate interest from the Task Force to make shrimping better for them and the Commission would work to make the industry better for shrimpers. Commissioner Schneider stated that all the Commission wanted was input from the Department to give the members something to start working with and that sooner or later, someone had to be first.

Mr. Ted Loupe, Gulf Tide Seafood, began by stating that the buck was being passed from one to another. The biggest problem in the estuary today was not the need of sanctuaries but the allowing of the fish to come back and eat the shrimp and crabs. Then he wondered how certain Commission members were sure that sanctuaries were needed when other members were not certain. Mr. Loupe read

facts concerning the number of redfish in the estuaries and how much shrimp redfish eat. Actions from the past was what was hurting the industry, remarked Mr. Loupe. Sanctuaries were not necessary, thought Mr. Loupe, but the problem was the need to get some of the fish out of the water. Commissioner Jenkins asked what happened in the years when redfish were not popular and the shrimp crop was alright. Mr. Loupe again stated that the real problem was too many fish in the estuaries.

Mr. Johnny Price, commercial shrimper, agreed with Mr. Loupe. Then he asked why there was a need for sanctuaries when all the small shrimp would be caught. If there was a need for sanctuaries, Mr. Price was 100 percent behind that idea, but requested they be put in the right places. He recommended getting rid of some of the fish, putting a 68-70 count limit on white shrimp and banning cast nets on sanctuaries on the public refuges.

Representative John Siracusa, House Member District 51, informed the Commission that he attended a meeting in 1977 in Delcambre and then went to Houma and reported these people did not want sanctuaries then. He requested not to rush drawing a line for sanctuaries, and recommended holding a series of public hearings throughout the State. The suggestion that the Shrimp Task Force hold public hearings and to allow them to complete the process. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the Commission should consider or not consider shrimp sanctuaries. Chairman Jones asked if Representative Siracusa was in favor of sanctuaries.

Commissioner Vujnovich remarked that, from what he has heard over the radio on his boat, the shrimp fishermen were having a hard time making a living and felt something needed to change. He proposed there should be a good license fee for both the shrimp and oyster industry because there was an abundance of people in both industries. He then asked Representative Siracusa if he knew how many commercial licenses were sold 30 or 40 years ago and then suggested looking into the increase on the fishing waters.

Mr. Pete Gerica, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, stated if an area was set aside as a sanctuary, it should be a total sanctuary; don't let it affect just the people who make their living with shrimp. Mr. Gerica was on the Task Force and suggested letting the people in the different areas decide.

Representative Bobby Bergeron, a representative for 42,000 people, of which 70 percent earn their living by scratching a small salary, felt sanctuaries probably would need a lot of consideration, but the move would have to be with total agreement from the industry and the people who made a living from that industry. He also noted that the industry needed a kinder and friendlier Commission to help them. The position that needed to be taken was what was best for the people; don't base it solely on biology, but the social needs should be considered. The hard part

of passing laws was making sure the enforcement can be carried out. Representative Bergeron emphasized this method was not something the Commission should rush through. Chairman Jones asked who a shrimp sanctuary was going to benefit, then stated that if something was not done, the fishermen would be out of business. He also stated that he wanted the beneficiary of this drive to be the shrimpers themselves and apologized for being harsh and noted he would try to do better.

Mr. Cliff Glodner, commercial fisherman in Lake Pontchartrain, explained how the shrimp sanctuary in Lake Pontchartrain worked and how it provided a recreational fishery. If a sanctuary was formed, it needed to treat all people concerned equally. Habitat loss was the biggest problem noted Mr. Glodner.

An unidentified speaker asked what would be protected, and stated what the fishermen wanted to protect was shrimp, crabs, fish, ducks, deer, alligators and nutria. You can not protect just one species. Commissioner Vujnovich stated that was why public comments were taken so the fishermen could state what they wanted and how they wanted it. Then the unidentified speaker stated the state had a lot of sanctuaries and requested the areas be put back to the way they were before weirs were installed.

Mr. Barry Schaferkott asked Commissioner Schneider if the concept of sanctuaries had to include the social and economic impacts, then stated that the Commission has told fishermen they have to act according to what the biology called for. Now it seemed, with sanctuaries, social and economic impacts needed to be included. Commissioner Schneider commented he was misunderstood, Representative Roach had a bill that required all the rules the Commission should consider to include biology, social issues, economics as well as other factors. Chairman Jones reminded the audience that the subject has been deviated from and comments needed to be directed back to sanctuaries.

Mr. David Guidry recalled that there has not been a boat in Lake Charles for the last 3 years because it was a sanctuary but wondered where the shrimp are. He suggested the Department open the locks and allow the fishermen to go in and catch the shrimp behind the locks.

Mr. Donald Lirette, President of Terrebonne Fisherman's Organization, recalled that fishermen looked at sanctuaries back in 1971 or 1972, but with the Department's presentation the fishermen chose not to accept sanctuaries. He noted that conditions have changed. The main objective of the shrimp management plan was to conserve the cultural heritage of the shrimp fishery. Hurricane Andrew delayed the discussing of shrimp sanctuaries by the Task Force. Critical nursery habitat has been lost to marsh management remarked by Mr. Lirette. A consensus of the industry felt the question of sanctuaries should be brought to the people it would

affect and let them agree on areas for sanctuaries. Mr. Lirette read the minutes of the last Shrimp Task Force meeting which explained what was discussed on sanctuaries. The total concept of sanctuaries does not always work, an example of which was Lake Boudreaux. He reminded the Commission that the Secretary has the authority to close an area where juvenile shrimp may be occurring. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if Mr. Lirette was a member of the present Task Force; when the Task Force drew up a plan that included these Goals and Objectives; how the meetings would be held, by zones, parish or ports and what would be covered. Then Commissioner Mialjevich stated that at the beginning of the meetings, it should be explained to the fishermen that the idea of sanctuaries should or should not be made. The Task Force should look into the possibility of having seasons established on the sanctuaries. As a last request, Commissioner Mialjevich asked Mr. Lirette to keep the Commission informed of the Task Force's actions and minutes of the meetings. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the Louisiana Room was booked every day in October or just on the days they wanted to hold the meetings; and how many people attended the meetings. Then he informed Mr. Lirette of other Conference Rooms in the building that could accommodate the meeting.

Mr. Jerry Saymore stated that the social and economic impacts would be addressed and one impact would be the affect of the support community and businesses, and the number of licenses not being sold because of fishermen not being able to fish. He wondered why discuss shrimp sanctuaries when the results, whether good or bad, were not known. Shrimp were funny animals and they have nothing to do with biological data, remarked by Mr. Saymore. The brown shrimp move with the tides and moon phases and as the white shrimp reach maturity, they will move when the cold weather starts and the water levels go down regardless of size. He asked Mr. Perret what size shrimp he wanted to preserve. Then Mr. Saymore asked who would say the fishermen would get a better price for shrimp that have been preserved and grown to a 21-25 count. He saw mature brown shrimp going out of the passes into the Gulf before the season opened. Vermilion Bay was not affected by the map shown, but Mr. Saymore stated that this Bay traditionally had small shrimp. He felt sanctuaries was not the answer. Commissioner Vujnovich asked the fishermen to go back and talk among themselves and see if sanctuaries are even necessary.

Mr. Brian Demar, a fourth generation fisherman, stated that he was against any sanctuaries and considered the six months the inshore shrimp season was closed enough.

Chairman Jones considered that there was an establishment of discussion on shrimp sanctuaries and it was long in coming. The Department and the Shrimp Task Force was moving forward with it and the beneficiary would be the shrimper. He requested the fishermen carry on with the topic and then stated he appreciated everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Kerner, Town of Jean Lafitte, stated that he agreed with allowing the Shrimp Task Force hold their meetings and letting the fishermen have input. With the map shown at the meeting, 80 percent of the fishermen that work the inside waters would be put out of business. He thanked the Commission members for changing the season dates on the May season. Mayor Kerner remarked that protecting the 100 count shrimp may put all the fishermen out of business and then asked for help for the little man.

Mr. Byron Prespre, Houma, requested letting LSU check the redfish population and see if they are eating the shrimp and crabs before putting in sanctuaries.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, felt no one knew if sanctuaries were going to be good or bad. He also suggested that the idea of sanctuaries needed to be brought to the areas where the most people may be adversely affected and not to the areas where the fishermen would benefit from sanctuaries. The area on the map Mr. Dekemel works did not look like such a bad thing, but that did not mean he was in favor of sanctuaries. He felt it would be hard to sell the sanctuary concept to the inshore fishermen unless there was an offshore closure that corresponded with the inshore waters.

Mr. Richard Cheramie, inshore trawler, felt sanctuaries may help if they are located in the right place, but noted other issues, such as season closures, needed to be looked at.

Mr. Bobby Samanie asked what would happen if the inshore fishermen did not want sanctuaries. The shrimp from the inside waters were the only shrimp competing with the foreign markets and Mr. Samanie requested not taking this market away from the small boats.

Mr. Alex Plaisance stated that what needed to be considered was 95 to 100 percent of the yellow area on the map shown was privately owned and a sanctuary would not be allowed without the landowners permission. He reminded the Commission that every shrimper was a small businessman that needed to provide capitol, maintenance and operating funds and hopefully make a profit at the end of the year. Mr. Plaisance requested allowing the landowner to get involved in the decision.

Mr. Steven Charpentier felt the shrimpers needed to do something different in order to help the industry. In order to catch more shrimp, you need to let them grow and the shrimp grow in an estuary. Bay Vermilion was the mean source of shrimp and there were thousands of shrimpers in the area making a living stated Mr. Charpentier. He felt letting the shrimp grow to 50-60 count would bring a better price for the shrimper instead of harvesting 200 count shrimp. Mr. Charpentier stated that shrimpers needed to try to better themselves. Commissioner Vujnovich reminded the

shrimpers that he was there to help the shrimpers. Mr. Charpentier noted that shrimpers do not need to catch shrimp when they are not suitable to be harvested. He was in favor of closing the three mile for seabobs. If the Commission would make a sanctuary, you need to make laws agents can enforce. Commissioner Mialjevich suggested showing the Intercostal Canal as being the least amount of area for a sanctuary, then show the map and say this would be the most and request the fishermen come up with an in-between area. Then he asked if the meetings should be opened for more input than just on sanctuaries. Mr. Charpentier noted there needed to be a change and the people would have to sacrifice in order for the change to work.

Mr. Nelson LeBlanc, from Dulac, commented that just as many different boats and sizes there are, there would be that many different ideas or suggestions. If you protect the shrimp from one person, make sure they are protected from everyone. Then he wanted to know what his potential would be.

Mr. James Lawford, Terrebonne Parish, stated he was against any sanctuaries.

Commissioner Jenkins made a motion that the Commission agree the Department map would be the outside boundary of any area that could be considered a sanctuary, ask the Shrimp Task Force to begin meeting and have recommendations back to the Commission no later than April 1994, ask the Chairman of the Task Force to give monthly status reports during the Commission meetings, and then the Department should develop a schedule of coastal public meetings and present them for Commission consideration. Secretary Herring asked Commissioner Jenkins if he wanted the Department to go ahead of the Shrimp Task Force. Commissioner Jenkins explained for the Department to come up with potential meeting places and times as well as the Task Force work to make sure this was the route they wanted to take. Secretary Herring felt the Department should not supersede the Task Force, they should work together. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if the Task Force should hold the public hearings. Then he said he understood it was not the Commission that was going to be holding the hearings, it was to be the Department, the Task Force and the LSU Extension Service having the meetings. Secretary Herring noted the Commission should hold the public hearings and the Department would be present. Commissioner Gisclair read the minutes of the last meeting of the Shrimp Task Force that explained the method to be taken. Commissioner Mialjevich then asked Commissioner Jenkins to modify his motion to read that the Commission will allow the Department, the LSU Extension Service and the Task Force develop sanctuary hearings and Goals and Objectives, keep the Commission informed on a monthly basis, ask the Department to set up meeting places, and added that the Intercostal Canal would be the minimal sanctuary and the yellow area on the map would be the maximum. Commissioner Jenkins agreed to amend his motion.

Commissioner Schneider seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion to defer several agenda items and just take up the Fill Material Rule, Enforcement Report and setting the January meeting. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Rule on Fill Material was presented by Mrs. Janice Sharkey. There has been no adverse comments received on the proposed Rule and it also passed the Oversight Committee. Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion to accept the Rule and was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a rule to require that any person who removes or intends to remove any type of fill material from any waterbottom which is property of the State of Louisiana shall be authorized to do so only upon securing a permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries prior to removal of said fill. Further, any person who severs fill material from state-owned waterbottoms may be liable to pay to the State of Louisiana through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a severance royalty for each cubic yard removed in amounts set by this rule.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIII. Fill Material

Chapter 1. Royalties

101. Dredging

A. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has adopted, via resolution of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the following rules relative to the dredging of fill material, sand and gravel from waterbottoms owned by the state of Louisiana and royalties thereon.

B. No fill material shall be dredged from state-owned waterbottoms unless a permit for that removal is issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

C. A severance royalty for each cubic yard of material removed from state-owned waterbottoms shall be paid to the state through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in the amounts indicated in the schedule below:

Fill Material and/or fill sand	\$.20/cubic yard
Gravel, screened and washed	\$.60/cubic yard
Gravel and sand, unscreened	\$.40/cubic yard
Sand, screened	\$.22/cubic yard

Any interest and/or penalty owed on unpaid royalty shall be established by the department in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

D. No person or firm shall dredge fill material, sand or gravel from the public waterbottoms of this state without a permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the fee for which shall be set at \$25, non-refundable.

E. The extent of a single permitted site in the Mississippi River, the Atchafalaya River, the Red River, the Pearl River (not including the West Pearl), the Calcasieu River below the saltwater barrier, the Ouachita/Black River south of the confluence of Bayou Bartholomew shall not exceed one linear mile and shall not extend across the geometric center line of the stream. The extent of a single permitted site on all other streams except designated Natural and Scenic streams shall not exceed one linear half mile. Fill material, sand and gravel shall not be permitted to be removed from the waterbottom of any designated Natural and Scenic River unless removal of such material is specifically allowed by statute.

F. A permit shall not be issued to an applicant who is, or who contracts for the removal of fill material with someone who is not currently in good standing with the department. Those applicants whose fill material permit has been revoked or suspended for cause within the past 12 months, or who has an outstanding, unresolved royalty debt to the department, or who has repeatedly violated other provisions of previous permits or agreements may be deemed to not be in good standing with the department.

G. A performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit to run concurrently with the period of the permit, and in the amount according to the schedule below, shall accompany the application. In lieu, the entire royalty fee owed to the state may be remitted with the application.

Bond Value per Volume Dredged in 100 yd³

Type of Material	0 to 5 yd ³	5+ to 10 yd ³	10+ to 50 yd ³	50+ to 100 yd ³	100+yd ³
Fill Material and/or Fill Sand	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$.20 x total cu. yds
Sand, Screened	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$.22 x total cu. yds
Gravel and Sand, un- screened	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$.40 x total cu. yds
Gravel, screened and washed	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$.60 x total cu. yds

A certified copy of such bond must be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries before commencement of any dredging operation.

H. Any person or firm found to be dredging without, or in violation of a validly issued permit from this department shall be subject to criminal and civil penalties pursuant to R.S. 56:2012.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19: (October 1993).

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for September was given by Lt. Col. Charlie Clark. A special report on the teal season was given to the Commission members with a total of 122 citations issued. Also, a report on the operations of interstate shipping of seafood which listed items seized and the cost associated with the operations. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the maximum fine on taking of crabs was \$50. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of September.

Region I - Minden - 70 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 63 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 145 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 81 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 120 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 124 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 189 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 242 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 192 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 140 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 135 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 38 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of September was 1,539.

Mr. Al Sunseri asked if oysters that were seized from violators were being dumped into a closed area still in the sacks. One such closed area was the bridge by the Rigolets. He felt the wrong people were being involved in the cases and the harvesters should be made aware of the regulations for undersized oysters. Neither the truck drivers that were delivering the oysters nor the dealers should be held responsible for the undersized oysters; it should be the harvesters. He hoped the Commission would see that the oysters that are being seized go back to an area that was open to fishing. Another issue that concerned Mr. Sunseri was the containers to pack oysters. They were being obtained by non-certified dealers and this was in violations of a Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) regulation. Enforcement had been contacted and they have not helped because the Strike Force would not leave the waters in order to enforce a DHH regulation. He, however, stated the Strike Force did a great job but hoped Enforcement would follow through on some of the complaints. Mr. Clyde Kimball responded, he also received a call from Mr. Kenneth Fox about the sacks being dumped in closed areas. The officers reported they were putting the oysters back in the Rigolets and on occasion a sack had fallen in. But the complaint about the containers and DHH was the first Mr. Kimball had heard about it and hoped DHH would share in the responsibility of enforcing the laws. He reassured Mr. Sunseri that enforcement wants to protect the resource and wants to treat everyone fairly.

Commissioner Vujnovich asked the members of the Oyster Task Force if they had problems enforcing the laws when on the water. Commissioner Mialjevich asked how does the enforcing of undersized oysters work, did the agents look in every sack and was there any way to go back to the oyster boat that sold the undersized oysters. Mr. Sunseri again stated that the harvester was the one who had to

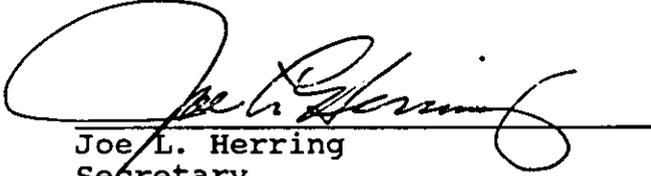
be responsible for his actions and not the dealer. Commissioner Gisclair asked if he has ever received any undersized oysters.

Mr. Kenneth Fox explained the side of the fisherman. The demand for oysters was what controlled the market for oysters. This year has produced the greatest crop of oysters, the best quality and the best quantity of oysters in the past 40 years. But the oysters were being destroyed on the roads. He would like to see the laws changed because they were too vague for enforcement. Then Mr. Fox asked why enforce a law that was designed for oysters on the water when the truck driver was 120 or 150 miles away from where they were taken. He felt it would be simpler if the agents made their cases when they came back to the docks. The process being used was not in the best interest of Louisiana. He asked the Commission to advise the agents to do their job at the docks instead of on the highway. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the oysters had to be properly tagged. Commissioner Vujnovich asked Mr. Fox to present this situation at the next Oyster Task Force meeting. Mr. Fox asked, the resources that were being destroyed, why couldn't you sale the seized fish and put it into a wildlife account.

Commissioner Jenkins announced that Lt. Col. Charlie Clark was recipient of the prestigious Bonner Award presented at the National Association of Boating Law Administration Meeting. Also, Lt. Col. Clark was elected to serve as president of the Association. Commissioner Jenkins offered the Commission's congratulations to Lt. Col. Clark.

Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion the **January 1994 Meeting Date** be scheduled for January 6th in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich.


Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Monday, October 4, 1993

Chairman Bert H. Jones presiding.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Peter Vujnovich
Jeff Schneider
Joseph B. Cormier
Tee John Mialjevich
Perry Gisclair

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Jones announced that Mr. Russell Markey, an employee of the Department, had passed away and expressed sympathy to his wife and children. He then noted that Mr. Jesse Fontenot from Morgan City had also passed away.

Chairman Jones called for a motion for approval of the **September 2, 1993, Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Lease for Fossil Shell Extraction** was first handled by Mr. Don Puckett. He noted Louisiana Dredging Company requested a reduction of the performance bond on the lease. Last January, the Commission agreed to reduce the bond from \$2.4 million to \$1.6 million. The request this time was to reduce the bond from \$1.6 million to \$800,000, with this being the last year of the lease. Mr. Puckett then introduced Mr. Richard Koen from Louisiana Dredging Company. Mr. Koen reminded the Commission of the original agreement for the bond and stated the Company had exceeded their obligation for the first two years. He requested the bond for the Company effective November 1 to be \$800,000. Commissioner Jenkins stated he did not have a problem with the request and then asked if the \$800,000 was the remaining obligation. Mr. Fred Prejean stated his office had no strong objection to the request but asked the Commission to consider the fact that the Department would not be protected from any amount in excess of the bond. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the bond was a performance bond, did it basically guarantee the contract, was the Company only required to perform on the \$800,000 amount for this year, and did the Commission have the right to put Louisiana Dredging in default at any time. He then stated the Department's only recourse was to collect on the bond if Louisiana Dredging was to default on the contract. Mr. Prejean restated his concern that this reduction was reducing the security for the Department. Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Puckett if he

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had any objections to reducing the bond. Mr. Puckett stated the Commission does have the authority to reduce the bond. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to reduce the bond to \$800,000 as requested and was seconded by Commissioner Mialjevich. The motion passed unanimously.

The August Aircraft Report was presented by Mr. Lee Caubarreaux. This report showed four pilots flew a total of 159.5 hours for the month; and the breakdown for the different planes, the estimated cost and the actual cost. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the cost figures included the actual salaries for the pilots and if the next report would include the salary figures. He then asked what the initials ASCS Oyster Survey stood for; was it part of the federal reimbursement program and were all stops being listed on the log sheets. Chairman Jones asked if there was a time frame to use the AeroCommander in order for the Department to get the credit due them. Commissioner Vujnovich asked if the Department received any money for the oyster clean up. Chairman Jones asked about a flight on August 5 on the Amphib plane and felt it was used for personal transportation and noted he had a different use for his tax dollars. Commissioner Mialjevich commented he used to drive to shrimp meetings and noted Mr. Caubarreaux had other duties to address and if these duties could be done in a timely manner, he felt it was not a misuse of tax dollars. Chairman Jones asked what time did the plane leave on August 5th; was the plane stationed in Baton Rouge? what time did the flight leave from Baton Rouge and was work performed prior to leaving and upon returning from the meeting. Secretary Herring stated that he and Mr. Caubarreaux were in the office until about 8:00 p.m. that night. Chairman Jones felt the usage of the planes according to the best interests of Louisiana tax payers has gotten better. Secretary Herring explained that the use of marine boats in saltwater areas and the aircraft were two of the most expensive operations in the routine of the Department, that they were needed and were used efficiently. Commissioner Jenkins remarked that the Department does not operate efficiently. He felt there was total abuse of the aircraft 5 years ago but it was better now. He also noted there was still a lot of inefficiency.

that Setting of Non-Resident Recreational Fishing and Hunting License Fees was presented by Mr. Fred Prejean. He began by reminding the Commission this report was in response to a request by them at the last Commission Meeting. The data compiled by the Staff was from the Sheriff's Office of 23 parishes that sold 100 or more 2-day combination licenses during 1992-93 fiscal year. The comparison of license sales for July and August of 1992-93 fiscal year was made with those of July and August of 1993-94 fiscal year. He reported that non-resident license sales had increased during July and August 1993 over 1992 except for the 2-day combination freshwater/saltwater license. He noted a two month comparison was not enough time to determine if an impact on the number of non-resident anglers was occurring. Mr. Prejean explained different reasons that could affect the sale of non-resident licenses. He then explained the comparisons in sales of the non-resident fishing

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^{Counties} licenses for July and August 1992-93 with those of 1993-94 and stated since there was no decline in sales, there was not a negative impact to the State. Statistical information provided by Mrs. Linda Curtis-Sparks at the September Commission Meeting and quoted by the media was not correct, reported Mr. Prejean. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department could not determine an increase or decrease in license sales for the two parishes around Toledo Bend. Several reasons for a change in the number of non-residents fishing Toledo Bend were also noted. Mr. Prejean reported ^{of} with only two months of data, it was impossible to draw a conclusion on a possible impact of the license increase. However, the two month ^{of} data shows an increase in non-resident license sales but a decrease in the sale of 2-day combination license sales. The Department's recommendation was to continue the study and, after six months into the fiscal year, report back on what the impact license fees was ^{were} having on state revenue.

Commissioner Jenkins asked if the information on the 1992-93 figures was actual data and if the 1993-94 information was actual data or incomplete data; and at year end, would the July and August figure sales have to be adjusted. Then, he asked Mr. Prejean to carry the Commission through the changes in the license fees for Louisiana and Texas from last year until this year and did Texas increase their license fees. Mr. Prejean noted there has been two license increases in one year. Chairman Jones asked for public comments at this point.

? Representative Joe Salter stated ^{that} he appreciated the chance to speak last month and again at the meeting today and that he was also at a disadvantage at not having seen the report. He felt, in talking to people in his area, there was still a problem and wanted to express his concern. Chairman Jones asked how long had Toledo Bend been down? Going on, Representative Salter stated the state would lose money on license sales and there would be a decrease in business activity around Toledo Bend.

Mrs. Linda Curtis-Sparks, Sabine River Authority, stated ^{that} her agency contacted the convenience stores and marinas around Toledo Bend and felt it would be difficult to report back to the Commission the impact of the license fee increase. However, they did work with the Sheriff's Office and have different figures from what was reported. They reported that for the months of August and September 1992 in the parishes of DeSoto and Sabine, the total count was 407, but for August and September 1993, the count was 56 for the 7-day trip license. However, the seasonal ticket sales showed an increase. She reported ^{that} they see a number of people going from the Louisiana side over to the Texas side. She asked the Department personnel to explain how tickets were sold to commercial operators. Mrs. Curtis-Sparks asked the Commission to consider the seriousness of the matter and noted the fishing season for Toledo Bend begins on February 15. She restated the Sabine River Authority believes in enforcement on Toledo Bend. Commissioner

Schneider asked Mrs. Curtis-Sparks if she had a recommendation for the Commission. Mrs. Curtis-Sparks stated their request was to go back to the \$10 charge or at least go back to the \$15.50 charge for the 7-day non-resident license. Commissioner Schneider stated he thought the 2-day combo was the problem.

Mr. Johnny Glover, owner of Coco Marina, stated he had a problem with the non-resident licenses but felt the season license could be higher. He noted there was not that much difference in total cost between the season licenses and the 7-day trip licenses. The biggest problem for him was the 2-day combo license. He felt this license was affecting the tourist^s who come into Louisiana and resident^s friends and relatives who come to visit because it was too expensive. He also noted that people would not buy the 2-day license^s and stated there was a problem with the 2-day license as far as the economy for rural communities. Chairman Jones commented^s that Louisiana was not competing with Florida and Mississippi for the fishing tourist^s. Commissioner Jenkins stated Louisiana's competition for the saltwater fishery was with Texas. Then he asked Mr. Glover if he was finding his business was up or down; what was the amount an average fisherman would spend on a chartered trip and would he blade the north road to his business. Commissioner Gisclair asked Mr. Glover if he would be surprised to learn that more than 400 2-day trip licenses had been sold. Mr. Glover felt the 2-day license was going to affect tourism and the small businessman. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Glover if he was going to lower his charter fees and if it would be by the same percentage. Commissioner Jenkins and Commissioner Mialjevich both asked who raised the fees, the Commission or the Legislature?

Mr. Prejean quoted the following figures: \$706 million was the impact to the state from recreational fishing and the impact from non-resident fishermen was \$60 million. He further stated it was understood the concern expressed by businesses on the impact from non-residents and the Department's report was based on numbers only with no preference stated.

Mr. Randy Ziegler, Toledo Bend Resort owner, began by stating he was upset that Toledo Bend was treated as a stepchild. Any group of tourist coming to his resort would only have to drive 6 miles in order to save \$20 and in fact some Louisiana people are advising tourist to go to Texas to buy their licenses. He further stated negative reinforcement went against everything and raising the fees was a negative thing and there should be positive thinking. He suggested trying to quadruple the fines for violators and hoped the Commission would give Toledo Bend some thought. Commissioner Jenkins asked Mr. Ziegler how should the Department get the State to give us the monetary difference if license fees were reduced. Chairman Jones explained that the Department does not get General Fund money, that it operates off license fees, user fees and sources of this type and that it receives no direct benefits from taxes or sales. He then asked for help from the

private businessmen in getting ^{the} legislators to give the Department more money to compensate for the loss. Chairman Jones asked Enforcement Division personnel if there was a definitive line in Toledo Bend between Texas and Louisiana so that fishermen can fish anywhere in the reservoir with a license.

Ms. Connie Sheer felt part of the problem was the cost of the non-resident 2-day combo license. She noted they had figures on the license sales but not on what was missing. Ms. Sheer requested ^{that} the Commission implement a license that could be offered for a half-day trip or a single day trip. Commissioner Jenkins asked if she was thinking of a one-day license at last year's price and if it would solve the problem, and ^{would} there be any abuses. Then he asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Commission could create a new license or could they just adjust the fees on current licenses.

Ms. Cindy Danley, Toledo Bend marina operator, stated ^{that} last year she sold 6 sheets of fishing licenses; but this year, she has only sold 1 license. She said with the license fees as they are now, she did not see how they would make the money this year that was made last year. When non-residents go to the Texas side, ^{as} most of them are doing, she loses the gas sales and all of the other sales associated with a fishing trip.

Commissioner Cormier commented ^{that} the Commission was in an unusual predicament, that for Louisiana's resources to be what they are now took money and for Enforcement to maintain the resources took money, ^{but} also private businesses needed to survive. He then asked for comments to help resolve the predicament.

^{More than} Secretary Herring stated the meeting was a healthy meeting in that the recreational people were expressing their concerns. He went on and stated that the Department operated on funds taken in from license sales, sale on land, and oil revenues, and Louisiana still charges ^{low} prices on certain licenses. Sport fishing and hunting ^{is} ~~was~~ worth ~~over~~ \$1 billion in Louisiana. He then explained that the Department needed help in getting some General Fund money to operate the agency, and the payment of the gasoline taxes going only to the Highway Department. Secretary Herring complimented the Legislators who took the time to come to the meeting and emphasized the Department needed ^{for} the public's help.

Mr. Hugh Hyman, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association, felt the 7-day and 2-day combo non-resident licenses needed to be reduced. The message that Louisiana's non-resident license fees has almost doubled ^{has} reached other states and it scares the people who promote ^{to} tourism. He wished the Commission would act at the meeting so the message of reduced fees would get out. Commissioner Schneider and Commissioner Mialjevich asked what was Mr. Hyman's recommendation. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Hyman if he would support passing a gasoline tax that would benefit the Department, and if he would help to find a way to better finance

the Department. Mr. Johnny Glover suggested going up on resident recreational fishing license fees.

Mr. Jerry Saymore suggested having one basic license and paying one set fee and charge non-residents a fee such as \$15.

Mr. Bill Dekemel commented, ^{that} with living on Lake Pontchartrain and friends or relatives visiting, they would have to buy a fishing license and suggested having a wharf license or a 1-day license. Chairman Jones asked how many people had been to his wharf that had never fished before.

Commissioner Jenkins asked Mr. Prejean if the saltwater license was twice as much as the freshwater license and how much money would be generated if the resident freshwater license was raised to equal the saltwater license. With Mr. Prejean saying it would raise additional funds for the Department, Commissioner Jenkins stated ~~then~~ ^{that} the Commission could ^{then} lower the non-resident licenses. Mr. Prejean added that the value of the license increase equaled to \$860,000. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if that increase was because of all non-resident licenses, what percent of the \$860,000 would be affected if the 2-day and the 7-day trip licenses would be reduced ^{Q?} and was the old price \$15.50?

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked what ~~was~~ ^{was} the total budget for the Department for 1993, and ~~was~~ ^{was} there a lobbyist for the Department. He stated he was very satisfied with the resident license fees and was willing to do his share to help the Department.

^{after} Reconvening ~~from~~ ^{from} lunch, Chairman Jones asked for more public comments. Hearing none, he then asked if the Commission had a recommendation. Commissioner Jenkins stated ^{that} one problem was not being able to reconcile a difference in the numbers that ~~were~~ ^{was} reported, some people in the state were having problems with the fees and the Department would have a problem if the fees were reduced. He suggested a committee be formed to include coastal marina operators, Toledo Bend operators, Department personnel and legislators to understand the situation on both sides and possibly find a solution.

Commissioner Mialjevich noted, ^{that} from what he heard, the people around Toledo Bend would be affected the most and if a Notice of Intent was not started now, then a change could not occur by February, ^{when} the tourist season began. He agreed with the committee idea suggested by Commissioner Jenkins so it could settle whether the fees should remain the same or ~~be~~ ^{be} reduced. Then Commissioner Mialjevich asked Mr. Puckett if there was a way to begin a Notice of Intent and ^{based} on what the Committee finds, then the Commission could act further or just disregard the Rule. Mr. Puckett advised ^{the} Commission ^{should} have a specific fee in mind when writing the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Mialjevich

asked if the exact charge for the 2-day combo and the 7-day trip non-resident license prior to the last increase could be found.

Commissioner Jenkins liked Commissioner Mialjevich's suggestion but wondered if the Commission should include more in the Notice of Intent as a way to adjust other license fees. Mr. Puckett reminded Commissioner Jenkins all the Commission could adjust were the non-resident fees. Commissioner Mialjevich felt ^{that} since the only public comments were concerned with fishing licenses, the Notice of Intent should pertain to just the fishing licenses. Mr. Prejean stated the non-resident 2-day combo was \$12.50 before the increase and the non-resident 7-day trip license was \$15.50. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if these prices were after the first increase, then suggested using these figures for a starting point and adjustments ~~could~~ be made if needed. He then stated he would make the motion and Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion. Commissioner Schneider asked if this was to include the committee that was talked about.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other public comments. Hearing none, Chairman Jones asked Commissioner Mialjevich to restate his motion. Mr. Puckett stated ^{that} there was enough information and that a voice vote would be sufficient to get everything moving on the Notice of Intent. Chairman Jones called for the vote. ^{that} The motion passed with no opposition. Chairman Jones stated ^{that} he wanted the study to include a direct economic impact, how and who it was going to affect in the state. Mr. Prejean asked Chairman Jones if the 7-day trip license should include both the freshwater and saltwater licenses and should Enforcement be on guard to look for ways to adjust their budget in the event these license fees were changed.

The **Consideration of Shrimp Sanctuaries** was the next item discussed. Secretary Herring read several letters into the record. Mr. Barry Bonvillain, Parish President from Terrebonne Parish, stated ^{that} "Although some of the proposed areas that are to be designated as shrimp sanctuaries ^{of} will be beneficial to all parties, some will be detrimental to many local fishermen. Members of the shrimping industry, the fishermen, are the ones who should have input in the decision to designate certain sanctuaries. I am requesting that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission attempt to postpone the implementation of the areas to be designated as sanctuaries until such time that shrimpers (Shrimp Task Force) may have input on this decision." Next, Secretary Herring stated Senator Picard called and requested it be noted that "the Senator is particularly interested in those lands currently under marsh management at Pecan Island in Vermilion Parish. Local fishermen make a substantial portion of their income fishing by agreement with land owners on privately ^{owned} and managed lands within Vermilion Parish. Should proposed shrimp sanctuaries close any of these managed lands, it could severely impact the livelihood of many of the residents of this area. The land owners and fishermen

in this area are currently managing shrimp through the marsh management program and any additional efforts to manage shrimp through the institution of shrimp sanctuaries will surely have a negative impact on their efforts. Prior to any action on this issue the Senator asks that consideration be given to having a series of public hearings across coastal Louisiana to obtain public input." Mr. Reggie Dupre Jr., Councilman from the Parish of Terrebonne, stated, "It is my position that some of the proposed areas to be designated as shrimp sanctuaries will be beneficial to all parties and that some will become a detriment to many local fishermen. I strongly believe that members of the shrimping industry, the actual fishermen, should have some input in the decision to designate certain sanctuaries. I am requesting that the Commission postpone the implementation of the areas to be designated as sanctuaries until such time that shrimpers (Shrimp Task Force) may have input on this decision. Your consideration of my request will be appreciated. Thank you."

Chairman Jones asked if anyone had seen the Department's proposed sanctuaries and stated he had received several phone calls from fishermen saying the proposed sanctuary would put them out of business. Mr. Brandt Savoie stated ^{may} no one outside the Department has had access to the proposed map, but there has been speculation. Chairman Jones remarked that the fact ^{that} they did not have the information prior to the meeting was bad and requested again to have any information for a particular subject prior to the meeting.

Mr. Savoie began by reminding the Commission ^{that} the goal for shrimp sanctuaries was "to reduce fishing pressure on juvenile shrimp and prevent possible damage to other marine life and habitat". Other methods to reduce fishing pressure were also suggested, such as gear and vessel restriction, seasons adjusted size limits, etc. The Marine Fisheries Division felt a series of public hearings should be held to see if the majority of the fishermen even wanted sanctuaries. An explanation of benefits of shrimp sanctuaries were also explained but it was noted ^{that} there may be some impact. The staff provided maps of their region which showed areas ^{in which} juvenile shrimp were found and could be set aside as a sanctuary. At this point, Mr. Savoie showed a slide which showed the areas where juvenile shrimp were, and the intercostal waterway was marked as the northern boundary. The staff's recommendation for restricted areas would be increased by an additional 3.14 million acres.

Chairman Jones asked again ^{for} what ^{was} the Department's recommendation for shrimp sanctuaries and if the areas shown on the slide ^{was} what was being suggested ^{to} be a sanctuary. Mr. Savoie answered ^{it} was the staff's recommendation not to establish shrimp sanctuaries at this time. Then Chairman Jones repeated his request ^{again}. He then stated, for the record, ^{the} Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Marine Fisheries Division, suggests that the whole yellow ban be a shrimp sanctuary. Mr. Savoie said "no" and

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repeated^{that} the Department did not recommend establishing sanctuaries. Mr. Corky Perret stated^{that} sanctuaries could have some benefits in increasing the size of shrimp for harvest if: 1) law enforcement can enforce the areas and 2) the sanctuary is accepted by the majority of the shrimp fishermen. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the shrimp plan recommended sanctuaries^{and} had the Department developed suggestions to implement any of the shrimp plan's suggestions. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Perret to explain the why's of sanctuaries and what they would do for the audience in attendance. Mr. Perret advised that the purpose of a sanctuary would be "to protect and allow the smaller shrimp to reach a larger, more valuable size before they were harvested"^W. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the same process was attempted during the 70's^W, then asked what happened? has shrimping methods and areas changed^W are there additional concerns for habitat destruction^Q and felt the problem was^{that} the process never got off the ground. [?]

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Commissioner Schneider asked for a staff member to place a finger on the map and show an area that could be considered a sanctuary just to be used as a starting point. Then he asked if the Department wanted to keep the recommendations ~~that were listed~~ in the 70's report^Q ~~was the scientific data the report was based on changed?~~ since the 70's^W ~~has the gear changed?~~ ~~has the number of shrimpers changed?~~ and could Mr. Perret point to the map and show areas that could serve as sanctuaries. Chairman Jones stated^W the Department would have to have their own recommendation and then react to what the fishermen wanted or needed. Commissioner Gisclair stated^{that} the Commission needed a map that would show exactly what they would be voting on, and then agreed with the fact that public input should be received from the fishermen. He also mentioned that a copy of the 1977 map was floating around^W the process should begin with the Shrimp Task Force holding the public hearings and then work forward from there. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if the Shrimp Task Force in existence now was the first one to address sanctuaries^W and felt that now there was a vehicle, the Task Force, that was actually looking at shrimp sanctuaries. He stated^{if} if the fishermen get sour on this subject, there would be no sanctuaries. Commissioner Mialjevich then asked the Chairman of the Shrimp Task Force to inform the Commission of what the Task Force will do. Commissioner Jenkins asked if you could start with the map and not allow anything bigger than that and thought it was what the Commission should do. After having discussions with the staff, Mr. Savoie commented^W they tried to pick out smaller areas, but biologically they could not justify one area over another and asked the industry, the fishermen and the local people what part could they live with. Commissioner Schneider stated that for one reason or another, there would be areas that would not be set aside for sanctuaries and noted the Department would have to help the Task Force and Commission understand why an area could not be set aside. Chairman Jones reminded Mr. Savoie that the shrimp seasons were not set because of biological reasons.

^{upon} Commissioner Cormier reminded the Commission and audience how he had voted to change the shrimp season dates after listening to the shrimpers and that shrimp sanctuaries ~~was~~ ^{were} not totally dependent ~~on~~ biological data; ^{the Commission} there were social and economic factors to be considered. Secretary Herring then reminded ~~that~~ ^{were} hunting season dates were set only after hearing public comments received at the Commission Meetings and felt public comments should be received at this time.

^{were} Mr. Bubbie Reuther, Chairman of the Shrimp Task Force, informed the Commission of activities that occurred during the previous administration. Dr. Jerry Clark, from the previous administration, had set his goal to fix the fishery as being limited entry. He also mentioned that none of the Commission Members ^{ever} except Commissioner Mialjevich and Commissioner Gisclair ~~never~~ asked for minutes or came to any of the meetings. Mr. Reuther felt sanctuaries ~~was~~ more than a biological issue. When the Task Force held their meeting in August, the main topic of discussion was on sanctuaries and the Task Force received a lot of information from the Department's staff and LSU Cooperative Extension Service. The recommendation from these people was ^{that} if a set of lines was put out before talking to the fishermen, they would automatically resist. If the Commission wanted to ask the fishermen to regulate themselves, the fishermen needed to be involved in the process. The fishermen needed to draw their own lines, remarked Mr. Reuther. Chairman Jones asked what ~~were~~ the intentions of the Task Force from this point forward in order to expedite or implement the alternative to the shrimp plan. Mr. Reuther stated ^{that} the public hearings would take place during January, February and March. Chairman Jones then asked if it would be figured out during January, February and March, and if the Task Force would be able to list ^{if} during March what their recommendations would be, how often ~~were the~~ Task Force meetings ^{held} and ~~was~~ a meeting held last month. Chairman Jones told the fishermen they needed to generate interest from the Task Force to make shrimping better for them and the Commission would work to make the industry better for shrimpers. Commissioner Schneider stated ^{that} all the Commission wanted was input from the Department to give the members something to start working with and that sooner or later, someone had to be first.

^{were} Mr. Ted Loupe, Gulf Tide Seafood, began by stating ^{that} the buck was being passed from one to another. The biggest problem in the estuary today was not the need of sanctuaries but the allowing of the fish to come back and eat the shrimp and crabs. Then he wondered how certain Commission members were sure that sanctuaries ~~was what was~~ needed when other members were not certain. Mr. Loupe read facts concerning the numbers of redfish in the estuaries and how much shrimp ~~the~~ redfish eat. Actions from the past was what was hurting the industry, remarked Mr. Loupe. Sanctuaries were not necessary, ^{thought} Mr. Loupe, but the problem was the need to get some of the fish out of the water. Commissioner Jenkins asked what

happened in the years when redfish were not popular and the shrimp crop was alright. Mr. Loupe again stated ^{that} the real problem was too many fish in the estuaries.

^{Percent} Mr. Johnny Price, commercial shrimper, agreed with Mr. Loupe. Then he asked why was there a need for sanctuaries when all the ~~small shrimp~~ would be caught. If there was a need for sanctuaries, Mr. Price was 100% behind that idea, but requested they be put in the right places. He recommended getting rid of some of the fish, putting a 68-70 count ^{limit} on white shrimp and banning cast nets on sanctuaries on the public refuges.

Representative John Siracusa, House Member District 51, informed the Commission that he attended a meeting in 1977 in Delcambre and then went to Houma and reported these people did not want sanctuaries then. He requested not to rush drawing a line for sanctuaries, and recommended holding a series of public hearings throughout the State. The suggestion that the Shrimp Task Force hold public hearings and to allow them to complete the process ~~was also requested by Representative Siracusa~~. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the Commission should consider or not consider shrimp sanctuaries. Chairman Jones asked if Representative Siracusa was in favor of sanctuaries.

Commissioner Vujnovich remarked, ^{that} from what he has heard over the radio on his boat, the shrimp fishermen were having a hard time making a living and felt something needed to ~~be~~ changed. He proposed there should be a good license fee for both the shrimp and oyster industry because there was an abundance of people in both industries. He then asked Representative Siracusa if he knew how many commercial licenses were sold 30 or 40 years ago and then suggested looking into the increase on the fishing waters.

Mr. Pete Gericca, Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman's Association, stated if an area was set aside as a sanctuary, it should be a total sanctuary; don't let it affect just the people who make their living with shrimp. Mr. Gericca was on the Task Force and suggested letting the people in the different areas decide.

^{percent} Representative Bobby Bergeron, a representative for 42,000 people of which 70% ~~earn their living by scratching a small salary~~. He felt sanctuaries ~~was probably an area that~~ would need a lot of consideration, but the move would have to be with total agreement from the industry and the people who made a living from that industry. He also noted ^{that} the industry needed a kinder and friendlier Commission to help them. The position that needed to be taken was what was best for the people; don't base it solely on biology, but the social needs should be considered. The hard part of passing laws was making sure the enforcement can be carried out. Representative Bergeron emphasized this method was not something the Commission should rush through. Chairman Jones asked who ~~was~~ a shrimp sanctuary going to benefit, then stated if something was ^{that}

not done, the fishermen would be out of business. He also stated ^{that} he wanted the beneficiary of this drive to be the shrimpers themselves and apologized for being harsh and noted he would try to do better.

Mr. Cliff Glodner, commercial fisherman in Lake Pontchartrain, explained how the shrimp sanctuary in Lake Pontchartrain worked and how it provided a recreational fishery. If a sanctuary was formed, it needed to treat all people concerned equally. Habitat loss was the biggest problem noted Mr. Glodner.

An ~~un~~identified ~~speaker~~ asked what would be protected, and stated what the fishermen wanted to protect was shrimp, crabs, fish, ducks, deer, alligators and nutria. You can not protect just one species. Commissioner Vujnovich stated that was why public comments were taken so the fishermen could state what they wanted and how they wanted it. Then the unidentified speaker stated the State had a lot of sanctuaries and requested the areas be put back to the way they were before weirs were installed.

Mr. Barry Schaferkott asked Commissioner Schneider if the concept of sanctuaries had to include the social and economic impacts, then stated ^{that} the Commission has told fishermen they have to act according to what the biology called for. Now it seemed, with sanctuaries, social and economic impacts needed to be included. Commissioner Schneider commented he was misunderstood, Representative Roach had a bill that required all the rules the Commission should consider to include biology, social, ^{issues} economics as well as other factors. Chairman Jones reminded the audience that the subject has been deviated from and comments needed to be directed back to sanctuaries.

Mr. David ^PGuidry recalled ^{that} there has not been a boat in Lake Charles for the last 3 years because it was a sanctuary but wondered where ^{are} the shrimp. He suggested the Department open the locks and allow the fishermen to go in and catch the shrimp behind the locks.

Mr. Donald Lirette, President of Terrebonne Fisherman's Organization, recalled ^{that} fishermen looked at sanctuaries back in 1971 or 1972 ^{but} with the Department's presentation the fishermen chose not to accept sanctuaries. He noted ^{that} conditions have changed. The main objective of the shrimp management plan was to conserve the cultural heritage of the shrimp fishery. Hurricane Andrew delayed the discussing of shrimp sanctuaries by the Task Force. Critical nursery habitat has been lost to marsh management remarked by Mr. Lirette. A consensus of the industry felt the question of sanctuaries should be brought to the people it would affect and let them agree on areas for sanctuaries. Mr. Lirette read the minutes of the last Shrimp Task Force meeting which explained what was discussed on sanctuaries. The total concept of sanctuaries does not always work, an example of which was Lake Boudreaux. He

reminded the Commission ^{that} the Secretary has the authority to close an area where juvenile shrimp may be occurring. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if Mr. Lirette was a member of the present Task Force; when did the Task Force draw up a plan that included these Goals and Objectives; how would the meetings be held, by zones, parish or ports and what would be covered. Then Commissioner Mialjevich stated that at the beginning of the meetings, it should be explained to the fishermen that the idea of sanctuaries should or should not be made. The Task Force should look into the possibility of having seasons established on the sanctuaries. As a last request, Commissioner Mialjevich asked Mr. Lirette to keep the Commission informed of the Task Force's actions and minutes of the meetings. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the Louisiana Room was booked every day in October or just on the days they wanted to hold the meetings; and how many people attended the meetings. Then he informed Mr. Lirette of other Conference Rooms in the building that could accommodate the meeting.

Mr. Jerry Saymore stated ^{that} the social and economic impacts would be addressed and one impact would be the effect of the support community and businesses, and the number of licenses not being sold because of fishermen not being able to fish. He wondered why discuss shrimp sanctuaries when the results, whether good or bad, were not known. Shrimp were funny animals and they have nothing to do with biological data, remarked by Mr. Saymore. The brown shrimp move with the tides and moon phases and as the white shrimp reach maturity, they will move when the cold weather starts and the water levels go down regardless of size. He asked Mr. Perret what size shrimp did he want to preserve. Then Mr. Saymore asked who would say the fishermen would get a better price for shrimp that has been preserved and grown to a 21-25 count. He saw mature brown shrimp going out of the passes into the Gulf before the season opened. Vermilion Bay was not affected by the map shown, but Mr. Saymore stated ^{this} Bay traditionally had small shrimp. He felt sanctuaries was not the answer. Commissioner Vujnovich asked the fishermen to go back and talk among themselves and see if sanctuaries are even necessary.

Mr. Brian Demar, a fourth generation fisherman; stated ^{that} he was against any sanctuaries and considered the six months the inshore shrimp season was closed enough.

Chairman Jones considered ^{that} there was an establishment of discussion on shrimp sanctuaries and it was long in coming. The Department and the Shrimp Task Force was moving forward with it and the beneficiary would be the shrimper. He requested the fishermen carry on with the topic and then stated he appreciated everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Kerner, Town of Jean Lafitte, stated ^{that} he agreed with allowing the Shrimp Task Force hold their meetings and letting the fishermen have input. With the map shown at the meeting, 80% of

the fishermen that work the inside waters would be put out of business. He thanked the Commission members for changing the season dates on the May season. Mayor Kerner remarked ^{that} protecting the 100 count shrimp may put all the fishermen out of business and then asked for help for the little man.

Mr. Byron Prospre, Houma, requested letting LSU check the redfish population and see if they are eating the shrimp and crabs before putting in sanctuaries.

Mr. Bill Dekemel, East Bank Commercial Fisherman's Association, felt no one knew ^{that} if sanctuaries ^{were} going to be good or bad. He also suggested the idea of sanctuaries needed to be brought to the areas where the most people may be adversely affected and not to the areas where the fishermen would benefit from sanctuaries. The area on the map Mr. Dekemel works did not look like such a bad thing, but that did not mean he was in favor of sanctuaries. He felt it would be hard to sell the sanctuary concept to the inshore fishermen unless there was an offshore closure that corresponded with the inshore waters.

Mr. Richard Cheramie, inshore trawler, felt sanctuaries may help if they are located in the right place, but noted other issues, such as season closures, needed to be looked at.

^{were} Mr. Bobby Samanie asked what would happen if the inshore fishermen did not want sanctuaries. The shrimp from the inside waters ^{were} the only shrimp competing with the foreign markets and Mr. Samanie requested not taking this market away from the small boats.

Mr. Alex Plaisance stated ^{that} what needed to be considered was 95 to 100 ^{percent} of the yellow area on the map shown was privately owned and a sanctuary would not be allowed without the landowners permission. He reminded the Commission that every shrimper was a small businessman that needed to provide capital, maintenance and operating funds and hopefully make a profit at the end of the year. Mr. Plaisance requested allowing the landowner ^{to} get involved in the decision.

Mr. Steven Charpentier felt the shrimpers needed to do something different in order to help the industry. In order to catch more shrimp, you need to let them grow and the shrimp grow in an estuary. Bay Vermilion was the mean source of shrimp and there were thousands of shrimpers in the area making a living, ^{stated} Mr. Charpentier. He felt letting the shrimp grow to 50-60 count would bring a better price for the shrimper, instead of harvesting 200 count shrimp. Mr. Charpentier stated ^{that} the shrimpers needed to try to better themselves. Commissioner Vujnovich reminded the shrimpers that he was there to help the shrimpers. Mr. Charpentier noted ^{that} shrimpers do not need to catch shrimp when they are not suitable to be harvested. He was in favor of closing the three

mile for seabobs. If the Commission would make a sanctuary, you need to make laws the agents can enforce. Commissioner Mialjevich suggested showing the Intercostal Canal as being the least amount of area for a sanctuary, then show the map and say this would be the most and request the fishermen to come up with an in-between area. Then he asked if the meetings should be opened for more input than just on sanctuaries. Mr. Charpentier noted there needed to be a change and the people would have to sacrifice in order for the change to work.

Mr. Nelson LeBlanc, from Dulac, commented that just as many different boats and sizes there are, there would be that many different ideas or suggestions. If you protect the shrimp from one person, make sure they are protected from everyone. Then he wanted to know what his potential would be.

Mr. James Lawford, Terrebonne Parish, stated he was against any sanctuaries.

Commissioner Jenkins made a motion that the Commission agree the Department map would be the outside boundary of any area that could be considered a sanctuary, ask the Shrimp Task Force to begin meeting and have recommendations back to the Commission no later than April 1994, ask the Chairman of the Task Force to give monthly status reports during the Commission meetings, and then the Department should develop a schedule of coastal public meetings and present them for Commission consideration. Secretary Herring asked Commissioner Jenkins if he wanted the Department to go ahead of the Shrimp Task Force. Commissioner Jenkins explained for the Department to come up with potential meeting places and times as well as the Task Force work to make sure this was the route they wanted to take. Secretary Herring felt the Department should not supersede the Task Force; they should work together. Commissioner Mialjevich asked if the Task Force should hold the public hearings. Then he said he understood it was not the Commission that was going to be holding the hearings, it was to be the Department, the Task Force and the LSU Extension Service having the meetings. Secretary Herring noted the Commission should hold the public hearings and the Department would be present. Commissioner Gisclair read the minutes of the last meeting of the Shrimp Task Force that explained the method to be taken. Commissioner Mialjevich then asked Commissioner Jenkins to modify his motion to read the Commission will allow the Department, the LSU Extension Service and the Task Force develop sanctuary hearings and Goals and Objectives, keep the Commission informed on a monthly basis, ask the Department to set up meeting places, and added that the Intercostal Canal would be the minimal sanctuary and the yellow area on the map would be the maximum. Commissioner Jenkins agreed to amend his motion. Commissioner Schneider seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion to defer several agenda items and just take up the Fill Material Rule, Enforcement Report and setting the January meeting. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Rule on **Fill Material** was presented by Mrs. Janice Sharkey. There has been no adverse comments received on the proposed Rule and it also passed the Oversight Committee. Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion to accept the Rule and was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. The motion passed with no opposition.

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

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a rule to require that any person who removes or intends to remove any type of fill material from any waterbottom which is property of the State of Louisiana shall be authorized to do so only upon securing a permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries prior to removal of said fill. Further, any person who severs fill material from state-owned waterbottoms may be liable to pay to the State of Louisiana through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a severance royalty for each cubic yard removed in amounts set by this rule.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIII. Fill Material

Chapter 1. Royalties

101. Dredging

A. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has adopted, via resolution of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the following rules relative to the dredging of fill material, sand and gravel from waterbottoms owned by the state of Louisiana and royalties thereon.

B. No fill material shall be dredged from state-owned waterbottoms unless a permit for that removal is issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

C. A severance royalty for each cubic yard of material removed from state-owned waterbottoms shall be paid to the state through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in the amounts indicated in the schedule below:

Fill Material and/or fill sand . . .	\$.20/cubic yard
Gravel, screened and washed . . .	\$.60/cubic yard
Gravel and sand, unscreened . . .	\$.40/cubic yard
Sand, screened	\$.22/cubic yard

Any interest and/or penalty owed on unpaid royalty shall be established by the department in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

D. No person or firm shall dredge fill material, sand or gravel from the public waterbottoms of this state without a permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the fee for which shall be set at \$25, non-refundable.

E. The extent of a single permitted site in the Mississippi River, the Atchafalaya River, the Red River, the Pearl River (not including the West Pearl), the Calcasieu River below the saltwater barrier, the Ouachita/Black River south of the confluence of Bayou Bartholomew shall not exceed one linear mile and shall not extend across the geometric center line of the stream. The extent of a single permitted site on all other streams except designated Natural and Scenic streams shall not exceed one linear half mile. Fill material, sand and gravel shall not be permitted to be removed from the waterbottom of any designated Natural and Scenic River unless removal of such material is specifically allowed by statute.

F. A permit shall not be issued to an applicant who is, or who contracts for the removal of fill material with someone who is not currently in good standing with the department. Those applicants whose fill material permit has been revoked or suspended for cause within the past 12 months, or who has an outstanding, unresolved royalty debt to the department, or who has repeatedly violated other provisions of previous permits or agreements may be deemed to not be in good standing with the department.

G. A performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit to run concurrently with the period of the permit, and in the amount according to the schedule below, shall accompany the application. In lieu, the entire royalty fee owed to the state may be remitted with the application.

Bond Value per Volume Dredged in 100 yd³

Type of Material	0 to 5 yd ³	5+ to 10 yd ³	10+ to 50 yd ³	50+ to 100 yd ³	100+yd ³
Fill Material and/or Fill Sand	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$.20 x total cu. yds
Sand, Screened	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$.22 x total cu. yds
Gravel and Sand, un- screened	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$.40 x total cu. yds
Gravel, screened and washed	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$.60 x total cu. yds

A certified copy of such bond must be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries before commencement of any dredging operation.

H. Any person or firm found to be dredging without, or in violation of a validly issued permit from this department shall be subject to criminal and civil penalties pursuant to R.S. 56:2012.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19: (October 1993).

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for September** was given by Lt. Col. Charlie Clark. A special report on the teal season was given to the Commission members with a total of 122 citations issued. Also, a report on the operations of interstate shipping of seafood which listed items seized and the cost associated with the operations. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the maximum fine on taking of crabs was \$50. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of September.

Region I - Minden - 70 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 63 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 145 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 81 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 120 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 124 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 189 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 242 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 192 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 140 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 135 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 38 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of September was 1,539.

Mr. Al Sunseri asked if oysters that were seized from violators were being dumped into a closed area still in the sacks. One such closed area was the bridge by the Rigolets. He felt the wrong people were being involved in the cases and the harvesters should be made aware of the regulations for undersized oysters. Neither the truck drivers that were delivering the oysters nor the dealers should be held responsible for the undersized oysters; it should be the harvesters. He hoped the Commission would see that the oysters that are being seized go back to an area that was open to fishing. Another issue that concerned Mr. Sunseri was the containers to pack oysters. They were being obtained by non-certified dealers and this was in violations of a Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) regulation. Enforcement had been contacted and they have not helped because the Strike Force would not leave the waters in order to enforce a DHH regulation. He, however, stated the Strike Force did a great job but hoped Enforcement would follow through on some of the complaints. Mr. Clyde Kimball responded, he also received a call from Mr. Kenneth Fox about the sacks being dumped in closed areas. The officers reported they were putting the oysters back in the Rigolets and on occasion a sack had fallen in. But the complaint about the containers and DHH was the first Mr. Kimball had heard about it and hoped DHH would share in the responsibility of enforcing the laws. He reassured Mr. Sunseri that enforcement wants to protect the resource and wants to treat everyone fairly.

Commissioner Vujnovich asked the members of the Oyster Task Force if they had problems enforcing the laws when on the water. Commissioner Mialjevich asked how does the enforcing of undersized oysters work, did the agents look in every sack and was there any way to go back to the oyster boat that sold the undersized oysters. Mr. Sunseri again stated that the harvester was the one who had to

be responsible for his actions and not the dealer. Commissioner Gisclair asked if he has ever received any undersized oysters.

Mr. Kenneth Fox explained the side of the fisherman. The demand for oysters was what controlled the market for oysters. This year has produced the greatest crop of oysters, the best quality and the best quantity of oysters in the past 40 years. But the oysters were being destroyed on the roads. He would like to see the laws changed because they were too vague for enforcement. Then Mr. Fox asked why enforce a law that was designed for oysters on the water when the truck driver was 120 or 150 miles away from where they were taken. He felt it would be simpler if the agents made their cases when they came back to the docks. The process being used was not in the best interest of Louisiana. He asked the Commission to advise the agents to do their job at the docks instead of on the highway. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the oysters had to be properly tagged. Commissioner Vujnovich asked Mr. Fox to present this situation at the next Oyster Task Force meeting. Mr. Fox asked, the resources that were being destroyed, why couldn't you sale the seized fish and put it into a wildlife account.

Commissioner Jenkins announced that Lt. Col. Charlie Clark was recipient of the prestigious Bonner Award presented at the National Association of Boating Law Administration Meeting. Also, Lt. Col. Clark was elected to serve as president of the Association. Commissioner Jenkins offered the Commission's congratulations to Lt. Col. Clark.

Commissioner Mialjevich made a motion the **January 1994 Meeting Date** be scheduled for January 6th in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
October 4, 1993
10:00 AM

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2. Approval of Minutes of September 2, 1993
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- I-205 — 4. Aircraft Report - Lee Caubarreaux
- I-389 — 5. Setting of Non-Resident Recreational Fishing and Hunting License Fees - Fred Prejean I → II → III III-386 lunch -
- Jefferson — 6. Aquatic Plant Research & Control Section - Its Function and Work Activities - Bennie Fontenot
- III-527 — 7. Consideration of Shrimp Sanctuaries - Brandt Savoie IV V VI VII
- VII-470 — 8. Rule - Fill Material - Janice Sharkey
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13. Public Comments

Oyster discussion ←

VII-III
VIII-420

Lower water table built for production

**COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL**

Monday, October 4, 1993
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

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

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Herring is also present.

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Commercial shrimpers give Commission earful

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Advocate outdoors writer

The discussion of shrimp sanctuaries brought the longest public comment period in a year at Monday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting.

As many as 200 commercial shrimpers turned out to hear the proposal of the Marine Fisheries Section, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' staff charged with determining the extent of sanctuaries for the state's largest commercial fishery.

The sanctuary discussion took up so much time that the LWFC tabled three other agenda items. It unanimously passed on a Notice of Intent to consider changing the state's non-resident fishing license fees. Commercial marinas and bait shop owners in the Toledo Bend and Cocodrie areas testified that increased fees had hurt their respective businesses.

The commission also agreed to reduce the shell-dredging performance bond of Louisiana Dredging Co. from \$1.6 million to \$800,000 to reflect the final year of a three-year, \$2.4 million contract.

Many of the shrimpers said they attended the meeting fearing the commission would act upon a boundary in a 1977 state-sponsored publication that outlined the state's estuary from the Intracoastal Waterway south through the state's vast and productive marshlands.

Brandt Savoie, the Marine Fisheries shrimp study leader, outlined a border-to-border area including 3.6 million acres of prime Louisiana brackish-saltwater estuary. Included in that area are 500,000 acres already in the state's sanctuary system.

Shrimpers protested and the sanctuary concept LWFC chairman Bert Jones told the Marine Fisheries Section to bring to Monday's meeting. Jones' charge came after a heated discussion during September's meeting.

The first reaction to the map turned out to be a heated response from several shrimpers, who said it would put them out of business.

Jones stopped the proceeding, threatening to clear the room if it appeared the meeting could not be held in an orderly manner.

While Jones and commission members Jimmy Jenkins and Jeff Schneider were unhappy that Savoie and his staff had not delineated particular zones for consideration as sanctuaries, Jones refuted allegations of insensitivity to shrimpers' needs by Rep. Bobby Bergeron, D-Houma.

"We need a kinder and friendlier commission," Bergeron said.

Jones apologized for "... being harsh, but the beneficiary from the shrimp sanctuaries is going to be the shrimpers. That's all we're doing here. All I want is for them (shrimpers) to do better than they are."

Shrimpers have come to the LWFC with complaints that few, if any, in their profession are able to make ends meet. They have cited low dock prices, small catches, too many shrimpers, cheaper imported shrimp and invalid biological data as reasons for the decline.

Leeville shrimper Ted Loup added another item to that list. He said shrimpers' problems began six years ago when sportsmen's groups began a push to make redfish a gamefish, and commercial and recreational limits were reduced on speckled trout.

"Those fish have been allowed to

reproduce profusely and in astonishing numbers," Loup said. He further explained that redfish and trout are in the marshes eating shrimp and small crabs.

"It's not sanctuaries that are necessary," Loup said. "Let's get the fish out of the water. If you don't want us (commercial fishermen) to get the reds, then raise the recreational limit to 25 and raise the specks (limit) to 50."

LWFC vice chairman Pete Vujnovich, a commercial oysterman, told the assembly that sanctuaries were an alternative the commission could consider.

"No matter what's said here," the 71-year-old Vujnovich said, "something has to be done so you (shrimpers) can make a living."

Veteran shrimper Steven Charpentier from Galliano said he likes the idea of sanctuaries.

"We're in trouble. We need to do things differently," Charpentier said. "Everybody wants to catch more shrimp but nobody wants to sacrifice."

In a compromise struck between Jenkins and commission member Tee John Mialjevich, a former commercial shrimper, the LWFC has set an April deadline for the state's Shrimp Task Force, the LSU Cooperative Extension and the LDWF to come up with a decision on sanctuaries.

The agreement also defines the extent of the sanctuaries. At a minimum, it includes the Intracoastal Waterway, and the maximum the 3.6 million acres outlined in the Marine Fisheries Section report.

Task Force chief Warren Reuther said a series of coast-wide hearings will be scheduled beginning in January to get shrimpers' input on the subject.

State of Louisiana



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Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

October 4, 1993

Mrs. Sharyn Bateman
P. O. Box 564
Ocilla, GA 31774

Dear Sharyn:

The members of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission would like to express their sympathy on the recent death of your father.

Sincerely,

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Handwritten signature of Bert H. Jones in cursive.

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September 14, 1993

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Re: Lease for Fossil Shell Extraction
From State Owned Water Bottoms
Dated: September 5, 1991
Performance Bond Requirement

Gentlemen:

Acting upon the advise of Mr. Don Puckett and Ms. Karen Foote, we are requesting permission to address the Commission at the scheduled October, 1993 meeting to propose the following:

That since the original bond was fixed as the aggregate of \$800,000 minimum for three years; and since the first two lease years will be completed on October 31, 1993; and since Louisiana Dredging Company has paid in excess of the first two year's minimum royalty of \$160,000; we assume that the required bond for the third lease year beginning November 1, 1993 will be for the amount of \$800,000, which is the minimum royalty for this lease period.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 1993

**BERT H. JONES
CHAIRMAN**

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, because of the reassessment of the water quality data, the health department has issued new more restrictive closures; and

WHEREAS, Revised Statute 56:25(A) authorizes the Commission to regulate quota limits, and Revised Statute 56:435.1 allows the Commission to regulate both the season and daily quota limits because of health closures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission increases the daily quota limit from 10 sacks to 15 sacks per day for the Calcasieu Public Oyster Grounds for the remainder of the 1992-93 oyster season.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:25(A) and R.S. 56:435.1, notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission finds that imminent peril to the public welfare exists and hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

There will be an increase in the oyster fishing quota regulation from 10 daily sacks to 15 sacks allowed daily for Calcasieu Lake for the remainder of the 1992-93 oyster season.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

Mr. Don Puckett began the discussion on Fossil Shell Extraction Lease for the Louisiana Dredging Company. Representatives of Louisiana Dredging Company approached the Department to request a reduction in the bond amount from \$2.4 million to \$1.6 million. Mr. Puckett introduced Mr. Richard Koen from Louisiana Dredging Company to answer questions from the Commission. Mr. Koen updated the Commission, saying that the first year has been completed and the \$800,000 minimum royalty has been paid. The new bond would be secured from a different company than where the present was from. This new company would be rated equal to or better than the present company. Commissioner Jenkins stated he had no problem with the request from Louisiana Dredging and moved the Commission approve the request. Commissioner Mialjevich

seconded the motion. Commissioner Gisclair wondered if the Company's intention was to come back next year and have the bond reduced to \$800,000. Chairman Jones reiterated the motion that was made and seconded and then called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update computer printouts were provided by Ms. Wynnette Kees to the Commission. She pointed out that the report was very routine. The Department had assessed, for the month of January, about \$35,000 in civil assessments. Payments collected amounted to \$7,400, and the enforcement agents are using the new civil restitution books. Commissioner Jenkins inquired about the negative numbers on the report. Chairman Jones asked about the collection procedures. Commissioner Jenkins inquired on particular cases that the Commission had been following, then on the case in Winn Parish. He asked if civil restitutions had been made, then asked for a breakdown of the assessments on that case. Chairman Jones wondered if the redfish case had gone away, and then Commissioner Jenkins asked why the violator had never paid his assessment.

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

Region I - Minden - 40 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 72 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 64 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 87 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 177 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 105 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 448 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 201 citations. Commissioner Mialjevich wondered why the 13 sacks of oysters were destroyed.

Region IX - Houma - 175 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 45 citations. The Oyster Strike Force, Statewide Strike Force, Region VIII agents and the two offshore boats were sent to the Lake Borgne area because of complaints received. A total of 48 citations were issued in 2 days, 46 were from out-of-state and 2 were Louisiana residents, and 510 sacks of oysters were seized.

Statewide Strike Force - 63 citations.

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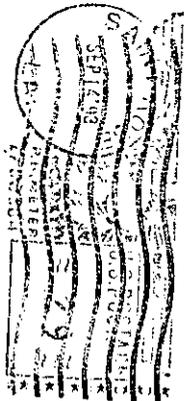
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Lee Caubarreaux
Assistant Secretary

September 16, 1993

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Lee Caubarreaux, Assistant Secretary *LC*

SUBJECT: Aviation Report - August 1993

Total hours listed are:

PILOT	TOTAL HOURS
G. Rackle	67.6
B. Stamey	12.8
M. Windham	5.7
D. Clause	73.4
TOTAL HOURS	159.5

-0- No Flights...

PLANE	FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED ¹ COST(TOTAL)	ACTUAL ² COST(TOTAL)
N61092 Amphib	30.6	3,584.18	2,274.81
70365 Float-DC	73.4	6,769.68	5,098.99
N2576K Float-MW	8.6	1,105.70	853.98
N9467Y 210	42.4	4,737.78	4,228.44
N223MS Partenavia	4.5	707.04	394.39
N57266 Aero Commander	0.0		
TOTALS	159.5	16,904.38	12,850.61

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

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

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
08/02/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.9	G. Adams
08/03/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	5.4	G. Adams
08/04/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	4.0	G. Adams
08/05/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	4.4	G. Adams
08/06/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.5	G. Adams
08/09/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	1.2	G. Adams
08/10/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol & shrimp	4.0	D. Guidry
08/11/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol & shrimp	3.0	R. Chauvin
08/12/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol & shrimp	2.8	R. Chauvin
08/13/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol & shrimp	1.3	R. Chauvin
08/14/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: shrimp	1.4	R. Chauvin
08/15/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: shrimp	1.2	D. Guidry
08/18/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.4	G. Adams
08/19/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.5	G. Adams
08/20/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: dove, bait	1.2	G. Adams
08/23/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.2	G. Adams
08/24/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: dove bait & shrimp patrol	4.1	G. Adams
08/25/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	4.0	G. Adams
08/26/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.8	G. Adams

For Susan — Commission
Minutes

**AN ANALYSIS OF
LOUISIANA NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSE SALES
JULY AND AUGUST
1992 AND 1993 FISCAL YEARS**

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

SOCIOECONOMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

OCTOBER 1993

Nonresident fishing license sales increased for the two months of July and August 1993 over the same time period in 1992. Based on information provided by sheriff's offices in 23 parishes and by the Department for East Baton Rouge and Orleans Parishes, total nonresident fishing license sales increased by 797 (5.5%). All types of licenses increased over the previous year except for the 2 day combination freshwater/saltwater license. Summaries for July and August of license sales by parish and type is attached.

An increase in license sales has occurred since the fee increase, but two months of data are not sufficient to conduct an analysis of its affect on the number of licensed nonresident anglers fishing in the state. There are many factors that may contribute to a change in the number of nonresident license-holders that the Department has no control over. These include: availability of fishing in Louisiana for nonresidents, expected success in fishing, income for fishing trips to the state, type of fishing, opportunities for fishing by nonresidents, favorable weather, and the quality of fishing and other recreational facilities compared to other states.

Results of present analysis is not sufficient to provide a conclusive basis for license fee changes. Further study is required to determine the number of nonresidents (if any) that are going elsewhere, taking their spending money with them. Once the number of nonresidents that are not coming to Louisiana because of the fee increase is estimated, the monetary loss to the state can be calculated. An analysis of this loss would consider its significance for the goals of the state, the recreational industry, and the Department.

Comparison of Nonresident Fishing License Sales,
Specified Parishes July and August Sales.

	1992-93	1993-94	Change
Freshwater Season	4,663	4,816	153
Freshwater Trip	995	1,276	281
Saltwater Season	1,989	2,297	308
Saltwater Trip	215	418	203
2 Day Combo	6,749	6,601	(148)
Total	14,611	15,408	797

JULY 92-93

PARISH	FW SEASON	FW TRIP	SW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS
Acadia					12	12
Ascension					17	17
Calcasieu	105	18	11	5	120	259
Cameron	328	12	177		398	905
Concordia	708	11	6		76	801
Desoto	41	40				81
E.B.R.	94	23	20	7	156	300
Iberia					12	12
Jefferson	78	16	71	12	517	694
Lafayette	18	27	6	6	46	103
Lafourche	24	23	42	24	451	564
Morehouse	90	12			24	126
Orleans	1,517	17	874	23	1,053	3,484
Ouachita	11	8			6	25
Plaquemine	30	18	30	18	361	457
Sabine	106	226				332
St. Bernard	6		6		107	119
St. Charles	24		18		119	161
St. Mary	48	60	6		144	258
St. Tammany	84	2	76		51	213
Tangipahoa						0
Terrebonne	17	48	21	48	372	506
Vermillion		5		5	36	46
Vernon	37	79			18	134
West B.R.	29	12			54	95
TOTALS	3,395	657	1,364	148	4,140	9,704

JULY 93-94

PARISH	FW SEASON	FW TRIP	SW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS
Acadia	9	1	3		31	44
Ascension	17	20	5	11	70	123
Calcasieu	125	28	37	8	204	402
Cameron	274	17	247	11	413	962
Concordia	472	29	12		31	544
Desoto	63	32				95
E.B.R.	66	27	27	10	153	283
Iberia	27	12	19	5	61	124
Jefferson	100	55	96	56	711	1,018
Lafayette	40	14	12	8	58	132
Lafourche	71	53	71	53	417	665
Morehouse	135	47			47	229
Orleans	618	8	329	2	290	1,247
Ouachita	23	24	4	2	10	63
Plaquemine						0
Sabine	119	135				254
St. Bernard	18		18		239	275
St. Charles	18	18	18	12	63	129
St. Mary	51	58	20	19	136	264
St. Tamman	103	2	81	2	50	238
Tangipahoa						0
Terrebonne	62	61	57	65	572	817
Vermillion	5	2	5	1	95	108
Vernon	119	123			21	263
West B.R.		5			15	20
TOTALS	2,525	771	1,961	255	4,667	8,319

AUGUST 92-93

PARISH	FW SEASON	FW TRIP	ISW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS
Acadia					6	6
Ascension	12	18			65	95
Calcasieu	98	33	26	12	279	448
Cameron	207	2	172	8	341	730
Concordia	146	45	6		29	226
Desoto	6	6				12
E.B.R.	39	14	11	4	109	177
Iberia	18	16	12		46	92
Jefferson	42	18	42	12	423	537
Lafayette	18	11	4		59	92
Latourche	24	12	18	6	264	324
Morehouse	24				12	36
Orleans	531	3	279	1	374	1,188
Ouachita	12	13			3	28
Plaquemine	30		30		140	200
Sabine	29	81				110
St. Bernard	6		6		90	102
St. Charles					54	60
St. Mary					12	18
St. Tammany	18		12		28	58
Tangipahoa						0
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AUGUST 93-94

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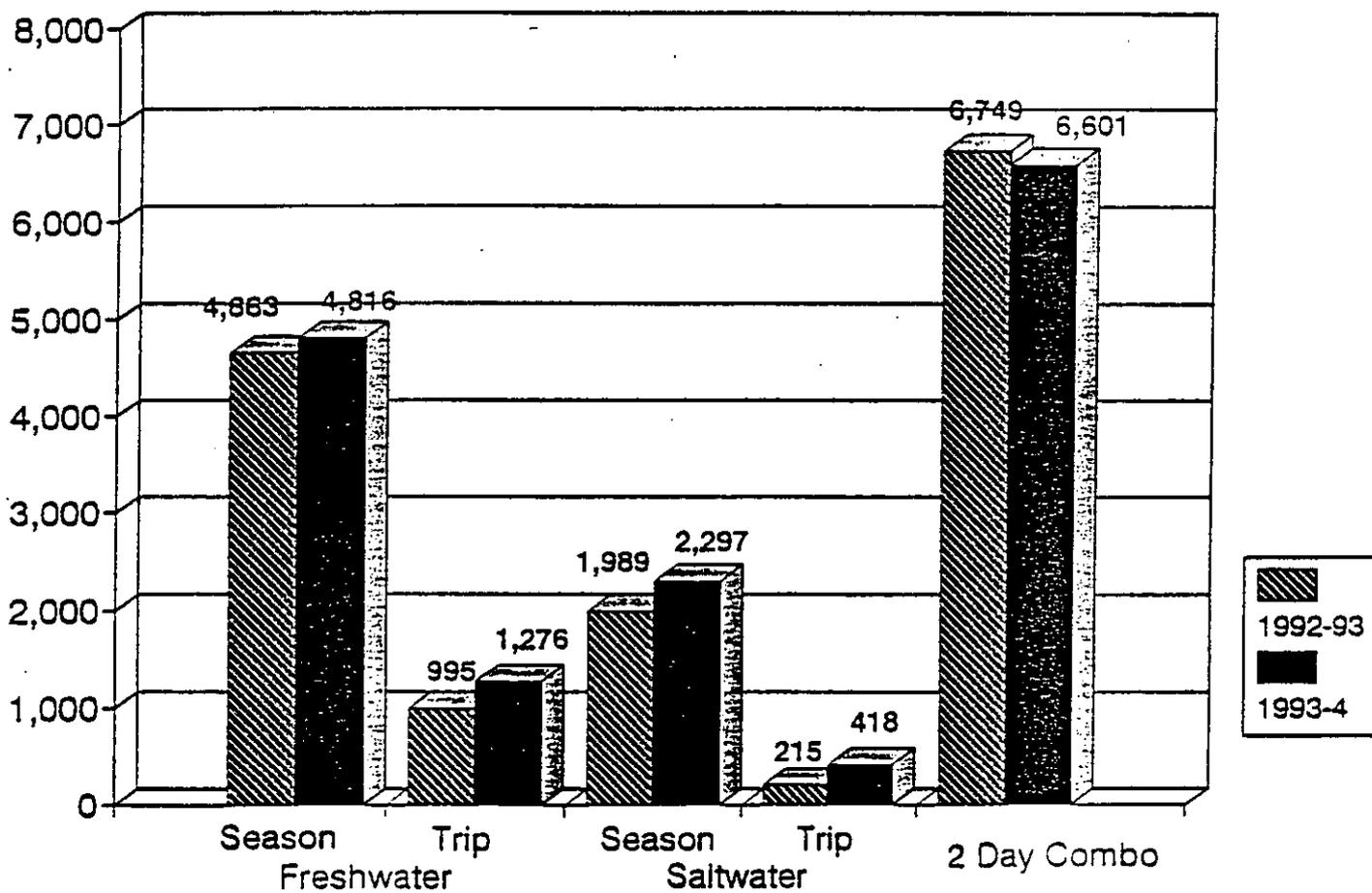
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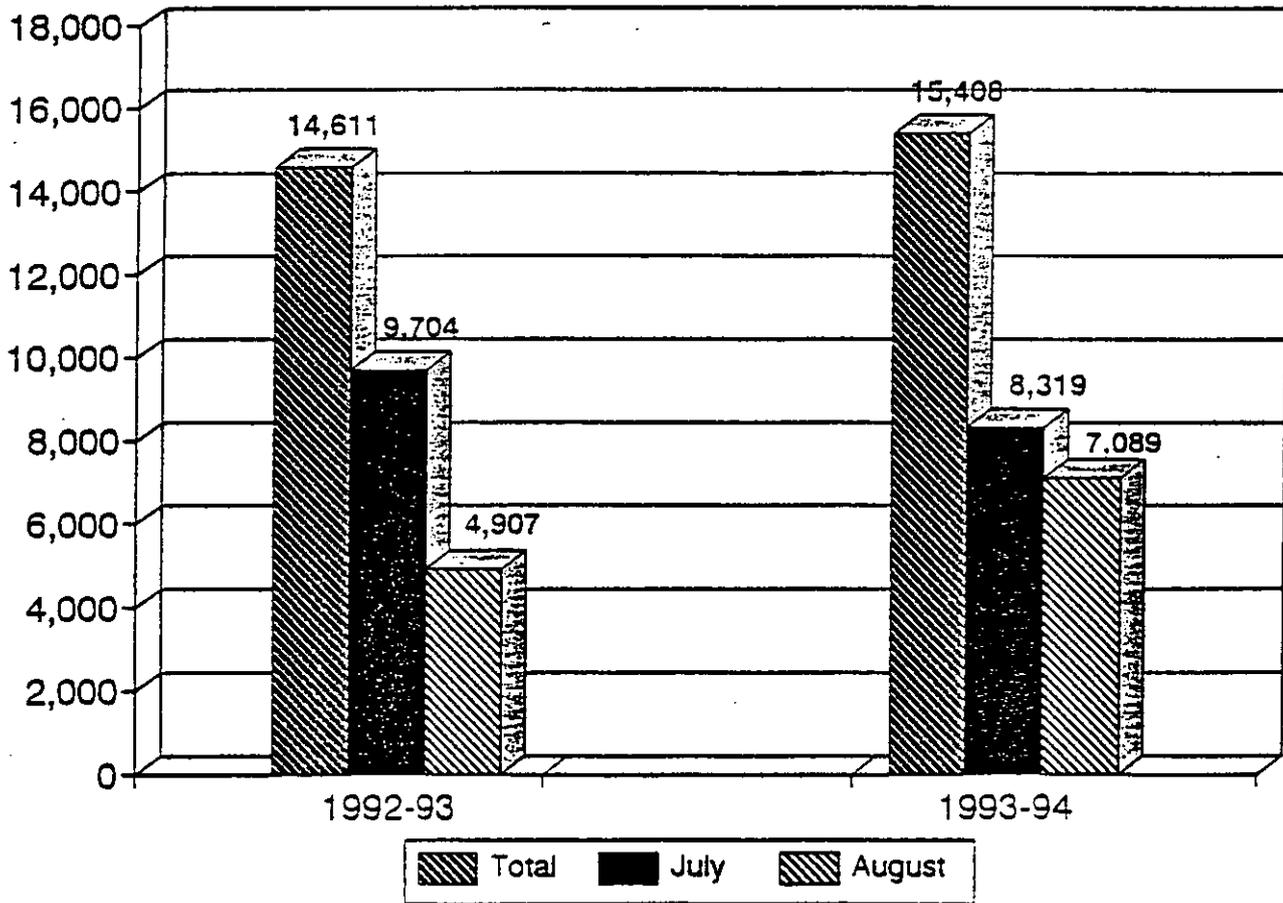
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**AN ANALYSIS OF
LOUISIANA NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSE SALES
JULY AND AUGUST
1992 AND 1993 FISCAL YEARS**

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

SOCIOECONOMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

OCTOBER 1993

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An increase in license sales has occurred since the fee increase, but two months of data are not sufficient to conduct an analysis of its affect on the number of licensed nonresident anglers fishing in the state. There are many factors that may contribute to a change in the number of nonresident license-holders that the Department has no control over. These include: availability of fishing in Louisiana for nonresidents, expected success in fishing, income for fishing trips to the state, type of fishing, opportunities for fishing by nonresidents, favorable weather, and the quality of fishing and other recreational facilities compared to other states.

Results of present analysis is not sufficient to provide a conclusive basis for license fee changes. Further study is required to determine the number of nonresidents (if any) that are going elsewhere, taking their spending money with them. Once the number of nonresidents that are not coming to Louisiana because of the fee increase is estimated, the monetary loss to the state can be calculated. An analysis of this loss would consider its significance for the goals of the state, the recreational industry, and the Department.

Comparison of Nonresident Fishing License Sales,
Specified Parishes July and August Sales.

	1992-93	1993-94	Change
Freshwater Season	4,663	4,816	153 ↑
Freshwater Trip	995	1,276	281 ↑
Saltwater Season	1,989	2,297	308 ↑
Saltwater Trip	215	418	203
2 Day Combo	6,749	6,601	(148) ↓
Total	14,611	15,408	797 ↑

*23 selected
parishes*

JULY 92-93

JULY 93-94

PARISH	FW SEASON	FW TRIP	ISW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS	PARISH	IFW SEASON	FW TRIP	ISW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS
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Ascension					17	17	Ascension	17	20	5	11	70	123
Calcasieu	105	18	11	5	120	259	Calcasieu	125	28	37	8	204	402
Cameron	328	12	177		388	905	Cameron	274	17	247	11	413	962
Concordia	708	11	6		76	801	Concordia	472	29	12		31	544
Desoto	41	40				81	Desoto	63	32				95
E.B.R.	94	23	20	7	156	300	E.B.R.	66	27	27	10	153	283
Iberia					12	12	Iberia	27	12	19	5	61	124
Jefferson	78	16	71	12	517	694	Jefferson	100	55	96	56	711	1,018
Lafayette	18	27	6	6	46	103	Lafayette	40	14	12	8	58	132
Latourche	24	23	42	24	451	564	Latourche	71	53	71	53	417	665
Morehouse	90	12			24	126	Morehouse	135	47			47	229
Orleans	1,517	17	874	23	1,053	3,484	Orleans	618	8	329	2	290	1,247
Ouachita	11	8			6	25	Ouachita	23	24	4	2	10	63
Plaquemine	30	18	30	18	361	457	Plaquemine						0
Sabine	106	226				332	Sabine	119	135				254
St. Bernard	6		6		107	119	St. Bernard	18		18		239	275
St. Charles	24		18		119	161	St. Charles	18	18	18	12	63	129
S. Mary	48	60	6		144	256	S. Mary	51	58	20	19	136	284
St. Tammany	84	2	76		51	213	St. Tammany	103	2	81	2	50	238
Tangipahoa						0	Tangipahoa						0
Terrebonne	17	48	21	48	372	506	Terrebonne	62	61	57	65	572	817
Vermillion		5		5	36	46	Vermillion	5	2	5	1	95	108
Vernon	37	79			18	134	Vernon	119	123			21	263
West B.R.	29	12			54	95	West B.R.		5			15	20
TOTALS	3,395	657	1,364	148	1,140	9,704	TOTALS	2,525	771	1,061	265	1,967	8,319

AUGUST 92-93

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Ascension	12	18			65	95
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Cameron	207	2	172	8	341	730
Concordia	146	45	6		29	226
Desoto	6	6				12
E.B.R.	39	14	11	4	109	177
Iberia	18	16	12		46	92
Jefferson	42	18	42	12	423	537
Lafayette	18	11	4		59	92
Latourche	24	12	18	6	264	324
Morehouse	24				12	36
Orleans	531	3	279	1	374	1,188
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Plaquemine	30		30		140	200
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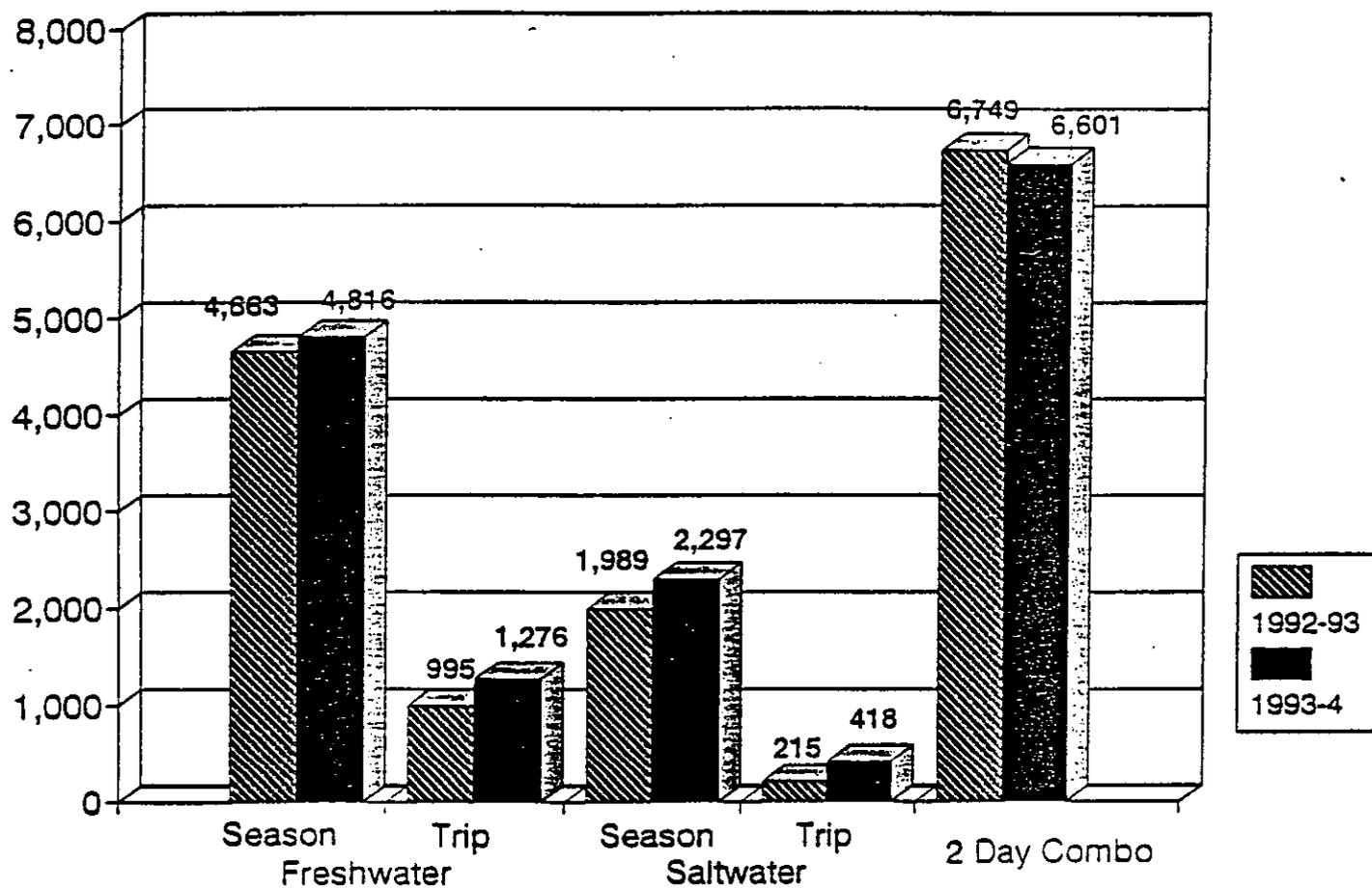
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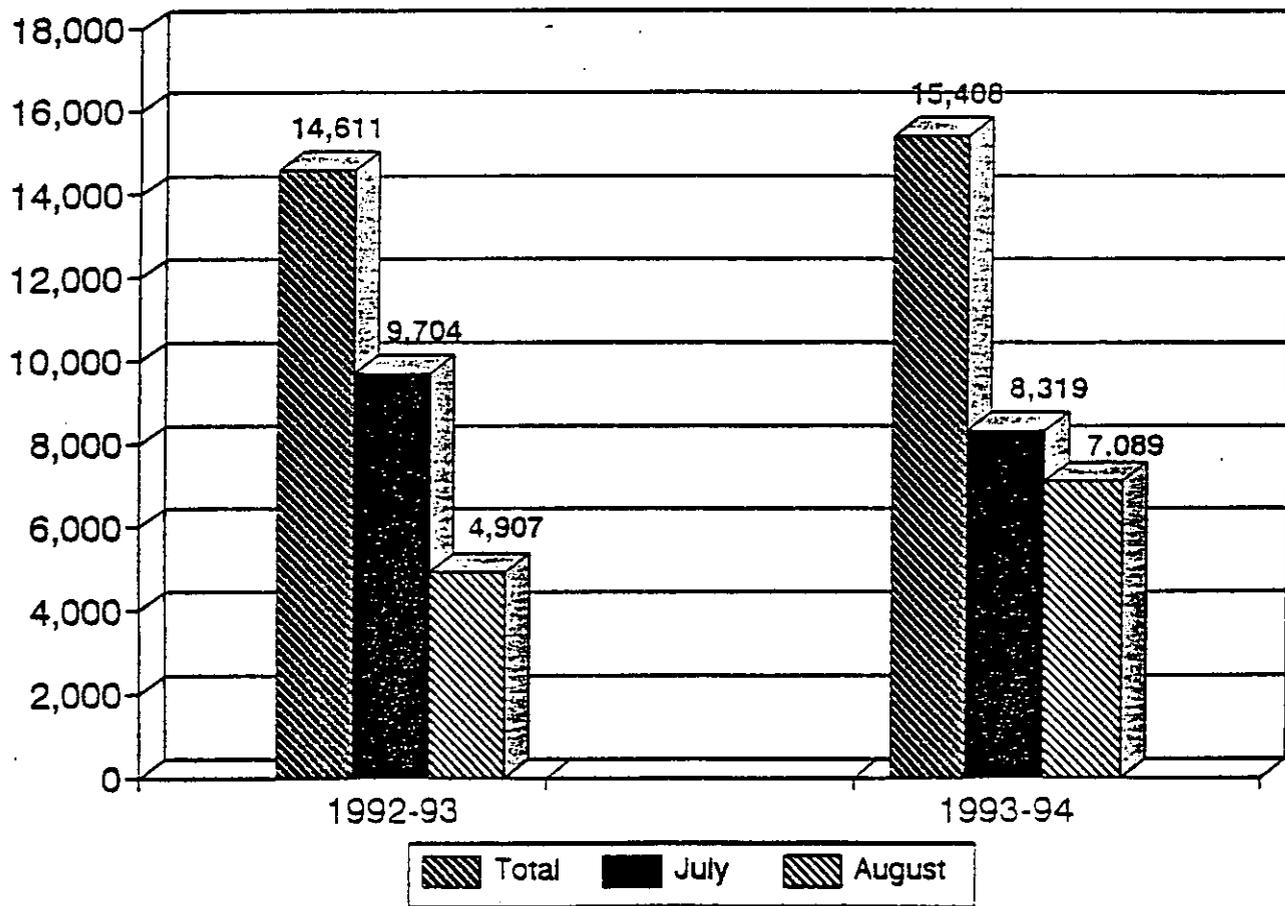
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JLH/pc

C: Ms. Susan Hawkins



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Read into the WOFB minutes 10-4-93
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Honorable Cecil J. Picard
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Dear Cecil,

This is to advise that your remarks pertaining to shrimp sanctuaries with emphasis on the Pecan Island area were read into the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting minutes on October 4, 1993. We certainly thank you for your comments and they were well received by the audience.

Looking forward to visiting with you soon, I remain

Sincerely,

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Joe L. Herring

JLH/pc

C: Ms. Susan Hawkins

Read into the minutes of the LOFC meeting 10-4-93
JPH

On Friday October 1, 1993 Senator Cecil Picard called to express his concerns regarding the shrimp sanctuary issue. Senator Picard regrets that he was unable to attend the Commission meeting in person. He has asked me to relay his concerns to the Commission. The Senator is particularly interested in those lands currently under marsh management at Pecan Island In Vermilion Parish. Local fishermen make a substantial portion of their income fishing by agreement with land owners on privately owned and managed lands within Vermilion Parish. Should proposed shrimp sanctuaries close any of these managed lands it could severely impact the livelihood of many of the residents of this area. The land owners and fishermen in this area are currently managing shrimp through the marsh management program and any additional efforts to manage shrimp through the institution of shrimp sanctuaries will surely have a negative impact on their efforts. Prior to any action on this issue the Senator asks that consideration be given to having a series of public hearings across coastal Louisiana to obtain public input.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe L. Herring".

Joe L. Herring

JLH/pc

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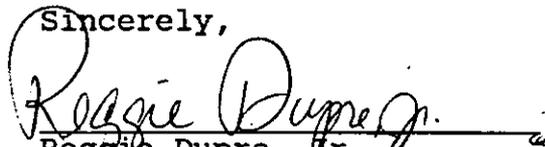
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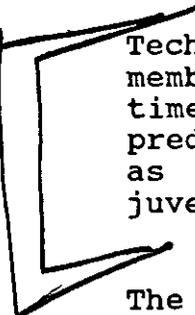
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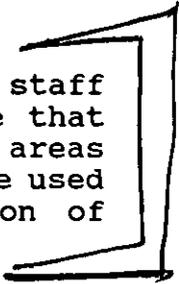
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c.c. Doug Maier, Chief Administrative & Finance Officer
 Honorable Robert Bergeron, State Representative
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- Copy to:*
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 2. *John Russell*
 3. *Brent Saville*
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RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt a rule to require that any person who removes or intends to remove any type of fill material from any water bottom which is property of the State of Louisiana shall be authorized to do so only upon securing a permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries prior to removal of said fill. Further, any person who severs fill material from state owned water bottoms may be liable to pay to the State of Louisiana through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a severance royalty for each cubic yard removed in amounts set by this rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIII. Fill Material

Chapter 1. Royalties

§101. Dredging

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through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in the amounts indicated in the schedule below:

Fill Material and/or fill sand	\$.20/cubic yard
Gravel, screened and washed	\$.60/cubic yard
Gravel and sand, unscreened	\$.40/cubic yard
Sand, screened	\$.22/cubic yard

Any interest and/or penalty owed on unpaid royalty shall be established by the Department in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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Bond Value per volume dredged in 100 yd³

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Gravel and Sand, un-screened	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$.40 x total cu. yds
Gravel, screened and washed	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$.60 x total cu. yds

A certified copy of such bond must be submitted to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries before commencement of any dredging operation.

H. Any person or firm found to be dredging without, or in violation of a validly issued permit from this department shall be subject to criminal and civil penalties pursuant to R.S. 56:2012.

I. Title 76, Part IX, Chapter 3 is hereby repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission 19: ().

Bert H. Jones

Chairman

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1993

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REGION I

TOTAL CASES-70

ENFORCEMENT-69

OTHER - 1

11-Boating

8-Angling W/O A License

13-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

3-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

7-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

2-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours

1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

3-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours

9-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

1-Possess Untagged MGB

1-Possess Over Limit Of Doves

1-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

2-Illegal Spotighting From Public Road

1-Littering

1-Driving Without Operators License

2-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

46 Doves, 1 Bag of Squirrel Parts, 3 Undersize Black Bass, 1 .22 Rifle, 1 Spotlight, 1 Battery,

1 Box 22 Magnum Ammunition

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REGION 1 CONT'D

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

11-Boating

12-Hunting

25-Fishing

27-Migratory

7-Miscellaneous

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-63

ENFORCEMENT-62

OTHER - 1

11-Boating

3-Angling W/O A License

6-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

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

2-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

1-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules

3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

1-Driving On Levees

1-Possess Quail Closed Season

2-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

2-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season

16-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

1-Wanton Waste Of MGB

2-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

1-Taking Ibis - No Season

1-Taking Killdeer - No Season

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

4-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

2-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

1 Resident License, 47 Doves, 1 Browning B-2000 Gun, 13 Lead Shotgun Shells, 1 Resident Hunting and Fishing License, 3 Woodducks, 1 Ibis

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REGION 2 CONT'D

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

11-Boating

10-Fishing

9-Hunting

25-Migratory

8-Miscellaneous

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-145

ENFORCEMENT-142

OTHER - 3

26-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

4-Fish Non-Resident License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

19-Taking/Possessing Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

2-Hunting W/O Resident License

4-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules

1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

5-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

1-Possess Squirrel(s) Closed Season

3-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Closed Season

3-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light

2-Hunt Deer Illegal Methods

2-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Meat

1-Possession of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear

2-Take/Possess Spotted Fawn

2-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally

1-Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp

1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

13-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

5-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season

REGION 3 CONT'D

- 1-Possess Over Limit of Doves
- 2-Taking Ibis - No Season
- 1-Taking Herons - No Season
- 2-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
- 5-Criminal Trespass On State Property
- 2-Criminal Trespass
- 2-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
- 3-Littering
- 3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 2-Lacy Act
- 1-Possession Of Firearm Of Convicted Felon - Certain Felonies
- 1-Flight From An Officer
- 1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

CONFISCATIONS:

61 Lbs. Catfish, 78 Doves, 1 Squirrel, 1 Heron, 11 Black Bass, 5 Ibis, 7 Woodduck, 1 Deer, 1 Spotted Fawn, 18 Hoop Nets, 1-30 Hp. Evinrude Motor, 1 18' Aluminum Boat, 3/4 Lb. Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, 1 Non-Resident Hoop Net License, 1 Spotlight, 3 Resident Fishing Licenses, 1 Federal Duck Stamp, 2 Shotguns, 1 .22 Rifle

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

- 26-Boating
- 45-Fishing
- 72-Hunting
- 2-Other

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-81

ENFORCEMENT-75

OTHER - 6

8-Boating

7-Angling W/O A License

3-Fish Non-Resident License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

9-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

4-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

5-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

25-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

4-Hunting MGB From A Vehicle

1-Hunting Doves Closed Season

6-Hunt MGB In Closed Area Inside Refuge

4-Resisting An Officer

CONFISCATIONS:

45 Doves

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

8-Boating

13-Fishing

15-Hunting

41-Federal

4-Other

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-120

ENFORCEMENT-90

OTHER -30

18-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

5-Fish Non-Resident License

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

1-Leave Nets Unattended

1-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

2-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

2-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

5-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

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

4-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

2-Hunt Rabbits Closed Season

1-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods

1-Filing False Applications

4-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp

REGION 5 CONT'D

1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

2-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours

4-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season

2-Transport Completely Dressed MGB

1-Field Possession Of Freshly Killed MGB Closed Season

1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

2-Possess Over Limit Of Doves

2-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks

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

24-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

2-Littering

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-License Fraud

1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

54 Doves, 29 Ducks, 2 Songbirds, 1 Gill Net (1,200 Ft.), 100 Lbs. Black Drum Sold For \$149.65, 240 Lbs.

White Shrimp Sold For \$105.75

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

18-Boating

31-Fishing

43-Hunting

REGION 6 CONT'D

CONFISCATIONS:

6 Oversize Boards, 1-90 HP. Yamaha Outboard Motor, 2 Alligator Heads,

7 Lbs. Alligator Meat, 8 Doves, 116 Undersize Black Bass, 3 Crab Traps, 24 Undersize Channel Catfish, 1 .22 Caliber Magnum Rifle With Scope, 1 Alligator Line, 590 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold for \$265.50.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

26-Boating

78-Fishing

20-Hunting

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-189

ENFORCEMENT-179

OTHER - 10

35-Boating

48-Angling W/O A License

15-Fish/Non-Resident License

4-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

10-Angling W/O Saltwater License

12-Fish W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

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

1-Transport W/O Required License

2-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

30-Sell Undersize Crabs

5-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

4-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

2-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

1-Trapping Closed Season

1-Possess Over Limit Of Doves

2-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

2-Littering

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

1-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

1-Violate Rules & Regs. Of Harvest Reporting Req.

CONFISCATIONS:

1,407 Sacks of Oysters, 12,937 Pounds of Crabs, 26 Doves, 2 Squirrels, 1 Crab Trap

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

35-Boating

8-Hunting

136-Fishing

10-Miscellaneous

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-242

ENFORCEMENT-214

OTHER - 28

27-Boating

11-Angling W/O A License

9-Fishing Non-Resident License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License Non-Resident

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

4-Fish W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License

1-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally

9-Possession O/L Of Red Drum

2-Possess O/L of Red Drum In Excess of 27"

2-Fail To Have Intact (Saltwater)

4-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

8-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

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2-Possess O/L Spotted Sea Trout

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

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

2-Leave Nets Unattended

5-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

2-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 2-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents**
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License**
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel**
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear**
- 1-Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License**
- 2-Use Illegal Length Gill Nets**
- 2-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets**
- 3-Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum Commercial**
- 2-Possess Red Drum Illegally**
- 1-Trawl In Restricted Areas**
- 2-Failure To Have Written Permission**
- 9-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef**
- 7-Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel**
- 1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly**
- 2-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License**
- 9-Hunting W/O Resident License**
- 1-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License**
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer**
- 1-Use Live Ammo While Training Dogs C/S**
- 7-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp**
- 1-Obtaining A Hunting License Without a Hunter Education Certificate**
- 1-Take Alligators From Other Than Approved Area**
- 7-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp**
- 1-Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp**

REGION 8 CONT'D

- 7-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
- 9-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
- 10-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season
- 3-Wanton Waste Of MGB
- 13-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 3-Hunting Doves Closed Season
- 2-Possess Over Limit of Doves
- 4-Possess Over Limit of Ducks
- 2-Taking Ibis - No Season
- 2-Taking Or Possession of Other Non-Game Birds - No Season
- 5-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA
- 1-Criminal Trespass
- 2-Littering
- 2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 1-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish
- 1-Flight From An Officer
- 1-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

CONFISCATIONS:

555 Whole Fish Donated, 11 Lbs. of Fish Sold For \$26.25, 15 Lbs. of Shrimp Donated, 1,741 Lbs. of Shrimp Sold For \$3,968.65, 40 Doves, 40 Teal, 1 Kingfisher, 18 Mottled Ducks, 1 Snowy Egret, 7 Ibis, 5 Ice Chests, 3 Trawls, 1 Hunting License, 2 Vessel License, 1 Crab Trap License, 1 Alligator License, 3 Guns, 84 Loose Shells, 3 1/2 Boxes of Lead Gun Shells, 4 Alligator Tags, 5 Alligator Fishing Lines With Hooks, 1 Boat, 13 Gill Nets At 4,100 Feet, 15 Unattended Gill Nets At 6,600 Feet.

REGION 8 CONT'D

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

27-Boating

59-Sport Fishing

40-Commercial Fishing

1-Trawling

21-Oyster

20-General Hunting

1-Alligator Case

52-General Migratory

9-Migratory Game Birds

4-Non-Migratory Game Birds

8-Miscellaneous

REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-192

ENFORCEMENT-178

OTHER - 14

29-Boating

14-Angling W/O A License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

4-Angling W/O Saltwater License

3-Taking/Possession Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

6-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

2-Take Or Possess Undersized Sea Trout

11-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

5-Take Or Possess O/L Black Drum

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Rec.) Finfish

3-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

4-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

2-Taking Fish Illegally

1-Leave Nets Unattended

3-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

1-Theft Of Crab Trap

REGION 9 CONT'D

13-Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs

5-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

5-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

3-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

2-Hunt Rabbits Closed Season

1-Hunt Quail Closed Season

3-Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins

5-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp

6-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

3-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season

2-Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat

2-Transport Completely Dressed MGB

2-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks

9-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

10-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

2-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

2-Littering

5-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

2-Flight From An Officer

CONFISCATIONS:

47 Sacks Oysters, 30 Black Bass, 53 Black Drum, 7 Red Drum, 490 Catfish, 126 Catfish Sold For \$51.50, 4,400 Lbs. Crabs, 2 Rabbits, 18 Lbs. Shrimp Sold For \$20.70, 6 Speckle Trout, 27 Ducks, 2 Quail, 2 Dove,

REGION 9 CONT'D

18 Gallinules, 1 Alligator, 1 Spanish Mackerel, 1 Cobia, 6 Crab Traps, 3 Weapons, 5 Boats, 1 Boat Trailer, 1 Outboard Motor, 2 Skimmer Nets, 1 Hoop Net, 2 Dip Nets, 3 Knives, 1 Shocking Device, 7 Marijuana Plants, 3 Ice Chests, Variety Of Shells, 1 Hunting/Fishing License, 1 Gas Tank

GRAND TOTAL FOR EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

29-Boating

88-Fishing

17-Hunting

3-Alligators

29-Migratory

5-Oysters

10-WMA

11-Miscellaneous

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-140

- 2-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
- 4-Possess O/L Of Red Drum
- 6-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
- 2-Take Or Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout
- 9-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
- 3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
- 1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
- 1-Leave Nets Unattended
- 5-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
- 1-Failure To Mark-Tag Nets
- 40-Sell Undersize Crabs
- 2-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit & Report Rules
- 2-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 34-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
 - 1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
 - 1-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
 - 1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
 - 1-Improper Running Lights
- 2-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
- 1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
- 1-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish
- 8-Fail To Keep Federally Controlled Fish Intact
- 2-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9
- 2-Violation Of Magnuson Act

CONFISCATIONS:

1,964 Sacks of Oysters, 1 Gallon of Oysters, 16,837 Lbs. of Crabs, 59 Red Drum, 30 Black Drum, 13 Berry Crabs, 6 Spotted Sea Trout, 2 Spanish Mackerel, 2 Cobia, 825 Lbs. of Shark Fins, 7 Marijuana Plants

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-135

21-Boating

17-Angling W/O A License

3-Fish Non-Resident License

5-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Fish W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

3-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

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

1-Transport W/O Required License

3-Taking Fish Illegally

2-Take/Possess Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

15-Sell Undersize Crabs

1-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

1-Failure To Have Written Permission

6-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly

2-Harvest Oysters From Unmarked Lease

2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE CONT'D

- 2-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season**
- 2-Fail To Comply W/Alligator Parts Tagging Requirement**
- 1-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp**
- 3-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun**
- 21-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area**
 - 1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only**
 - 2-Hunting Doves Closed Season**
 - 2-Possess Over Limit Of Doves**
 - 1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated**
 - 3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries**
 - 2-Fail To Keep Federally Controlled Fish Intact**
 - 1-Violation Of Sanitary Code - Chapter 9**

CONFISCATIONS:

12,937 Lbs. Crabs, 1,407 Sacks Oysters, 275 Lbs. Black Drum, 24 Red Fish, 94 Lbs. of Shrimp Sold For \$141.00, 7 Lbs. Alligator Meat, 2 Alligator Heads, 17 Lbs. Speckled Trout, 107 Doves, 3 Teal, 1 Vessel, 3 Ice Chest, 2 Trawl Doors

S.W.E.P.

ENGINE HOURS RUNNING TIME-213 HOURS

BOATS CHECKED-264

TOTAL CASES-38

- 3-Take Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License
- 1-Take Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial License
- 1-No Commercial Fish License In Possession
- 1-Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Gear License
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use A Commercial Vessel
- 1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
- 1-Improper Display Of Numbers
- 7-Failure To Display Proper Numbers On Vessel
- 1-Failure To Have Shark Permit
- 3-Failure To Keep Cobia Intact
- 1-Failure To Keep Spanish Mackerel Intact
- 1-Failure To Keep Red Snapper Intact
- 1-Undersized Controlled Fish (Amberjack)
- 2-No Oysters Harvesters License In Possession
- 1-Take Undersize Oysters Off State Reef
- 1-Use Oversize Trawl Doors In Inside Waters
- 1-Littering
- 3-Obstruction Of Justice

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S.W.E.P. CONT'D

CONFISCATIONS:

2 Trawls, 202 Sacks Of Oysters, 1,829 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$4,593.05, 2 Louisiana Commercial Fishing License, 825 Lbs. Of Shark Fins Sold For \$9,900.00

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT - 1,128

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 98

TOTAL CASES OYSTER STRIKE FORCE - 140

TOTAL CASES SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE - 135

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 38

GRAND TOTAL - 1,539

OFFICIAL

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES OFFICIAL IS HONORED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Association of Boating Law Administration (NASBLA) Meeting in Hartford Connecticut September 26-29 announced that Lt. Colonel Charlie Clark was the recipient of its' prestigious "Bonner Award".

Considered the Nations highest Boating Safety Honor, the "Bonner Award" symbolizes the accomplishments of the late Congressman Herbert Bonner of North Carolina who served as boating safety's strongest advocate in the Halls of Congress.

Clark, a 18 year veteran of the Enforcement Division, was recognized by NASBLA for his contributions in helping to bring boating fatalities to a record low in 1992. A significant cite from the readings was the fact the Louisiana boating fatalities have been reduced by over 60% in a four year period.

Lt. Colonel Clark has served as Louisiana's Boating Law Administrator since 1985 and has served as Louisiana's representative to NASBLA since that time. During its September Conference Clark was elected President of the Association and will serve for a one year term.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Joe Herring in congratulating Clark said that Louisiana boaters should take special pride in this award because it denotes our waterways are becoming safer. Clark and the entire boating staff within the Department have done an outstanding job in the Boating Safety Program.

For more information about this news release please contact Keith LaCaze at 504-765-2988.

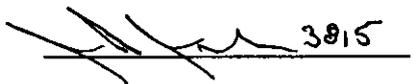
OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
SEIZURES
AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 1993

DATE	VIOLATION	SEIZURES
08-17-93	WRITTEN PERMISSION-SANITATION CODE-LICENSE	70 SACKS
08-23-93	UNTAGGED	23 SACKS
08-24-93	LICENSE VIOLATIONS	24 SACKS
08-26-93	UNTAGGED	17 SACKS
	AUGUST TOTAL	134 SACKS
09-08-93	UNDERSIZE	13 SACKS
09-09-93	UNDERSIZE	711 SACKS
09-10-93	UNDERSIZE	14 SACKS
09-14-93	UNDERSIZE	296 SACKS
09-14-93	FAIL TO REFRIGERATE	400 SACKS
09-15-93	UNDERSIZE-WRITTEN PERMISSION	131 SACKS
09-15-93	LICENSE VIOLATIONS	1 GALLON
09-28-93	UNDERSIZE	206 SACKS
09-29-93	UNDERSIZE	193 SACKS
	SEPTEMBER TOTAL	1964 SACKS 1 GALLON

On September 8,14,15,28,29 all sacks seized were from the Slidell Truck Scale stop. The 131 sacks seized on September 15 were from the special investigation conducted in lower Plaquemines Parish. The remaining seizures were a result of daily patrol.

The Oyster Strike Force had a total of 2098 Sacks and 1 Gallon of Oysters seized in the August 1, 1993 through September 30,1993 period.

Sgt. Jim Jukes 3815

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October 4, 1993
La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meeting
Fur and Refuge Secretary's Report

- ° Alligator season winding down
 - prices a little above last year
 - harvest was good - no major problems
- ° IAFWA attended by some staff members - held in New York
 - J.W. Tarver, Chairman of the International Affairs Committee
 - Greg Linscombe, Chairman of the International Fur Resources Committee
- ° Mitigated shell delivered to Marsh Island for construction of shorebird nesting project (7000 yds³)
- ° Raccoon Island project - approved to proceed today
 - dredge should be on site within 2 weeks
 - C.F. Bean received contract to pump approximately 2M yds³ sand to rebuild/restore island

DWF has opportunity to right itself

Louisiana Sportsmen and others who care about our fish and wildlife resources could be on the verge of realizing what was thought to be an impossible dream. The state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries could be pushed into 20th-century management — before the century ends.

But two extraordinary things must happen for the dream to become reality:

► The agency must show aggressive leadership.

► The Legislature must show restraint.

The historic opportunity arrives thanks to a financial crisis looming over the agency. Desperation has given birth to two efforts at reform that make the dream a possibility. But both must be nurtured and guided with prudence if they are to bear any fruit.

Promise at the DWF

The first effort has grown from the most unlikely of sources. The agency itself.

It all began last year when the DWF found out it was losing \$4 million in appropriations from the state's general fund. Traditionally the agency reacted to these types of emergencies with lots of public weeping but very

Bob Marshall



little action. Stop-gap financing was always found, and the dreaded L word (layoffs) eventually was avoided.

But this time something different happened. Prodded by a public thrashing from legislators disgusted by in-house squabbling, the DWF decided to face its financial future.

Assistant Secretary Fred Prejean, in charge of the DWF's Office of Finance, chaired a committee composed of representatives from each division. They had two charges.

"We appointed a sub-committee to look into alternative means of financing, investigating what other states are doing and coming up with any original ideas of our own."

But they also did something else.

"I believe before we can justify the need for future revenues, we

have to do a thorough review of our current operations, including where and how we spend our funding," Prejean said.

"We wanted to project our short- and long-range revenue needs, but we also had to put together a review of what we do, and how much it costs, in a way that would be meaningful to the citizens we serve."

The result?

Prejean hopes the agency will hold a public meeting within the next 30 to 45 days, when it will offer a complete financial accounting to its constituents.

"Each division chief will give a report not to exceed 15 minutes detailing their budgets and where and how the money is spent," Prejean said.

"After that we'll break into groups by divisions so people can get more details and ask questions of whichever section or sections most concern them."

"After that we'll get back together for another joint session for general questions."

The idea is simple.

"We want our customers to understand what we do, and we want to find out if what we're doing is meeting their needs and wishes," Prejean said.

"After we understand them, we

can ask for their support for the future by offering the services they want from us."

This is a historic moment for the DWF. Customer service is an old maxim at many state game and fish agencies, but it hasn't been a battle cry for administrators in Baton Rouge.

It may come just in the nick of time.

Lawmakers' chance

Prejean's group is completing its work just as a joint legislative committee is planning to meet Thursday to discuss the agency. The meeting is the result of a compromise resolution during the last session, brokered by Sen. Joe McPhearson, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. Basically, lawmakers who were attempting to run the DWF budget agreed to pull their bills in favor of a thorough look at "the structures, powers, duties, functions and funding" of the agency.

How they proceed Thursday is critical. If the lawmakers simply use the resolution as a platform for political chest-thumping, they will have wasted taxpayers' money — and an historic opportunity to be a force for positive change.

That's because the resolution could also be used to launch a thorough outside review of how

the DWF functions, and where it should head in the future.

There are many questions to be asked. What should the agency's charter be? What are its long-range goals? How should it be funded? How does its funding compare to other state agencies? Does it spend its funding wisely? Is its research portfolio driven by customer's needs, or scientists' ambition? What do people want from it? Should it be involved in subsidizing profitable industries such as the fur and alligator trade? Should it be more involved in developing and supporting recreational users?

Politicians aren't suited for that job; they have neither the expertise, the time and, in many cases, the objectivity to evaluate a public agency. Instead they should appoint a task force of interested parties, or even hire a professional auditor, to get the job done.

When that job is done, it can be used in concert with the DWF's own in-house audit to propose a future that can both satisfy the customers' needs, and be guided by a secure funding stream.

Peace could actually reign inside the agency and the state's resources could be managed efficiently and wisely.

The opportunity is here.

BEST BET: HOPEDALE

General: The Hopedale fishing area includes the marshes in southern St. Bernard Parish between Bayou la Loutre and Bayou Terre aux Boeufs, as well as access to Black Bay and Breton Sound.

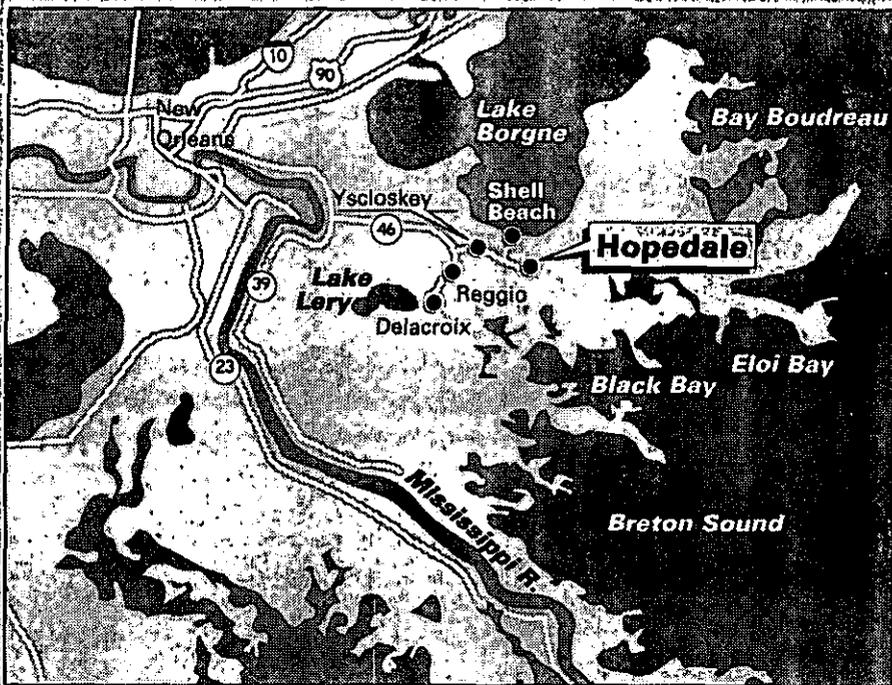
Good news: Fall cool fronts might bring some stiff winds but they also bring fish into the interior marshes. For the last two weeks anglers fishing out of Hopedale haven't had to motor all the way to Black Bay for a strike. Reds and specks abound in the inside canals, bayous and lakes.

Best spots: Crooked Bayou, the Rosita, Middle Bayou, Bayou Batolo, Bayou Robin, Twin Pipelines, Lake Amadee, Lake Amada, Hopedale Lagoon.

Best baits: Live storm minnows or cockahoos under a cork over shallower reefs, on a

sliding sinker bottom rig in deeper water. Artificial working include spoons (gold), plastic cockahoos (gray/black back, chartreuse/fire tail, avocado/red flecks), sparkle beetles (clear, chartreuse).

Access: From hoists at Hopedale and Shell Beach.



Louisiana hunters face higher Mississippi fees

By **BOB MARSHALL**
Outdoors editor

An expensive surprise was waiting for hundreds of Louisiana sportsmen when they arrived in Mississippi this weekend for the opening of archery season. Non-resident all-game hunting licenses now cost as much as \$255.

Like most state agencies, the Mississippi Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is strapped for cash. When the state Legislature last spring took the rare step of raising resident licenses, naturally the call went out to hit the invaders as well.

But many non-residents say the jump was extreme. The non-resident season all-game license fee was raised from \$160 to \$225. Add the \$35 non-resident muzzleloader stamp, and it could cost black powder hunters from Louisiana \$255 to hunt deer in Mississippi — even on land they might own and pay taxes on.

A Mississippi resident, meanwhile, pays \$17 for the same privilege.

Louisiana charges non-residents \$150, but that could change.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has the authority to set license fees. Coincidentally, the issue is on the agenda for the October meeting scheduled Monday at Department of Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters in Baton Rouge. And there is a feeling of revenge in the air.

"Mississippians sure don't come over here to hunt deer, but they do come for fishing, shrimp and gill netting," said Wayne Giordano, a Belle Chasse resident who hunts on his property in Mississippi and is irate about the license fee increases.

The complete non-resident hunting license schedule for Mississippi is:

- All game, including deer and turkey stamp, \$255
- Three-day all game with deer tags, \$105
- Three-day all game with turkey tag, \$105
- Small game season, \$75
- Five-day small game, \$30
- State waterfowl stamp, \$5
- Archery and primitive weapon permit, \$30



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Mr. Duke Kunst
P.O. Box 184
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September 21, 1993

Dear Mr. Kunst:

Like the folks you have talked to, I too, have no problem with the proper harvest of mussels from Louisiana's waterways. If you would have stayed for the entire presentation you would have learned why I and others have a problem with the program as currently proposed. Unlike you, I am not a diver but I can foresee numerous difficulties arising without direct monitoring of the industry by the Department. There are far too many holes large enough to drive an eighteen wheeler full of mussel shells through in this program to suit me or the overwhelming majority of those with whom I've discussed this issue. You are only the sixth person I've heard from that is in favor of this program as envisioned. Far more than thirty folks from both the professional ranks and the general public agree with me that this program needs more work and study. There is little enthusiasm for this proposal except from those who stand to personally gain in some way.

It would be entirely inappropriate for me to divulge with whom I have talked to about the mussel program. Many would tell you one thing and me quite another. Most would be afraid of some sort of recrimination or unwanted confrontation so I have to protect their confidentiality, as well as, your own. I can tell you that there is broad-based concern because we simply do not have the proper information specifically pertaining to Louisiana's mussels to satisfy the requirements for the development of an entirely new industry. (see enclosed article)

I would be more than happy to meet with you or any group to discuss my concerns about this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Schneider".

John F. "Jeff" Schneider
JFS/lwm

cc: Joe Herring & Commissioners

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Gentlemen:

We would like to express our appreciation to the commission for its role in listening to our concerns and involving our organization in some of the decision making processes and to extend an invitation to you all to attend our annual general membership meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. at the St. James Boat Club in Gramercy. This is at the intersection of Blind River and US 61 (Airline Highway). A jambalaya-type meal will be served and drinks are available at the boat club bar.

If any of you are able to attend, please register at the welcoming desk so that we may recognize you during our program.

If we can be of any help, please let us know.

Hunters Against Poachers

Warren King, Chair

Mike Gaudet, Ad. Officer

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● 11th NEW MOON
☽ 19th FIRST QUARTER
○ 27th FULL WOLF MOON

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Birthday (Observed)
Benjamin Franklin's Birthday

Robert E. Lee's Birthday
(Ala., Ark., Miss., S.C., Tenn.)

New Year's Day

Battle of New Orleans (La.)

*Ewes, yearly by twinning, rich masters do make, / The lamb of such twimmers, for breeders go take:
For twinings be twiggers, increase for to bring, / Though some of their twiggings, peccantem may sing.*

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
October 4, 1993
10:00 AM

- ✓ 1. Roll Call
- ✓ 2. Approval of Minutes of September 2, 1993
- ✓ 3. Lease for Fossil Shell Extraction - Don Puckett/Richard Koen
- ✓ 4. Aircraft Report - Lee Caubarreaux
- ✓ 5. Setting of Non-Resident Recreational Fishing and Hunting License Fees - Fred Prejean
- 6. Aquatic Plant Research & Control Section - Its Function and Work Activities - Bennie Fontenot Permit-Markets Inspection
7. Consideration of Shrimp Sanctuaries - Brandt Savoie
8. Rule - Fill Material - Janice Sharkey
- 9. Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update - Wynnette Kees
10. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/September - Winton Vidrine
11. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe Herring
12. Set January 1994 Meeting Date
- 13. Public Comments

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trip cost - Run, Board, Charter etc

**AN ANALYSIS OF
LOUISIANA NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSE SALES
JULY AND AUGUST
1992 AND 1993 FISCAL YEARS**

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

SOCIOECONOMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

OCTOBER 1993

Nonresident fishing license sales increased for the two months of July and August 1993 over the same time period in 1992. Based on information provided by sheriff's offices in 23 parishes and by the Department for East Baton Rouge and Orleans Parishes, total nonresident fishing license sales increased by 797 (5.5%). All types of licenses increased over the previous year except for the 2 day combination freshwater/saltwater license. Summaries for July and August of license sales by parish and type is attached.

An increase in license sales has occurred since the fee increase, but two months of data are not sufficient to conduct an analysis of its affect on the number of licensed nonresident anglers fishing in the state. There are many factors that may contribute to a change in the number of nonresident license-holders that the Department has no control over. These include: availability of fishing in Louisiana for nonresidents, expected success in fishing, income for fishing trips to the state, type of fishing, opportunities for fishing by nonresidents, favorable weather, and the quality of fishing and other recreational facilities compared to other states.

Results of present analysis is not sufficient to provide a conclusive basis for license fee changes. Further study is required to determine the number of nonresidents (if any) that are going elsewhere, taking their spending money with them. Once the number of nonresidents that are not coming to Louisiana because of the fee increase is estimated, the monetary loss to the state can be calculated. An analysis of this loss would consider its significance for the goals of the state, the recreational industry, and the Department.

→ Joe - Were you in favor of fees
enacted last session ?

Comparison of Nonresident Fishing License Sales,
Specified Parishes July and August Sales.

	1992-93	1993-94	Change
Freshwater Season	4,663	4,816	153
Freshwater Trip	995	1,276	281
Saltwater Season	1,989	2,297	308
Saltwater Trip	215	418	203
2 Day Combo	6,749	6,601	(148)
Total	14,611	15,408	797

→ Actual Data or reported
data for previous year.

JULY 92-93

PARISH	FW SEASON	FW TRIP	SW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS
Acadia					12	12
Ascension					17	17
Calcasieu	105	18	11	5	120	259
Cameron	328	12	177		388	905
Concordia	708	11	6		76	801
Desoto	41	40				81
E.B.R.	94	23	20	7	156	300
Iberia					12	12
Jefferson	78	16	71	12	517	694
Lafayette	16	27	6	6	46	103
Latourche	24	23	42	24	451	564
Morehouse	90	12			24	126
Orleans	1,517	17	874	23	1,053	3,484
Ouachita	11	8			6	25
Piaquemine	30	18	30	18	361	457
Sabine	106	226				332
St. Bernard	6		6		107	119
St. Charles	24		18		119	161
St. Mary	48	60	6		144	256
St. Tammany	84	2	76		51	213
Tangipahoa						0
Terrebonne	17	48	21	48	372	506
Vermillion		5		5	36	46
Vernon	37	79			18	134
West B.R.	29	12			54	95
TOTALS	3,395	657	1,364	148	4,140	9,704

JULY 93-94

PARISH	FW SEASON	FW TRIP	SW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS
Acadia	9	1	3		31	44
Ascension	17	20	5	11	70	123
Calcasieu	125	28	37	8	204	402
Cameron	274	17	247	11	413	962
Concordia	472	29	12		31	544
Desoto	63	32				95
E.B.R.	66	27	27	10	153	283
Iberia	27	12	19	5	61	124
Jefferson	100	55	96	56	711	1,018
Lafayette	40	14	12	8	58	132
Latourche	71	53	71	53	417	665
Morehouse	135	47			47	229
Orleans	618	8	329	2	290	1,247
Ouachita	23	24	4	2	10	63
Piaquemine						0
Sabine	119	135				254
St. Bernard	18		18		239	275
St. Charles	18	18	18	12	63	129
St. Mary	51	58	20	19	136	284
St. Tamman	103	2	81	2	50	238
Tangipahoa						0
Terrebonne	62	61	57	65	572	817
Vermillion	5	2	5	1	95	108
Vernon	119	123			21	263
West B.R.		5			15	20
TOTALS	2,525	771	1,061	265	3,687	8,919

AUGUST 92-93

AUGUST 93-94

PARISH	FW SEASON	FW TRIP	SW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS	PARISH	FW SEASON	FW TRIP	SW SEASON	SW TRIP	2 DAY	TOTALS	
Acadia					6	6	Acadia						0	
Ascension	12	18			65	95	Ascension					4	4	
Calcasieu	98	33	26	12	279	448	Calcasieu	159	71	54	23	233	540	
Cameron	207	2	172	8	341	730	Cameron	186	4	98	4	244	536	
Concordia	146	45	6		29	226	Concordia	149				13	162	
Desoto	6	6				12	Desoto	61	32			7	100	
E.B.R.	39	14	11	4	109	177	E.B.R.	38	2	13		74	127	
Iberia	18	16	12		46	92	Iberia	6				30	36	
Jefferson	42	18	42	12	423	537	Jefferson	6		6		153	165	
Lafayette	18	11	4		59	92	Lafayette	6	21		5	47	79	
Latourche	24	12	18	6	264	324	Latourche	51	40	48	28	320	487	
Morehouse	24					36	Morehouse						0	
Orleans	531	3	279	1	374	1,186	Orleans	1,254	7	857	7	774	2,899	
Ouachita	12	13			3	28	Ouachita	5	4			2	11	
Plaquemine	30		30		140	200	Plaquemine	54	35	48	42	279	458	
Sabine	29	81				110	Sabine	136	188				324	
St. Bernard	6		6		90	102	St. Bernard	24	2	24	1	83	134	
St. Charles		6			54	60	St. Charles	38	16	21	17	99	191	
St. Mary		6			12	18	St. Mary		6			6	12	
St. Tammany	18		12		28	58	St. Tammany	12	3	9	3	44	71	
Tangipahoa						0	Tangipahoa	31	17	14	4	39	105	
Terrebonne	2	18	7	24	204	255	Terrebonne	23	12	30	12	408	485	
Vermillion					41	41	Vermillion						11	11
Vernon	6	30			18	54	Vernon	14	32		5	12	63	
West B.R.		6			12	16	West B.R.	28	13	14	2	32	89	
TOTALS	1,258	336	625	57	2,609	4,907	TOTALS	2,281	505	1,236	153	2,914	7,089	

GRAND TOTALS	4,663	995	1,989	215	6,749	14,611	GRAND TOTALS	4,816	1,276	2,297	418	6,601	15,408
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Ms. Linda Curtis-Sparks, Executive Director of the Sabine River Authority, provided some data at the September meeting the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Attached is some additional data concerning Nonresident Freshwater Fishing Licenses for the three parishes around Toledo Bend. The three parishes sold 4,632 nonresident freshwater licenses in 1992-93-or 6.8 percent of ~~total~~ state sales. The 23 percent figure stated was for nonresident freshwater trip licenses. Sabine Parish sold 3,086 nonresident freshwater licenses or 4.6 percent of the state total. ~~The 17 percent figure for Sabine Parish stated in the meeting was again for nonresident freshwater trip licenses.~~

Additional statements were made that one vendor had fewer sales this year than last year and that anglers are going to Texas to buy licenses. It was stated that one vendor in Sabine Parish had sold 383 nonresident licenses in August 1992 but only 3 in August 1993. Nonresident freshwater license sales for August 1992 amounted to 176 for the three parishes and 110 for Sabine Parish. Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife were contacted. It would be difficult for them to provide license sales data for two counties (Sabine and Shelby) for two months, but they were not aware of any increase in license sales.

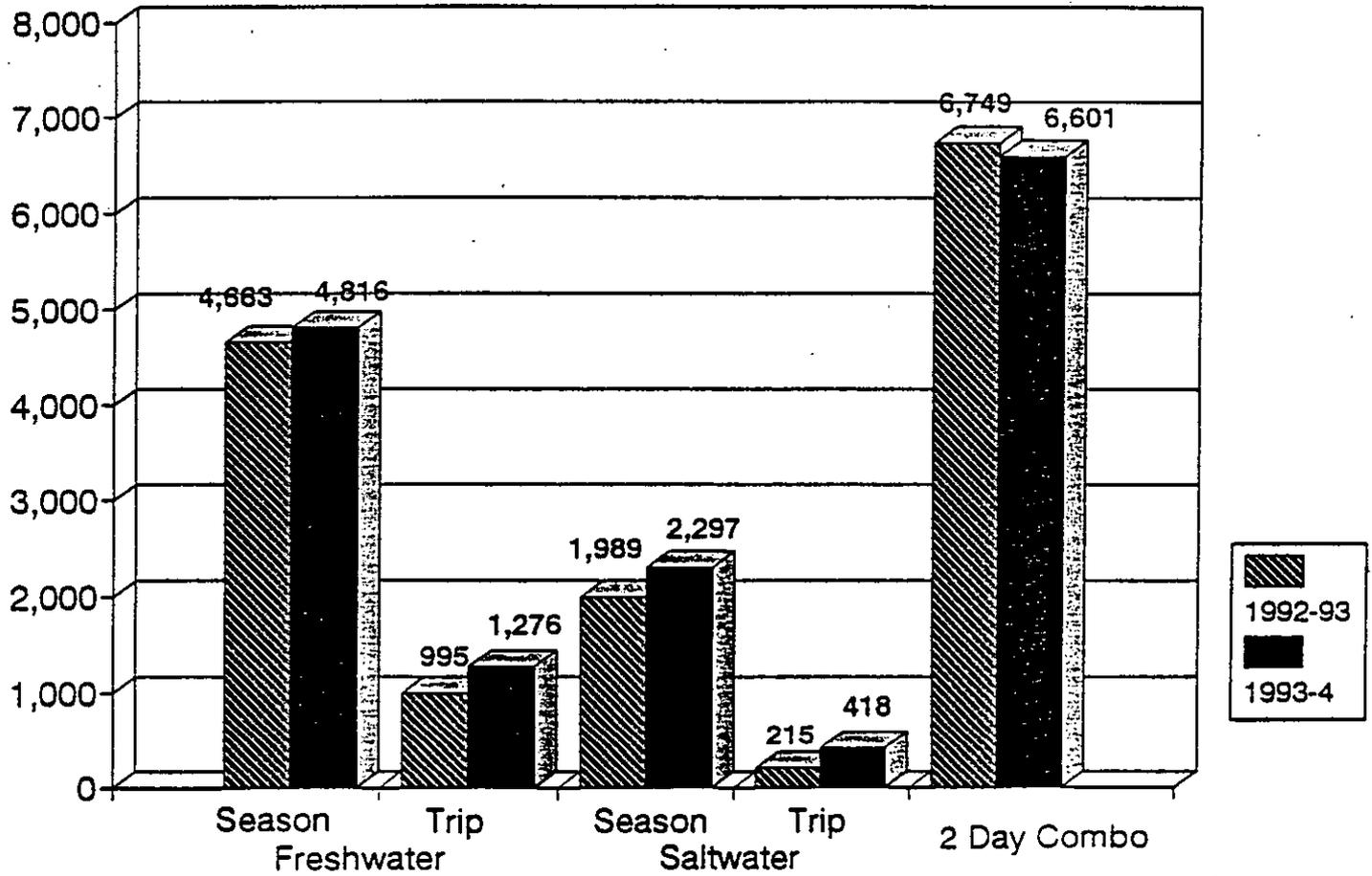
There are other factors that could contribute to a change in the number of nonresident license sales, besides a fee change. These include: fewer anglers on Toledo Bend because of low water levels and hot weather, sales occurring in other parishes, fewer fishing rodeos that draw more nonresidents, and nonresidents waiting to come in the fall when it is cold in the north.

Comparision of Non-Resident Freshwater Fishing License Sales,
Parishes Surrounding Toledo Bend Lake, Louisiana.

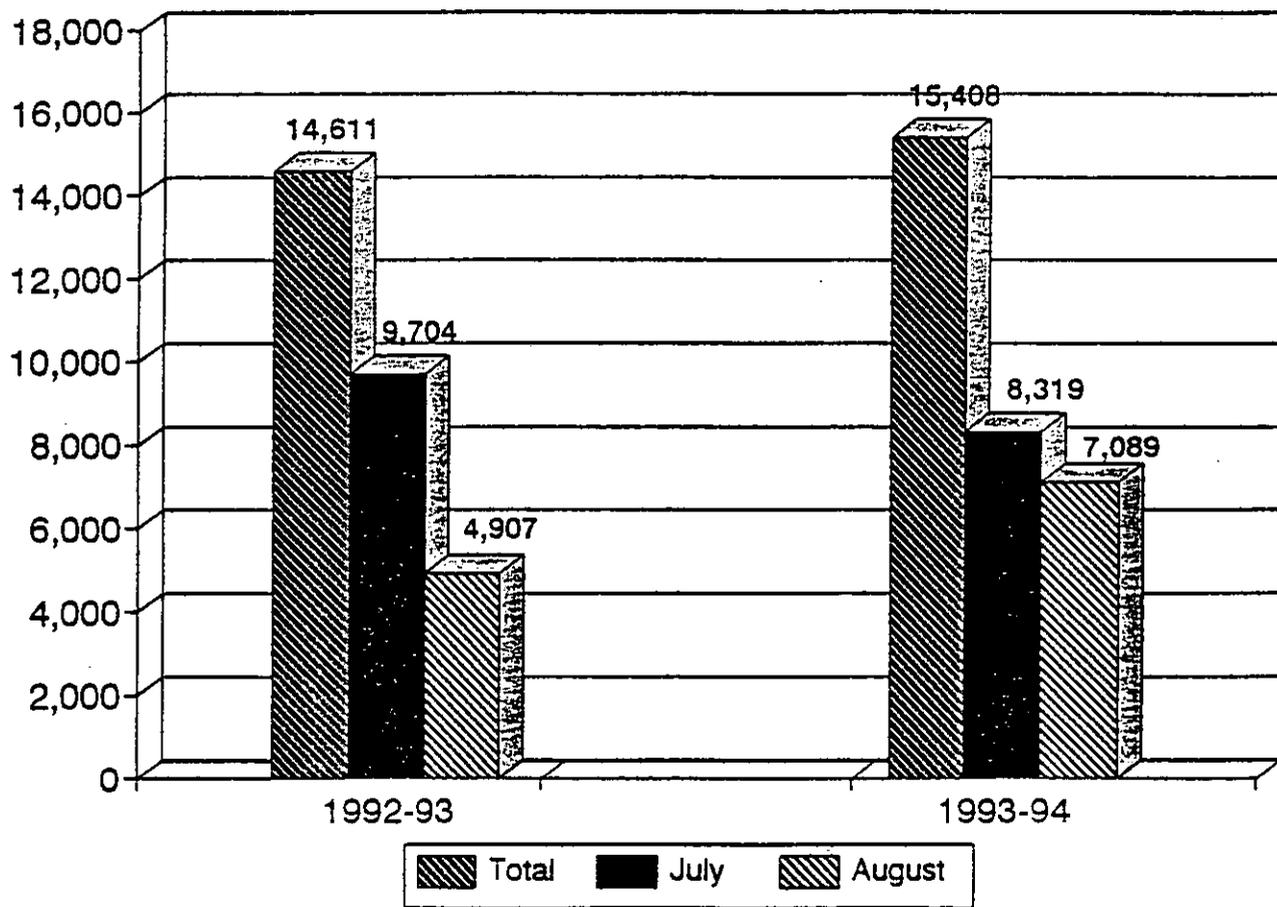
	Sabine		Desoto, Sabine, & Vernon	
	1992	1993	1992	1993
July:				
Freshwater Season	106	119	184	301
Freshwater Trip	226	135	345	290
2 day Combo			18	21
Total	332	254	547	612
August:				
Freshwater Season	29	136	41	211
Freshwater Trip	81	188	117	252
2 day Combo			18	19
Total	110	324	176	482

	Sabine		Desoto, Sabine, & Vernon	
	Total 1992-93	Percent of State	Total 1992-93	Percent of State
Freshwater Season	948	4.2%	1,474	6.6%
Freshwater Trip	2,138	16.7%	3,037	23.8%
2 day Combo	0	0.0%	121	0.4%
Total	3,086	4.6%	4,632	6.8%

Louisiana Nonresident Fishing License Sales July and August, 1992 and 1993 Fiscal Years



Louisiana Nonresident Fishing Licenses July and August, 1992 and 1993 Fiscal Years



NON-RESIDENT FISHING LICENSES

The major concerns of the public in regard to the N/R Fishing Licenses are the prices of the N/R 2 Day Combination Freshwater and Saltwater which carries a price of \$23.00 for 2 days, and the N/R 7-Day trip which carries a price of \$26.00 for freshwater and \$26.00 for saltwater.

In comparison to Texas the price to fish in Toledo Bend from the Texas border is only \$10.00 for 5 days , whereas the Louisiana rate is \$26.00 for 7-days. In the past visitors purchased the 2-Day Combination Freshwater and Saltwater license to fish in the Toledo Bend area, however, the cost for it has escalated from \$8.50 to \$23.00 within 1 years time causing the Toledo Bend visitors to go to the Texas side to purchase their N/R licenses.

Over-all, most complaints come from the 2 Day Combination Freshwater and Saltwater License. However, the 7-Day Trip Licenses do warrant some study also.

	Freshwater License	Saltwater License
Alabama	\$16.00/7day	\$32.00/7day
Arkansas	\$15.00/14day	
	8.00/3day	
Florida	15.00/7day	15.00/7day
Mississippi	8.00/3day	8.00/3day
Texas	10.00/5day	7.00/stamp
Louisiana	26.00/7day	26.00/7day
	2 Day combo \$23.00	

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1993

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-SEPTEMBER 1993

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-70

ENFORCEMENT-69

OTHER - 1

11-Boating

8-Angling W/O A License

13-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

3-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

7-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

1-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

2-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours

1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

3-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours

9-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

1-Possess Untagged MGB

1-Possess Over Limit Of Doves

1-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

2-Illegal Spotighting From Public Road

1-Littering

1-Driving Without Operators License

2-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

46 Doves, 1 Bag of Squirrel Parts, 3 Undersize Black Bass, 1 .22 Rifle, 1 Spotlight, 1 Battery,

1 Box 22 Magnum Ammunition

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REGION 1 CONT'D

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

11-Boating

12-Hunting

25-Fishing

27-Migratory

7-Miscellaneous

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-63

ENFORCEMENT-62

OTHER - 1

11-Boating

3-Angling W/O A License

6-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

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

2-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

1-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules

3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

1-Driving On Levees

1-Possess Quail Closed Season

2-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

2-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season

16-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

1-Wanton Waste Of MGB

2-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

1-Taking Ibis - No Season

1-Taking Killdeer - No Season

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

4-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

2-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

1 Resident License, 47 Doves, 1 Browning B-2000 Gun, 13 Lead Shotgun Shells, 1 Resident Hunting and Fishing License, 3 Woodducks, 1 Ibis

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REGION 2 CONT'D

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

11-Boating

10-Fishing

9-Hunting

25-Migratory

8-Miscellaneous

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-145

ENFORCEMENT-142

OTHER - 3

26-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

4-Fish Non-Resident License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

19-Taking/Possessing Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

2-Hunting W/O Resident License

4-Failure To Abide By Commission Rules

1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

5-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

1-Possess Squirrel(s) Closed Season

3-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Closed Season

3-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light

2-Hunt Deer Illegal Methods

2-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Meat

1-Possession of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear

2-Take/Possess Spotted Fawn

2-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally

1-Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp

1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

13-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

5-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season

REGION 3 CONT'D

1-Possess Over Limit of Doves

2-Taking Ibis - No Season

1-Taking Herons - No Season

2-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

5-Criminal Trespass On State Property

2-Criminal Trespass

2-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

3-Littering

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

2-Lacy Act

1-Possession Of Firearm Of Convicted Felon - Certain Felonies

1-Flight From An Officer

1-Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

CONFISCATIONS:

61 Lbs. Catfish, 78 Doves, 1 Squirrel, 1 Heron, 11 Black Bass, 5 Ibis, 7 Woodduck, 1 Deer, 1 Spotted Fawn, 18 Hoop Nets, 1-30 Hp. Evinrude Motor, 1 18' Aluminum Boat, 3/4 Lb. Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia, 1 Non-Resident Hoop Net License, 1 Spotlight, 3 Resident Fishing Licenses, 1 Federal Duck Stamp, 2 Shotguns, 1 .22 Rifle

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

26-Boating

45-Fishing

72-Hunting

2-Other

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REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-81

ENFORCEMENT-75

OTHER - 6

8-Boating

7-Angling W/O A License

3-Fish Non-Resident License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

9-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

4-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

5-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

25-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

4-Hunting MGB From A Vehicle

1-Hunting Doves Closed Season

6-Hunt MGB In Closed Area Inside Refuge

4-Resisting An Officer

CONFISCATIONS:

45 Doves

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

8-Boating

13-Fishing

15-Hunting

41-Federal

4-Other

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-120

ENFORCEMENT-90

OTHER -30

18-Boating

15-Angling W/O A License

5-Fish Non-Resident License

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

1-Leave Nets Unattended

1-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

2-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

2-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License

5-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

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

4-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

2-Hunt Rabbits Closed Season

1-Take Rabbits Illegal Methods

1-Filing False Applications

4-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp

REGION 5 CONT'D

1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

2-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours

4-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season

2-Transport Completely Dressed MGB

1-Field Possession Of Freshly Killed MGB Closed Season

1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

2-Possess Over Limit Of Doves

2-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks

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

24-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

2-Littering

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-License Fraud

1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

54 Doves, 29 Ducks, 2 Songbirds, 1 Gill Net (1,200 Ft.), 100 Lbs. Black Drum Sold For \$149.65, 240 Lbs.

White Shrimp Sold For \$105.75

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

18-Boating

31-Fishing

43-Hunting

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-124

ENFORCEMENT-119

OTHER - 5

26-Boating

34-Angling W/O A License

11-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Of Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

17-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

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

1-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

1-Theft Of Crab Trap

2-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

2-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

4-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

2-Take Alligators From Other Than Approved Area

2-Take Alligators W/O License

2-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

2-Fail To Comply W/Alligator Parts Tagging Requirement

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

2-Hunting MGB With Illegal Firearm

2-Hunting Doves Closed Season

2-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulation On WMA

REGION 6 CONT'D

CONFISCATIONS:

6 Oversize Boards, 1-90 HP. Yamaha Outboard Motor, 2 Alligator Heads,

7 Lbs. Alligator Meat, 8 Doves, 116 Undersize Black Bass, 3 Crab Traps, 24 Undersize Channel Catfish, 1 .22 Caliber Magnum Rifle With Scope, 1 Alligator Line, 590 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold for \$265.50.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

26-Boating

78-Fishing

20-Hunting

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-189

ENFORCEMENT-179

OTHER - 10

35-Boating

48-Angling W/O A License

15-Fish/Non-Resident License

4-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

10-Angling W/O Saltwater License

12-Fish W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

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

1-Transport W/O Required License

2-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

30-Sell Undersize Crabs

5-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

4-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

2-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season

1-Trapping Closed Season

1-Possess Over Limit Of Doves

2-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

2-Littering

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

1-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

1-Violate Rules & Regs. Of Harvest Reporting Req.

CONFISCATIONS:

1,407 Sacks of Oysters, 12,937 Pounds of Crabs, 26 Doves, 2 Squirrels, 1 Crab Trap

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

35-Boating

8-Hunting

136-Fishing

10-Miscellaneous

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-242

ENFORCEMENT-214

OTHER - 28

27-Boating

11-Angling W/O A License

9-Fishing Non-Resident License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License Non-Resident

2-Angling W/O Saltwater License

4-Fish W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License

1-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally

9-Possession O/L Of Red Drum

2-Possess O/L of Red Drum In Excess of 27"

2-Fail To Have Intact (Saltwater)

4-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

8-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

3-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

2-Possess O/L Spotted Sea Trout

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

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

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

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

2-Leave Nets Unattended

5-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

2-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 2-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents
- 1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
- 2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear
- 1-Take/Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 2-Use Illegal Length Gill Nets
- 2-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets
- 3-Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum Commercial
- 2-Possess Red Drum Illegally
- 1-Trawl In Restricted Areas
- 2-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 9-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
- 7-Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
- 1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 2-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 9-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Possess Wild Birds Or Wild Quadrupeds W/O A License
- 1-Hunting W/Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 1-Use Live Ammo While Training Dogs C/S
- 7-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
- 1-Obtaining A Hunting License Without a Hunter Education Certificate
- 1-Take Alligators From Other Than Approved Area
- 7-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp
- 1-Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp

REGION 8 CONT'D

- 7-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
- 9-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
- 2-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
- 10-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season
- 3-Wanton Waste Of MGB
- 13-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 3-Hunting Doves Closed Season
- 2-Possess Over Limit of Doves
- 4-Possess Over Limit of Ducks
- 2-Taking Ibis - No Season
- 2-Taking Or Possession of Other Non-Game Birds - No Season
- 5-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA
- 1-Criminal Trespass
- 2-Littering
- 2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
- 1-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish
- 1-Flight From An Officer
- 1-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

CONFISCATIONS:

555 Whole Fish Donated, 11 Lbs. of Fish Sold For \$26.25, 15 Lbs. of Shrimp Donated, 1,741 Lbs. of Shrimp Sold For \$3,968.65, 40 Doves, 40 Teal, 1 Kingfisher, 18 Mottled Ducks, 1 Snowy Egret, 7 Ibis, 5 Ice Chests, 3 Trawls, 1 Hunting License, 2 Vessel License, 1 Crab Trap License, 1 Alligator License, 3 Guns, 84 Loose Shells, 3 1/2 Boxes of Lead Gun Shells, 4 Alligator Tags, 5 Alligator Fishing Lines With Hooks, 1 Boat, 13 Gill Nets At 4,100 Feet, 15 Unattended Gill Nets At 6,600 Feet.

REGION 8 CONT'D

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

27-Boating

59-Sport Fishing

40-Commercial Fishing

1-Trawling

21-Oyster

20-General Hunting

1-Alligator Case

52-General Migratory

9-Migratory Game Birds

4-Non-Migratory Game Birds

8-Miscellaneous

REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-192

ENFORCEMENT-178

OTHER - 14

29-Boating

14-Angling W/O A License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

4-Angling W/O Saltwater License

3-Taking/Possession Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

6-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum

2-Take Or Possess Undersized Sea Trout

11-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

5-Take Or Possess O/L Black Drum

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Rec.) Finfish

3-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

4-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

2-Taking Fish Illegally

1-Leave Nets Unattended

3-Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

2-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

1-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

1-Theft Of Crab Trap

REGION 9 CONT'D

13-Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs

5-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

5-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

3-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

2-Hunt Rabbits Closed Season

1-Hunt Quail Closed Season

3-Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins

5-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp

6-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

3-Hunting And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season

2-Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat

2-Transport Completely Dressed MGB

2-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks

9-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

10-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

2-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

2-Littering

5-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

2-Flight From An Officer

CONFISCATIONS:

47 Sacks Oysters, 30 Black Bass, 53 Black Drum, 7 Red Drum, 490 Catfish, 126 Catfish Sold For \$51.50,

4,400 Lbs. Crabs, 2 Rabbits, 18 Lbs. Shrimp Sold For \$20.70, 6 Speckle Trout, 27 Ducks, 2 Quail, 2 Dove,

REGION 9 CONT'D

18 Gallinules, 1 Alligator, 1 Spanish Mackerel, 1 Cobia, 6 Crab Traps, 3 Weapons, 5 Boats, 1 Boat Trailer,
1 Outboard Motor, 2 Skimmer Nets, 1 Hoop Net, 2 Dip Nets, 3 Knives, 1 Shocking Device, 7 Marijuana
Plants, 3 Ice Chests, Variety Of Shells, 1 Hunting/Fishing License, 1 Gas Tank

GRAND TOTAL FOR EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

29-Boating

88-Fishing

17-Hunting

3-Alligators

29-Migratory

5-Oysters

10-WMA

11-Miscellaneous

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-140

- 2-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
- 4-Possess O/L Of Red Drum
- 6-Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
- 2-Take Or Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout
- 9-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
- 3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
- 1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
- 1-Leave Nets Unattended
- 5-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
- 1-Failure To Mark-Tag Nets
- 40-Sell Undersize Crabs
- 2-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit & Report Rules
- 2-Failure To Have Written Permission
- 34-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
- 1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
- 1-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
- 1-Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 1-Improper Running Lights
- 2-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
- 1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
- 1-Possess/Take Undersize Federal Controlled Fish
- 8-Fail To Keep Federally Controlled Fish Intact
- 2-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9
- 2-Violation Of Magnuson Act

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CONFISCATIONS:

1,964 Sacks of Oysters, 1 Gallon of Oysters, 16,837 Lbs. of Crabs, 59 Red Drum, 30 Black Drum, 13 Berry
Crabs, 6 Spotted Sea Trout, 2 Spanish Mackerel, 2 Cobia, 825 Lbs. of Shark Fins, 7 Marijuana Plants

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-135

21-Boating

17-Angling W/O A License

3-Fish Non-Resident License

5-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Fish W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License

1-Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

3-Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

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

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

1-Transport W/O Required License

3-Taking Fish Illegally

2-Take/Possess Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

15-Sell Undersize Crabs

1-Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board

1-Failure To Have Written Permission

6-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly

2-Harvest Oysters From Unmarked Lease

2-Hunt From Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way

1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE CONT'D

- 2-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
- 2-Fail To Comply W/Alligator Parts Tagging Requirement
- 1-Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp
- 3-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
- 21-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
 - 1-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
 - 2-Hunting Doves Closed Season
 - 2-Possess Over Limit Of Doves
 - 1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
 - 3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
 - 2-Fail To Keep Federally Controlled Fish Intact
 - 1-Violation Of Sanitary Code - Chapter 9

CONFISCATIONS:

12,937 Lbs. Crabs, 1,407 Sacks Oysters, 275 Lbs. Black Drum, 24 Red Fish, 94 Lbs. of Shrimp Sold For \$141.00, 7 Lbs. Alligator Meat, 2 Alligator Heads, 17 Lbs. Speckled Trout, 107 Doves, 3 Teal, 1 Vessel, 3 Ice Chest, 2 Trawl Doors

S.W.E.P.

ENGINE HOURS RUNNING TIME-213 HOURS

BOATS CHECKED-264

TOTAL CASES-38

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O A Commercial License

1-No Commercial Fish License In Possession

1-Take/Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Gear License

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use A Commercial Vessel

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

1-Improper Display Of Numbers

7-Failure To Display Proper Numbers On Vessel

1-Failure To Have Shark Permit

3-Failure To Keep Cobia Intact

1-Failure To Keep Spanish Mackerel Intact

1-Failure To Keep Red Snapper Intact

1-Undersized Controlled Fish (Amberjack)

2-No Oysters Harvesters License In Possession

1-Take Undersize Oysters Off State Reef

1-Use Oversize Trawl Doors In Inside Waters

1-Littering

3-Obstruction Of Justice

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S.W.E.P. CONT'D

CONFISCATIONS:

2 Trawls, 202 Sacks Of Oysters, 1,829 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$4,593.05, 2 Louisiana Commercial Fishing License, 825 Lbs. Of Shark Fins Sold For \$9,900.00

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT - 1,128

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 98

TOTAL CASES OYSTER STRIKE FORCE - 140

TOTAL CASES SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE - 135

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 38

GRAND TOTAL - 1,539

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#4



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 September 16, 1993

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Lee Caubarreaux
 Assistant Secretary

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary
 FROM: Lee Caubarreaux, Assistant Secretary *HC*
 SUBJECT: Aviation Report - August 1993

Total hours listed are:

Actual Cost

PILOT	TOTAL HOURS
G. Rackle	67.6
B. Stamey	12.8
M. Windham	5.7
D. Clause	73.4
TOTAL HOURS	159.5

-0- No Flights...

PLANE	FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED ¹ COST(TOTAL)	ACTUAL ² COST(TOTAL)
N61092 Amphib	30.6	3,584.18	2,274.81
70365 Float-DC	73.4	6,769.68	5,098.99
N2576K Float-MW	8.6	1,105.70	853.98
N9467Y 210	42.4	4,737.78	4,228.44
N223MS Partenavia	4.5	707.04	394.39
N57266 Aero Commander	0.0		
TOTALS	159.5	16,904.38	12,850.61

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

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

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

PLANE: N70365 (FLOAT-DC)

DATE	PILOT	DESTINATION & PURPOSE	HOURS	PASSENGERS
08/02/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.9	G. Adams
08/03/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	5.4	G. Adams
08/04/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	4.0	G. Adams
08/05/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	4.4	G. Adams
08/06/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.5	G. Adams
08/09/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	1.2	G. Adams
08/10/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol & shrimp	4.0	D. Guidry
08/11/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol & shrimp	3.0	R. Chauvin
08/12/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol & shrimp	2.8	R. Chauvin
08/13/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol & shrimp	1.3	R. Chauvin
08/14/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: shrimp	1.4	R. Chauvin
08/15/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: shrimp	1.2	D. Guidry
08/18/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.4	G. Adams
08/19/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.5	G. Adams
08/20/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: dove, bait	1.2	G. Adams
08/23/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.2	G. Adams
08/24/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: dove bait & shrimp patrol	4.1	G. Adams
08/25/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	4.0	G. Adams
08/26/93	Clause	NI-Coastal-NI: oyster clean up patrol	3.8	G. Adams

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NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring
Secretary



CONTACT
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93-244

9/24/94

OCTOBER AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING ANNOUNCED

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will conduct its next regular meeting on **Monday, October 4, 1993**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of September 2, 1993, minutes.
3. Lease for fossil shell extraction.
4. Aircraft report.
5. Setting of non-resident recreational fishing and hunting license fees.
6. Aquatic plant research and control section: functions and activities
7. Consideration of shrimp sanctuaries.
8. Ratification of Rule -- fill material.
9. Civil restitution and class 1 update.
10. Monthly law enforcement report/September.
11. Secretary's report to the Commission.
12. Set January 1994 meeting.
13. Public comments.

September 23, 1993

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

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September 21, 1993

Mr. Herring:

Bert Jones has approved the attached Commission agenda this date. He asked that on the Non-Resident License Fees item that comparison information for other states be included in their packets.

Thank you.

Susan Hawkins

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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Edwin W. Edwards
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September 22, 1993

MEMORANDUM

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

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DON PUCKETT/RICHARD KOEN

2. Lease for Fossil Shell Extraction

LEE CAUBARREAU

3. Aircraft Report

FRED PREJEAN

4. Setting of Non-Resident Recreational Fishing and Hunting License Fees

CORKY PERRET

5. Aquatic Plant Research & Control Section - Its Function and Work Activities
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WYNNETTE KEES

7. Rule - Fill Material
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WINTON VIDRINE

9. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/September

JOE L. HERRING

10. Secretary's Report to the Commission
11. Set January 1994 Meeting Date

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JLH:sch

C: Clyde Kimball
Fred Prejean
Lee Caubarreaux
Corky Perret
Don Puckett
John Medica
Division Chiefs

FAX TRANSMITTAL

TO: Bert Jones

Chairman

FAX# _____

FROM Susan Hawkins

RE: October Commission Meeting Agenda

The attached agenda is being sent for your approval. On Item #4, does the Commission want the discussion just for fishing licenses or should it include hunting licenses also? Thank you for your prompt attention.

DATE: September 21, 1993

TIME SENT _____

FOR INFORMATION CALL (504) 765-2806

OUR FAX # (504) 765-2607

PAGES TO FOLLOW 2

Comparison info. for neighboring states

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- Wynnette Kees
- Karl Turner

Dear Susan:
I have the following item from the Inland Fish Division for the Oct meeting:

RECEIVED
SEP 08 93
INLAND FISHERIES
DIVISION

"Inland Fish Division's Aquatic Plant Research and Control Section - its function and work activities."

Bennie
Secretary

State of Louisiana



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September 2, 1993

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*W. Kees
Civil Restitution*

9-8-93

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Enforcement Report
W.V.

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*I have nothing to
Add -
Karl Turner
Sept. 3, 1993*

*send a
copy to
Paula ASAP*

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*Nothing for this meeting's
agenda-*

Bob 9-9-93

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