

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 1999

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, November 4, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Danny Babin
Tom Kelly
Tom Gattle
Glynn Carver
Norman McCall

Assistant Secretary Phil Bowman was also present.

Commissioner Jerald Hanchey was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **October 7, 1999 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

A **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation from the Commission/Department to the Teche Area "Big Shot" Bass Tournaments, Inc.** began with Mr. John Roussel stated several individuals were at the meeting that were very worthy of recognition. Mr. Mike Walker presented information a few months back on Lake Fausse Point which resulted in implementing restrictive bass management measures. A potential problem in the lake is the deteriorating quality of the spawning habitat. Corrective actions resulted in the raising of \$20,000 for the purchase of advanced fingerling Florida largemouth bass. The fingerlings were stocked in the lake several weeks back. The organization, known as the Big Shot Bass Tournaments, Inc., was represented by Mr. Elvis Jeanminette and Mr. Keith Price. Mr. Roussel then asked the men to come forward and accept a plaque that shows appreciation for their dedication and efforts. Chairman Busbice expressed the Commission's appreciation also.

Presentation of 1999 Wildlife Officer of the Year Award by Shikar Safari International began with Major Keith LaCaze

introducing Mr. Frank Anders of Shikar Safari International. Dr. Anders stated for over 25 years, Shikar Safari has recognized the Wildlife Officer of the Year in each state for their exemplary performance of duties. He then presented the award for this year to Senior Officer Lane Kincaid.

Mr. Tommy Prickett stated Mr. Danny Timmer would handle the **Rule Ratification - 2000 Turkey Hunting Regulations**. But before that, Mr. Prickett stated in the last month, 2 birds were picked up in Livingston Parish that were dead from diseases. One bird had an abnormally high parasite load, and the other bird had histomoniasis or commonly called black head. All of the DMAP clubs have been notified to look for sick birds. Reports from the Florida parishes indicated good reproduction and Mr. Prickett hoped there would not be a disease problem that would impact that population. Also, Mr. Prickett stated there have been some news of two reports of chronic wasting disease or mad cow disease. There have been three reported death cases within the last year which may have been caused by chronic wasting disease. The Southeast Wildlife Disease Study has asked the Department to monitor the situation. Specimens will be taken from emaciated deer or deer hunters report are acting abnormally. At this time, there is no problem in Louisiana, stated Mr. Prickett. Commissioner Gattle asked what is the proper name for black head and is it bacterial or viral? Then he asked if this occurs in areas where there may be an overpopulation of turkeys? Mr. Prickett stated this disease, like most wildlife diseases, is endemic. Commissioner Carver asked if Mississippi had a bad turkey black head problem within the last 2 or 3 years? Mr. Prickett stated there were a combination of factors that caused the turkey populations to decline in the early 1990's in the Florida parishes.

Mr. Timmer stated the comment period for the 2000 Turkey Season ended today and only one letter opposing the season has been received. Also, a comment was received at an earlier Commission Meeting opposing the shortening of the season in the Florida parishes. The season dates for Area A, which is a calendar adjustment, will be March 25 through April 23. Area B dates will be April 1 through April 16. Area C will have March 25 through April 2 season dates. Bag limit will be one gobbler per day, three per season. One change proposed was increasing the limit of turkeys on WMAs to 2 with the exception of lottery hunts. Winn Parish is open again for the first time in 8 years with a 9 day season. All of LaSalle Parish will be open; the eastern portion of Beauregard Parish will open; and portions of East Carroll, Tensas and Madison Parishes will open. The western half of Beauregard

Parish will be closed for restocking. Commissioner Carver asked about the turkey population in Sabine Parish? Mr. Timmer stated people in the area are seeing lots of birds. He added that he was well pleased with the majority of the state, noting southeast Louisiana was the biggest trouble area. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Timmer to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. Hearing no public comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
November 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, November 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a hunting season in 2000 for turkeys, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1999 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in November hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for turkeys. Authority to establish regulations are vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

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

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

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

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (November 1999).

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

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

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 25-April 23
B	April 1-16
C	March 25-April 2

C. 2000 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - March 25-April 23

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. East Baton Rouge;

ii. East Feliciana;

iii. LaSalle;

iv. Livingston;

v. Natchitoches (Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for National Forest dates);

vi. St. Helena;

vii. St. Tammany;

viii. Tangipahoa;

ix. Washington;

x. West Baton Rouge;

xi. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen: North of La. 26 from DeRidder to the junction of La. 104 and north of La. 104;

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

iii. Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of U.S. 171-190 from the junction of La. 26 to DeRidder, and north of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of La. 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of La. 126, north of La. 126 westward to the Winn Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion lying east of La. 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of Hwy. 15 and west of Hwy. 65 from its juncture with Hwy. 15 at Clayton;

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

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy. 15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71 and La. 8. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

x. Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80;

xii. Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xiii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

xiv. Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17;

xv. Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xix. Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates.

2. Area B - April 1-April 16

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville;

ii. Bossier;

iii. Claiborne;

iv. Lincoln;

v. Red River;

vi. Webster, including Caney Ranger District of Kisatchie National Forest.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

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

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

iii. East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt to Winn Parish line;

v. Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the

Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line;

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

vii. Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.

3. Area C - March 25-April 2

a. All of the following parish is open:

i. Winn (EXCEPTION: see Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates)

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin;

iii. Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line;

iv. Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley;

v. Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of Dequincy, east of La. 27 from Dequincy to I-10, and north of I-10 east of Sulphur;

vi. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

vii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

viii. Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10;

ix. Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

x. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line;

xi. Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65 from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (November 1999).

§117. 2000 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

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

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

3. All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

B. Permits

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

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2000. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

3. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 - P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 - 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 - 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 - P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 - 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 - 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 - P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	April 1-2

Bens Creek†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Bodcau	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 25-26 April 1-2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Fort Polk	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Georgia- Pacific	April 1-April 9	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Jackson- Bienville	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	April 8-9 April 15-16
Pearl River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Sabine	March 25-March 26 April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Sandy Hollow†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 March 27-29
Sicily Island	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9

Three Rivers	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Tunica Hills Angola Tract	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. For seasons on other lands managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, contact the local district office.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all Turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2000.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Turkey Hunting Schedule: Caney Ranger District, April 1-16; KNF lands in Winn Parish, March 25-April 2; All remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25: (November 1999).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Dave Morrison **Announced the Duck Stamp Competition Winner.** The 12th Annual Duck Stamp competition was held November 3 for the 2000-2001 duck stamp image. The scaup was selected for this image. Scaup is a very important bird in Louisiana and has climbed in the harvest from 10th to about 5th. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service still has concerns with the scaup levels because they have not rebounded to their long term population levels. The waterfowl aerial surveys for scaup will be enhanced this year along the coastal marshes and lakes in an effort to see how many birds are wintering in Louisiana. Twenty-two entries were received for this

competition. The third place winner was Mr. Greg Chappell; second place winner was Mr. Dave Pousson; and the first place winner was Mr. Jude Brunet. Mr. Brunet is a 2 time world championship winner for his duck carvings and placed second in last year's duck stamp competition. Stamps and prints should be available by late spring.

Rule Ratification on Black Bass Regulations on Spanish Lake, Iberia Parish, Louisiana was handled by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. Mr. Fontenot stated the rule would place a new slot limit and daily take limit on black bass in Spanish Lake. This project was requested by the Spanish Lake Commission to produce trophy bass over 10 pounds. Mr. Fontenot stated this program may work since there is complete access control, phenomenal growth of bass, and about 350,000 Florida bass have been stocked since 1997. Of these stocked fish, genetic tests show 21 percent of the stock appears to be hybrid or pure Florida strain. The rule would place a 16 to 21 inch slot and a daily take of 8 black bass per day with no more than 2 fish over 21 inches. Commissioner Gattle asked how big is Spanish Lake? Mr. Fontenot stated it was a 1250 acre lake. This program will take about 5 years before results are seen. During the public comment period, there were only a few positive comments received and no negative comments. Commissioner Gattle asked if Spanish Lake was classified as a trophy lake before these regulations? Mr. Fontenot stated no, the regulations were 10 bass daily limit with no size limit. Chairman Busbice asked why allow the take of 2 fish over 21 inches? Mr. Fontenot stated the other lakes with slot limits allow taking two fish over the top sized slot and this is to keep some type of uniform regularity. Commissioner Carver stated it will be interesting to see how this program turns out. Commissioner Carver made a motion to ratify the rule. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it 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 hereby establishes the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§191. Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake

The harvest regulations for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette, in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana is as follows:

1. Size limit: 16 inch - 21 inch slot. A 16-21 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 16 inches and 21 inches, both measurements inclusive.

2. Daily take: 8 fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 21 inches maximum total length.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25) (a), R.S. 56:325(C) and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (November 1999).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent - Crab Trap Marking was presented by Mr. Mark Schexnayder. This action would address Act 422 of the 1999 Legislative Session which states that if a shrimper catches a serviceable trap without a float, they must return it to the water with a common float. The Commission was asked to define what is a common float. Other sections of the regulations included giving trappers an alternative to marking their traps with a license number and to define what is a legal float. Mr. Schexnayder stated, with interaction from Enforcement and the Crab Task Force, the most workable solution for defining a common float is an all white one-gallon or larger bleach bottle. The marking of the traps could occur with the use of stainless steel tags or a plastic bait cover. The definition of a legal float will be a solid float 6

inches in diameter or greater attached to the trap with a non-floating line of 1/4 inch in diameter or greater. Commissioner Babin asked if this was just a Notice of Intent? Mr. Schexnayder answered yes. Chairman Busbice asked if the Commission has the authority to establish a crab season? Then he asked Mr. Schexnayder to explain the different parts of the trap he brought as a prop to the meeting. Mr. Mike Landrum stated the Commission does have the authority to set a season, but it should be based on biological or technical criteria. Commissioner Gattle asked if the Commission was defining what a floating device was because of Senate Bill 537? Mr. Schexnayder stated the Commission needed to designate what a common float is and the other portion of the Act deals with float regulations in general. Commissioner Gattle then asked if the trap had to be identified by the commercial fishing license number or the recreational crab trap license and it has to have a float? Mr. Schexnayder answered yes, it also has to have escape rings for it to be considered serviceable. Commissioner Kelly asked what is the shrimpers responsibility if he comes upon a trap that does not have a line or float and the condition of the trap seems unserviceable? Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated this piece of legislation is not what the Enforcement Division wanted. The Act is the results of a compromise to be tried this year and if the results are not as expected, the Legislature has promised to help again during the 2001 Session. Lt. Col. Clark added they were trying to allow shrimpers to identify good traps from bad traps. The bad traps would be brought back to the boat landing and properly disposed of, while the good traps should not be placed into a "crab trap graveyard" which could create boating safety obstacles. Commissioner Kelly again asked if a shrimper caught a trap without a line, would he have to supply the line to attach to the trap? Lt. Col. Clark answered yes, assuming that trap is properly tagged and identifiable. Commissioner Kelly stated sometimes a serviceable trap will still catch crabs, but is very marginal at that. He then asked if a shrimper could make the judgement call between serviceable and nonserviceable traps? Lt. Col. Clark stated the Agents would make the judgement call. Commissioner McCall asked what happens if a shrimper runs out of bleach bottles? Lt. Col. Clark hoped the two fishing groups would help each other, but if they do not work together, the end product may be something both groups will not like. Chairman Busbice asked if the traps used now have plastic coated wires or chicken wire? Mr. Schexnayder stated most fishermen have gone to square mesh as opposed to chicken wire. Chairman Busbice then asked Commissioner Kelly if the plastic coated traps last longer than the other ones? Commissioner Kelly stated it will last longer in some areas.

Commissioner Babin stated discussion held earlier suggested closing the crab season for a week or 10 days or 2 weeks. Then he added that there will be a lot of knife cutting since shrimpers are allowed now to have traps on their boats if it meets certain criteria. Commissioner Babin felt the law was going to lead to more problems between shrimpers and crabbers. Chairman Busbice asked if a two week crab trap season closure for the first two weeks of the shrimp season would create a problem for the crab fishermen? Commissioner Kelly explained the respect between the crab fishermen and shrimpers that use to occur, but today things are totally different. Commissioner Gattle asked if the crab trap season was closed, would the traps have to be brought out of the water? Mr. Schexnayder stated once the season is closed, any trap in the water would be an unserviceable trap. Chairman Busbice asked if there was a crab association? Mr. John Roussel stated there is a Crab Task Force that has looked at this issue several times over the last three years. The only result from the discussions is this particular piece of legislation. Mr. Roussel felt this was not the solution to the problem, but it may help. Commissioner Babin stated this is creating more problems, but the Commission is mandated by the Legislature to enact regulations. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Roussel to have someone contact the crab fishermen to give the Commission input on closing the season for 7, 10 or 14 days. Mr. Roussel stated the Crab Task Force did review the Notice of Intent and blessed it. He then stated he may suggest they come to the next meeting to provide the Commission with their input. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Schexnayder to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

CRAB TRAP MARKING

WHEREAS, the 1999 Louisiana legislature passed Act 422 requiring shrimpers that capture an otherwise serviceable crab trap without a float to return it to the water with a Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission designated common float, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Crab Task Force has recognized the need to re-establish mandatory buoying requirements for crab traps, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332.D authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a marking system for crab traps, now

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby promulgates the Notice of Intent to establish a common float and modify the marking requirements for crab traps which is attached to and made part of this resolution,

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on the marking of crab traps.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§345. Crab Trap Marking

A. Each crab trap shall be marked with a ½-inch stainless steel self-locking tag attached to the center of the trap ceiling, or a durable plastic bait-box cover. Said tags shall be supplied by the fishermen and shall have the commercial fisherman's license number (not the commercial gear license) or the recreational crab trap gear license number legibly embossed or engraved thereon.

B. For the purposes of R.S. 56:8(28.1) which specifies that a serviceable trap must be "legally marked with a float", each trap shall be attached by a 1/4 inch minimum diameter, non-floating line to a solid float six inches minimum diameter, or equivalent. Crab traps attached to a trotline must also have such a float and line attached to at least one end. For the purposes of R.S. 56:332.G, a common float is defined as a 1 gallon or larger all-white plastic bleach bottle.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:8(28.1), R.S. 56:332.D and R.S. 56:332.G.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR .

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

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Mr. Mark Schexnayder, Crustacean Programs Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5, 2000.

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Presentation of the 1999 Customer Service Report per MJF-97-39, as signed by the Governor on September 7, 1997, was given by Mr. Jim Patton. Sections 1, 2 and 5 of the Executive Order were read by Mr. Patton. The Department produced its first Customer Service Plan on November 1, 1998 as well as a one page standard of 8 pledges the Department will follow for those customers. The Department's Customer Service Assessment Report had four basic goals this year. These included: summarize the Department's customer service accomplishments; look at the Department's plans for the future related to customer service; examine specific common areas of complaints as identified by an employee survey; and provide information concerning steps to be taken to alleviate or avoid similar complaints. The Plan was presented to about 54 percent of the employees in 19 open meetings at 16 different locations. The employees were asked to fill out a survey on what they have heard the Department does well and not so well. A lot of useful information was received from surveys completed by 202 employees and the results are the basis for the Report. A 16 member Customer Service Committee was formed to fine tune the 1999 version of the Plan for the year 2000. Also, the Committee designed and implemented the Customer Service and Suggestion Card which is located in 20 sites throughout the State. A Customer Service survey was taken at the National Hunting and Fishing Day event. The major areas of concern identified by the employees were: telephone service, an insufficient number of agents in the fields, fishing and hunting opportunities, regulations, registration and licenses, education, aquatic vegetation, condition of facilities and miscellaneous issues. Chairman Busbice felt the best way to solve most of these problems was with money. He then asked if over the phone service could handle boat registrations and commercial licenses? Mr. Patton stated boat registrations could be added to the Point of Sale system. The mail-in system works fairly well, but the Department needs to deal with peak seasons. Chairman Busbice asked how often can boats be registered? Mr. Patton stated boats are registered for a three year period. Getting back to the Customer Service Plan, Mr. Patton stated there are three negative perceptions the Department needs to concentrate on improving. These are: the Department does not listen to the customer; the impression given is the Department is here to hurt and not help the public; and data collected is used to restrict fishing efforts or lower the quotas and limits. Commissioner Carver stated when dealing with a consumer and he is given the opportunity to complain, they instantly become a biologist. He added, the Department may not be as rotten as it looks. Commissioner Babin stated people have a tendency to complain after the fact. Mr.

Patton then commented a process has been developed where customer service complaints are not ignored.

Mr. Patton then announced the Department has created an Internal Audit function and on October 18, Mr. Ben Foster was hired. He expressed his pleasure to have him with the Department.

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

Region I - Minden - 58 citations and 32 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 60 citations and 29 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 87 citations and 20 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 67 citations and 7 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 93 citations and 9 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 180 citations and 29 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 115 citations and 12 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 225 citations and 50 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 150 citations and 3 warnings.

Statewide Strike Force - 10 citations and 3 warnings.

Special Investigation Unit - 68 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 28 citations.

SWEP - 14 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of October was 1,035. Also there were 191 warning citations issued for the month.

The aviation report for October 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 72.0 hours for enforcement and 12.5 hours for other divisions.

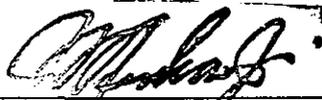
Major LaCaze stated a sentencing from the U.S. District Court for a Colfax man occurred on October 15, 1999. The man was charged with selling of wild game and wood ducks illegally. He pled guilty, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 30 days of home detention, placed on supervised probation for 1 year, fined \$1,000, pay restitution to the Department of \$3,783 and his hunting privileges have been revoked for 1 year. Then Major LaCaze stated 7 people from the New Orleans, South Carolina and Mississippi areas have been indicted on 12 counts associated with taking redfish from Lake St. Catherine and transporting them to Mississippi to be sold. More than 16,200 pounds of fish including over 8,600 pounds of redfish were taken illegally with gill nets and sold. This case will be followed to see how it goes, stated Major LaCaze. Commissioner McCall asked about the citation "one chip of broken fiberglass" and "one strip of detailing tape" from page 16 of the Report? Major LaCaze felt it may have been some evidence taken in the case of a boating accident. Commissioner Gattle asked what happens with confiscated weapons? Major LaCaze stated the weapons are either returned to the person it was seized from or forfeited to the Department. Commissioner Kelly asked how was the new boat doing with the repowered? Lt. Col. Clark stated they were disappointed with it, but was going to make them right. Major LaCaze corrected his answer to Commissioner McCall and stated it was an investigation on a stolen boat.

Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Fred Kimmel for the **Division Report, Announce Addition to Bayou Pierre WMA**. He stated an additional 875 acres was added to Bayou Pierre WMA, which was originally a 1,300 acre WMA. The addition is located in DeSoto Parish. This acquisition was a cooperative effort between the Department, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Louisiana Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation. NRCS will foot 75 percent of restoration on the property, such as planting trees, and restoring the hydrology for the benefit of the wildlife there.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **March 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, March 2, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

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

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



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, November 4, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Danny Babin
Tom Kelly
Tom Gattle
Glynn Carver
Norman McCall

Assistant Secretary Phil Bowman was also present.

Commissioner Jerald Hanchey was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **October 7, 1999 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Carver. The motion passed with no opposition.

A **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation from the Commission/Department to the Teche Area "Big Shot" Bass Tournaments, Inc.** began with Mr. John Roussel stated several individuals were at the meeting that were very worthy of recognition. Mr. Mike Walker presented information a few months back on Lake Fausse Point which resulted in implementing restrictive bass management measures. A potential problem in the lake is the deteriorating quality of the spawning habitat. Corrective actions resulted in the raising of \$20,000 for the purchase of advanced fingerling Florida largemouth bass. The fingerlings were stocked in the lake several weeks back. The organization, known as the Big Shot Bass Tournaments, Inc., was represented by Mr. Elvis Jeanminette and Mr. Keith Price. Mr. Roussel then asked the men to come forward and accept a plaque that shows appreciation for their dedication and efforts. Chairman Busbice expressed the Commission's appreciation also.

Presentation of 1999 Wildlife Officer of the Year Award by Shikar Safari International began with Major Keith LaCaze

introducing Mr. Frank Anders of Shikar Safari International. Dr. Anders stated for over 25 years, Shikar Safari has recognized the Wildlife Officer of the Year in each state for their exemplary performance of duties. He then presented the award for this year to Senior Officer Lane Kincaid.

Mr. Tommy Prickett stated Mr. Danny Timmer would handle the **Rule Ratification - 2000 Turkey Hunting Regulations**. But before that, Mr. Prickett stated in the last month, 2 birds were picked up in Livingston Parish that were dead from diseases. One bird had an abnormally high parasite load, and the other bird had histomoniasis or commonly called black head. All of the DMAP clubs have been notified to look for sick birds. Reports from the Florida parishes indicated good reproduction and Mr. Prickett hoped there would not be a disease problem that would impact that population. Also, Mr. Prickett stated there have been some news of two reports of chronic wasting disease or mad cow disease. There have been three reported death cases within the last year which may have been caused by chronic wasting disease. The Southeast Wildlife Disease Study has asked the Department to monitor the situation. Specimens will be taken from emaciated deer or deer hunters report are acting abnormally. At this time, there is no problem in Louisiana, stated Mr. Prickett. Commissioner Gattle asked what is the proper name for black head and is it bacterial or viral? Then he asked if this occurs in areas where there may be an overpopulation of turkeys? Mr. Prickett stated this disease, like most wildlife diseases, is endemic. Commissioner Carver asked if Mississippi had a bad turkey black head problem within the last 2 or 3 years? Mr. Prickett stated there were a combination of factors that caused the turkey populations to decline in the early 1990's in the Florida parishes.

Mr. Timmer stated the comment period for the 2000 Turkey Season ended today and only one letter opposing the season has been received. Also, a comment was received at an earlier Commission Meeting opposing the shortening of the season in the Florida parishes. The season dates for Area A, which is a calendar adjustment, will be March 25 through April 23. Area B dates will be April 1 through April 16. Area C will have March 25 through April 2 season dates. Bag limit will be one gobbler per day, three per season. One change proposed was increasing the limit of turkeys on WMAs to 2 with the exception of lottery hunts. Winn Parish is open again for the first time in 8 years with a 9 day season. All of LaSalle Parish will be open; the eastern portion of Beauregard Parish will open; and portions of East Carroll, Tensas and Madison Parishes will open. The western half of Beauregard

Parish will be closed for restocking. Commissioner Carver asked about the turkey population in Sabine Parish? Mr. Timmer stated people in the area are seeing lots of birds. He added that he was well pleased with the majority of the state, noting southeast Louisiana was the biggest trouble area. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Timmer to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Babin made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. Hearing no public comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
November 4, 1999

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, November 4, 1999.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a hunting season in 2000 for turkeys, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the July 1999 Louisiana Register, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in November hereby ratifies regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for turkeys. Authority to establish regulations are vested in the Commission by §115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

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

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages "feeding" agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

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

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game licenses.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (November 1999).

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

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

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 25-April 23
B	April 1-16
C	March 25-April 2

C. 2000 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - March 25-April 23

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. East Baton Rouge;
- ii. East Feliciana;
- iii. LaSalle;
- iv. Livingston;
- v. Natchitoches (Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for National Forest dates);
- vi. St. Helena;
- vii. St. Tammany;
- viii. Tangipahoa;
- ix. Washington;
- x. West Baton Rouge;
- xi. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

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

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

iii. Beauregard: North of La. 26 east of DeRidder, north and east of U.S. 171-190 from the junction of La. 26 to DeRidder, and north of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line, east of La. 165 from LaSalle Parish line to the junction of La. 126, north of La. 126 westward to the Winn Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion lying east of La. 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of Hwy. 15 and west of Hwy. 65 from its juncture with Hwy. 15 at Clayton;

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

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy. 15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71 and La. 8. EXCEPTION: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

x. Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80;

xii. Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlange to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xiii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

xiv. Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17;

xv. Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xix. Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates.

2. Area B - April 1-April 16

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Bienville;
- ii. Bossier;
- iii. Claiborne;
- iv. Lincoln;
- v. Red River;
- vi. Webster; including Caney Ranger District of Kisatchie National Forest.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

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

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

iii. East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt to Winn Parish line;

v. Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the

Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line;

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

vii. Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.

3. Area C - March 25-April 2

a. All of the following parish is open:

i. Winn (EXCEPTION: see Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates)

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin;

iii. Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line;

iv. Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley;

v. Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of Dequincy, east of La. 27 from Dequincy to I-10, and north of I-10 east of Sulphur;

vi. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

vii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

viii. Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10;

ix. Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

x. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line;

xi. Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65 from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (November 1999).

§117. 2000 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

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

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

3. All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

B. Permits

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

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2000. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

3. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any district office: [District 1 - P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 - 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 - 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 - P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 - 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 - 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 - P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	April 1-2

Bens Creek†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Bodcau	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 25-26 April 1-2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Fort Polk	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Georgia- Pacific	April 1-April 9	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Jackson- Bienville	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	April 8-9 April 15-16
Pearl River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Sabine	March 25-March 26 April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Sandy Hollow†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 March 27-29
Sicily Island	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9

Three Rivers	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Tunica Hills Angola Tract	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. For seasons on other lands managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, contact the local district office.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all Turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2000.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Turkey Hunting Schedule: Caney Ranger District, April 1-16; KNF lands in Winn Parish, March 25-April 2; All remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25: (November 1999).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Dave Morrison **Announced the Duck Stamp Competition Winner.** The 12th Annual Duck Stamp competition was held November 3 for the 2000-2001 duck stamp image. The scaup was selected for this image. Scaup is a very important bird in Louisiana and has climbed in the harvest from 10th to about 5th. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service still has concerns with the scaup levels because they have not rebounded to their long term population levels. The waterfowl aerial surveys for scaup will be enhanced this year along the coastal marshes and lakes in an effort to see how many birds are wintering in Louisiana. Twenty-two entries were received for this

competition. The third place winner was Mr. Greg Chappell; second place winner was Mr. Dave Pousson; and the first place winner was Mr. Jude Brunet. Mr. Brunet is a 2 time world championship winner for his duck carvings and placed second in last year's duck stamp competition. Stamps and prints should be available by late spring.

Rule Ratification on Black Bass Regulations on Spanish Lake, Iberia Parish, Louisiana was handled by Mr. Bennie Fontenot. Mr. Fontenot stated the rule would place a new slot limit and daily take limit on black bass in Spanish Lake. This project was requested by the Spanish Lake Commission to produce trophy bass over 10 pounds. Mr. Fontenot stated this program may work since there is complete access control, phenomenal growth of bass, and about 350,000 Florida bass have been stocked since 1997. Of these stocked fish, genetic tests show 21 percent of the stock appears to be hybrid or pure Florida strain. The rule would place a 16 to 21 inch slot and a daily take of 8 black bass per day with no more than 2 fish over 21 inches. Commissioner Gattle asked how big is Spanish Lake? Mr. Fontenot stated it was a 1250 acre lake. This program will take about 5 years before results are seen. During the public comment period, there were only a few positive comments received and no negative comments. Commissioner Gattle asked if Spanish Lake was classified as a trophy lake before these regulations? Mr. Fontenot stated no, the regulations were 10 bass daily limit with no size limit. Chairman Busbice asked why allow the take of 2 fish over 21 inches? Mr. Fontenot stated the other lakes with slot limits allow taking two fish over the top sized slot and this is to keep some type of uniform regularity. Commissioner Carver stated it will be interesting to see how this program turns out. Commissioner Carver made a motion to ratify the rule. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it 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 hereby establishes the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§191. Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake

The harvest regulations for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette, in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana is as follows:

1. Size limit: 16 inch - 21 inch slot. A 16-21 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 16 inches and 21 inches, both measurements inclusive.

2. Daily take: 8 fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 21 inches maximum total length.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25) (a), R.S. 56:325(C) and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (November 1999).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A **Notice of Intent - Crab Trap Marking** was presented by Mr. Mark Schexnayder. This action would address Act 422 of the 1999 Legislative Session which states that if a shrimper catches a serviceable trap without a float, they must return it to the water with a common float. The Commission was asked to define what is a common float. Other sections of the regulations included giving trappers an alternative to marking their traps with a license number and to define what is a legal float. Mr. Schexnayder stated, with interaction from Enforcement and the Crab Task Force, the most workable solution for defining a common float is an all white one-gallon or larger bleach bottle. The marking of the traps could occur with the use of stainless steel tags or a plastic bait cover. The definition of a legal float will be a solid float 6

inches in diameter or greater attached to the trap with a non-floating line of 1/4 inch in diameter or greater. Commissioner Babin asked if this was just a Notice of Intent? Mr. Schexnayder answered yes. Chairman Busbice asked if the Commission has the authority to establish a crab season? Then he asked Mr. Schexnayder to explain the different parts of the trap he brought as a prop to the meeting. Mr. Mike Landrum stated the Commission does have the authority to set a season, but it should be based on biological or technical criteria. Commissioner Gattle asked if the Commission was defining what a floating device was because of Senate Bill 537? Mr. Schexnayder stated the Commission needed to designate what a common float is and the other portion of the Act deals with float regulations in general. Commissioner Gattle then asked if the trap had to be identified by the commercial fishing license number or the recreational crab trap license and it has to have a float? Mr. Schexnayder answered yes, it also has to have escape rings for it to be considered serviceable. Commissioner Kelly asked what is the shrimpers responsibility if he comes upon a trap that does not have a line or float and the condition of the trap seems unserviceable? Lt. Col. Charlie Clark stated this piece of legislation is not what the Enforcement Division wanted. The Act is the results of a compromise to be tried this year and if the results are not as expected, the Legislature has promised to help again during the 2001 Session. Lt. Col. Clark added they were trying to allow shrimpers to identify good traps from bad traps. The bad traps would be brought back to the boat landing and properly disposed of, while the good traps should not be placed into a "crab trap graveyard" which could create boating safety obstacles. Commissioner Kelly again asked if a shrimper caught a trap without a line, would he have to supply the line to attach to the trap? Lt. Col. Clark answered yes, assuming that trap is properly tagged and identifiable. Commissioner Kelly stated sometimes a serviceable trap will still catch crabs, but is very marginal at that. He then asked if a shrimper could make the judgement call between serviceable and non-serviceable traps? Lt. Col. Clark stated the Agents would make the judgement call. Commissioner McCall asked what happens if a shrimper runs out of bleach bottles? Lt. Col. Clark hoped the two fishing groups would help each other, but if they do not work together, the end product may be something both groups will not like. Chairman Busbice asked if the traps used now have plastic coated wires or chicken wire? Mr. Schexnayder stated most fishermen have gone to square mesh as opposed to chicken wire. Chairman Busbice then asked Commissioner Kelly if the plastic coated traps last longer than the other ones? Commissioner Kelly stated it will last longer in some areas.

Commissioner Babin stated discussion held earlier suggested closing the crab season for a week or 10 days or 2 weeks. Then he added that there will be a lot of knife cutting since shrimpers are allowed now to have traps on their boats if it meets certain criteria. Commissioner Babin felt the law was going to lead to more problems between shrimpers and crabbers. Chairman Busbice asked if a two week crab trap season closure for the first two weeks of the shrimp season would create a problem for the crab fishermen? Commissioner Kelly explained the respect between the crab fishermen and shrimpers that use to occur, but today things are totally different. Commissioner Gattle asked if the crab trap season was closed, would the traps have to be brought out of the water? Mr. Schexnayder stated once the season is closed, any trap in the water would be an unserviceable trap. Chairman Busbice asked if there was a crab association? Mr. John Roussel stated there is a Crab Task Force that has looked at this issue several times over the last three years. The only result from the discussions is this particular piece of legislation. Mr. Roussel felt this was not the solution to the problem, but it may help. Commissioner Babin stated this is creating more problems, but the Commission is mandated by the Legislature to enact regulations. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Roussel to have someone contact the crab fishermen to give the Commission input on closing the season for 7, 10 or 14 days. Mr. Roussel stated the Crab Task Force did review the Notice of Intent and blessed it. He then stated he may suggest they come to the next meeting to provide the Commission with their input. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Schexnayder to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner McCall made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

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

RESOLUTION

CRAB TRAP MARKING

WHEREAS, the 1999 Louisiana legislature passed Act 422 requiring shrimpers that capture an otherwise serviceable crab trap without a float to return it to the water with a Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission designated common float, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Crab Task Force has recognized the need to re-establish mandatory buoying requirements for crab traps, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332.D authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a marking system for crab traps, now

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby promulgates the Notice of Intent to establish a common float and modify the marking requirements for crab traps which is attached to and made part of this resolution,

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

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on the marking of crab traps.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§345. Crab Trap Marking

A. Each crab trap shall be marked with a ½-inch stainless steel self-locking tag attached to the center of the trap ceiling, or a durable plastic bait-box cover. Said tags shall be supplied by the fishermen and shall have the commercial fisherman's license number (not the commercial gear license) or the recreational crab trap gear license number legibly embossed or engraved thereon.

B. For the purposes of R.S. 56:8(28.1) which specifies that a serviceable trap must be "legally marked with a float", each trap shall be attached by a 1/4 inch minimum diameter, non-floating line to a solid float six inches minimum diameter, or equivalent. Crab traps attached to a trotline must also have such a float and line attached to at least one end. For the purposes of R.S. 56:332.G, a common float is defined as a 1 gallon or larger all-white plastic bleach bottle.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:8(28.1), R.S. 56:332.D and R.S. 56:332.G.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR .

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

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Mr. Mark Schexnayder, Crustacean Programs Manager, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898, no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5, 2000.

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Presentation of the 1999 Customer Service Report per MJF-97-39, as signed by the Governor on September 7, 1997, was given by Mr. Jim Patton. Sections 1, 2 and 5 of the Executive Order were read by Mr. Patton. The Department produced its first Customer Service Plan on November 1, 1998 as well as a one page standard of 8 pledges the Department will follow for those customers. The Department's Customer Service Assessment Report had four basic goals this year. These included: summarize the Department's customer service accomplishments; look at the Department's plans for the future related to customer service; examine specific common areas of complaints as identified by an employee survey; and provide information concerning steps to be taken to alleviate or avoid similar complaints. The Plan was presented to about 54 percent of the employees in 19 open meetings at 16 different locations. The employees were asked to fill out a survey on what they have heard the Department does well and not so well. A lot of useful information was received from surveys completed by 202 employees and the results are the basis for the Report. A 16 member Customer Service Committee was formed to fine tune the 1999 version of the Plan for the year 2000. Also, the Committee designed and implemented the Customer Service and Suggestion Card which is located in 20 sites throughout the State. A Customer Service survey was taken at the National Hunting and Fishing Day event. The major areas of concern identified by the employees were: telephone service, an insufficient number of agents in the fields, fishing and hunting opportunities, regulations, registration and licenses, education, aquatic vegetation, condition of facilities and miscellaneous issues. Chairman Busbice felt the best way to solve most of these problems was with money. He then asked if over the phone service could handle boat registrations and commercial licenses? Mr. Patton stated boat registrations could be added to the Point of Sale system. The mail-in system works fairly well, but the Department needs to deal with peak seasons. Chairman Busbice asked how often can boats be registered? Mr. Patton stated boats are registered for a three year period. Getting back to the Customer Service Plan, Mr. Patton stated there are three negative perceptions the Department needs to concentrate on improving. These are: the Department does not listen to the customer; the impression given is the Department is here to hurt and not help the public; and data collected is used to restrict fishing efforts or lower the quotas and limits. Commissioner Carver stated when dealing with a consumer and he is given the opportunity to complain, they instantly become a biologist. He added, the Department may not be as rotten as it looks. Commissioner Babin stated people have a tendency to complain after the fact. Mr.

Patton then commented a process has been developed where customer service complaints are not ignored.

Mr. Patton then announced the Department has created an Internal Audit function and on October 18, Mr. Ben Foster was hired. He expressed his pleasure to have him with the Department.

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

Region I - Minden - 58 citations and 32 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 60 citations and 29 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 87 citations and 20 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 67 citations and 7 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 93 citations and 9 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 180 citations and 29 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 115 citations and 12 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 225 citations and 50 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 150 citations and 3 warnings.

Statewide Strike Force - 10 citations and 3 warnings.

Special Investigation Unit - 68 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 28 citations.

SWEP - 14 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of October was 1,035. Also there were 191 warning citations issued for the month.

The aviation report for October 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 72.0 hours for enforcement and 12.5 hours for other divisions.

Major LaCaze stated a sentencing from the U.S. District Court for a Colfax man occurred on October 15, 1999. The man was charged with selling of wild game and wood ducks illegally. He pled guilty, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 30 days of home detention, placed on supervised probation for 1 year, fined \$1,000, pay restitution to the Department of \$3,783 and his hunting privileges have been revoked for 1 year. Then Major LaCaze stated 7 people from the New Orleans, South Carolina and Mississippi areas have been indicted on 12 counts associated with taking redfish from Lake St. Catherine and transporting them to Mississippi to be sold. More than 16,200 pounds of fish including over 8,600 pounds of redfish were taken illegally with gill nets and sold. This case will be followed to see how it goes, stated Major LaCaze. Commissioner McCall asked about the citation "one chip of broken fiberglass" and "one strip of detailing tape" from page 16 of the Report? Major LaCaze felt it may have been some evidence taken in the case of a boating accident. Commissioner Gattle asked what happens with confiscated weapons? Major LaCaze stated the weapons are either returned to the person it was seized from or forfeited to the Department. Commissioner Kelly asked how was the new boat doing with the repowered? Lt. Col. Clark stated they were disappointed with it, but was going to make them right. Major LaCaze corrected his answer to Commissioner McCall and stated it was an investigation on a stolen boat.

Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Fred Kimmel for the **Division Report, Announce Addition to Bayou Pierre WMA**. He stated an additional 875 acres was added to Bayou Pierre WMA, which was originally a 1,300 acre WMA. The addition is located in DeSoto Parish. This acquisition was a cooperative effort between the Department, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Louisiana Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation. NRCS will foot 75 percent of restoration on the property, such as planting trees, and restoring the hydrology for the benefit of the wildlife there.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **March 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, March 2, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

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

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

LWFC to take hard look at closed season on crab traps

By JOE MACALUSO
Advocate outdoors writer

The first step toward a closed season on the use of crab traps was taken Thursday when the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission voted on a Notice of Intent for new regulations covering crab-trap marking.

Commission chairman Bill Busbice of Lafayette said the possibility of violent confrontation between commercial crabbers and small-boat shrimpers have forced the seven-man board to consider the possibility of a first-ever closed season, a period when all crab traps will have to be removed from coastal waters.

"We're going to have a killing out there," Busbice said before asking Wildlife and Fisheries assistant secretary John Roussel to contact members of the state's Crab Task Force for their input on solutions to the user-group problem.

The issue came to head when the commission was required by Act 422 of the 1999 State Legislature to come up with rules and definitions of a "common float" and modifications in the marking requirements for crab traps.

Act 422 allows shrimpers to keep "unserviceable" crab traps caught in their trawls aboard their vessels, but also requires shrimpers to return "serviceable" traps to the water and mark them with a "common float."

State biologist Mark Schexnauder said the consensus among LDWF managers and the Crab Task Force was to define a common float as a one gallon or larger all-white plastic bleach bottle, and recommended that provision to the commission for a Notice of Intent. The notice will have a 120-day public comment period, and includes other provisions requiring crabbers to mark traps with a one-half inch stainless steel, self-locking tag, to use quarter-inch minimum diameter, non-floating line to a solid, 6-inch minimum diameter float.

At least four other commission members agreed with Busbice on the need for some conflict resolution before the opening of the spring 2000 inshore shrimping season next May.

In other major action, the commission ratified the 2000 spring turkey hunting seasons for the state's three areas, and approved regulations calling for a 16-21 inch slot limit on black bass on the 1,250-acre Spanish Lake in Iberia and Upper St. Martin parishes. The lake

2000 SPRING TURKEY SEASON



Season dates and bag limits for Louisiana's 2000 spring turkey hunting season ratified Thursday by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission:

■ **Area A — March 25-April 23**

Includes East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana,

LaSalle, Livingston, Natchitoches (except Kisatchia National Forest lands), St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana parishes, and parts of Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberville, Madison, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Richland, Sabine, St. Landry, Upper St. Martin, Tensas and Vernon parishes.

■ **Area B — April 1-16**

Includes Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, Lincoln, Red River and Webster parishes and parts of Caddo, DeSoto, East Carroll, Jackson, Ouachita, Morehouse and Union parishes.

■ **Area C — March 25-April 2**

Includes Winn Parish and parts of Ascension, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Concordia, Iberville, Jefferson Davis, Madison, St. Landry and Tensas parishes.

■ **Limits** — Daily limit is one gobbler. Season limit is three gobblers.

■ **Shooting Hours** — One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Notes: State wildlife management areas have various season dates as outlined by the spring turkey hunting pamphlet. WMA bag limits are one per day, two per season.

Advocate graphic

will have an 8-bass-per-day limit and the new rules allow fishermen to have only two bass over 21 inches long.

"This is an experiment to find out if this slot limit will work in producing big bass in a small waterbody," Inland Fisheries administrator Benie Fontenot said. "It's going to take about five years to find out if this slot limit will work."

Fontenot said the lake has been stocked with 348,000 Florida-strain bass fingerlings since 1997.

In other action, the commission learned that Jude Brunet of Galliano won the 12th-annual state duck stamp competition. Brunet's painting of a pair of lesser scaup, called dos gris by state waterfowl hunters,

will be the Louisiana Duck Stamp for the 2000-2001 hunting season.

The LWFC also honored the Acadiana-based Big Shot Bass Tournaments for their purchased of \$20,000 worth of bass fingerlings to restock Lake Fausse Point and Region II enforcement agent Lane Kincaid for his work in the Monroe area.

Kincaid was selected by Skikar Safari International as the state's wildlife officer of the year.

The commission also heard plans to upgrade the LDWF's customer service program, learned that agents issued 1,035 written citations and 191 warnings in October and set its March 2000 meeting for March 2 in Baton Rouge.



Assistant athletics director-facilities.
Jameled Jenny Schinella
Assistant basketball coach.
FADEL—Named Josh Miller
Assistant wrestling coach.

FOOTBALL

All Times CDT

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10	7	0	20	572	340
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West Division						
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12	5	0	24	410	355	
12	5	0	24	465	362	
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Central Division				
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

North Division				
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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, November 4, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

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

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

Asst. Secretary Bowman
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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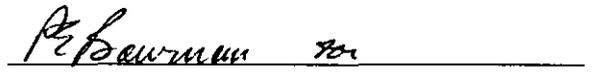
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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

B. Turkey Hunting Schedule

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C. 2000 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following

Areas

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- ix. Washington;
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Island).

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vi. Concordia: That portion east of Hwy. 15 and west of Hwy. 65 from its juncture with Hwy. 15 at Clayton;

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

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy. 15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at

Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71 and La. 8. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

x. Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80;

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xiii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

xiv. Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17;

xv. Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from

Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xix. Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest

hunting schedule for season dates.

2. Area B - April 1-April 16

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville;

ii. Bossier;

iii. Claiborne;

iv. Lincoln;

v. Red River;

vi. Webster, including Caney Ranger District of Kisatchie National Forest.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

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

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

iii. East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt

to Winn Parish line;

v. Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line;

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

vii. Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.

3. Area C - March 25-April 2

a. All of the following parish is open:

i. Winn (EXCEPTION: see Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates)

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin;

iii. Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line;

iv. Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley;

v. Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of Dequincy, east of La. 27 from Dequincy to I-10, and north of I-10 east of Sulphur;

vi. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

vii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

viii. Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10;

ix. Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

x. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line;

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§117. 2000 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

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

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

3. All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per

area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

B. Permits

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

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2000. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

3. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any

district office: [District 1 - P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 - 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 - 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 - P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 - 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 - 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 - P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Bens Creek†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Bodcau	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 25-26 April 1-2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Fort Polk	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Georgia-Pacific	April 1-April 9	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None

Loggy Bayou	April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	April 8-9 April 15-16
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Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife
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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

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

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of Hwy. 17 and east of Hwy. 15 from its juncture with Hwy. 17 at

Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between U.S. 71 and La. 8. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

x. Iberville: West of La. Hwy. 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Madison: That portion lying west of U.S. Hwy. 65 and south of U.S. Hwy. 80;

xii. Pointe Coupee: All except that portion bounded on the west by La. 77 and La. 10, northward from U.S. 190 to La. 1 at Morganza, on the north and east by La. 1 to its junction with La. 78 and by La. 78 from Parlang to U.S. 190. Further EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xiii. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of U.S. Hwy. 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates;

xiv. Richland: That portion south of U.S. Hwy. 80 and east of Hwy. 17;

xv. Sabine: That portion north of Hwy. 6 from

Toledo Bend Lake to Many; east of Hwy. 171 from Many to the Vernon Parish line;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the north by U.S. 190, west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. ALSO that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. 10 from the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee to Burton's Lake, on the east by Burton's Lake, on the south by Petite Prairie Bayou to its junction with the old O.G. Railroad right-of-way then by the O.G.R.R. right-of-way westward to U.S. 71 and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee to its junction with La. 10, EXCEPT the Indian Bayou tract owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of Hwy. 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with Hwy. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xix. Vernon: That portion east of Hwy. 171 from the Sabine Parish line to the junction of Hwy. 111, south of Hwy. 111 westward to Hwy. 392, and south of Hwy. 392 westward to the Sabine Parish line. Exception: See Kisatchie National Forest

hunting schedule for season dates.

2. Area B - April 1-April 16

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Bienville;
- ii. Bossier;
- iii. Claiborne;
- iv. Lincoln;
- v. Red River;
- vi. Webster, including Caney Ranger District

of Kisatchie National Forest.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Caddo: That portion north of La. 2 from the Texas state line to U.S. 71, east of U.S. 71 from La. 2 to I-20, south of I-20 from U.S. 71 to U.S. 171, and east of U.S. 171 to the DeSoto Parish line;
- ii. DeSoto: That portion east of U.S. 171 from the Caddo Parish line to U.S. 84 and south of U.S. 84;
- iii. East Carroll: East of U.S. 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;
- iv. Jackson: West of Parish Road 243 from Lincoln Parish line to Parish Road 238, west and south of Parish Road 238 to La. 144, west of La. 144 to La. 34, west of La. 34 to Chatham, north and west of La. 4 from Chatham to Weston, north and west of La. 505 from Weston to Wyatt, west of U.S. 167 from Wyatt

to Winn Parish line;

v. Ouachita: East of La. 143 from Union Parish line to Bayou Darbonne, north of Bayou Darbonne to the Ouachita River, west of the Ouachita River from the mouth of Bayou Darbonne northward to the Union Parish line;

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

vii. Union: West of La. 15 from Ouachita Parish line to La. 33 west of Farmerville, north of La. 33 to La. 2 at Farmerville, north and east of La. 2 to La. 143 at Crossroads, east of La. 143 to the Ouachita Parish line.

3. Area C - March 25-April 2

a. All of the following parish is open:

i. Winn (EXCEPTION: see Kisatchie National Forest hunting schedule for season dates)

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Allen: South of La. 26 from DeRidder to Oberlin, west of U.S. 165 south of Oberlin;

iii. Avoyelles: South of La. 1 to West Protection Levee, south to Avoyelles Parish line;

iv. Beauregard: South of La. 26 east of DeRidder, east of U.S. 171 from the junction of La. 26 to Ragley, south of La. 12 west to Ragley;

v. Calcasieu: South of La. 12 east of Dequincy, east of La. 27 from Dequincy to I-10, and north of I-10 east of Sulphur;

vi. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to U.S. Hwy. 84, south of U.S. Hwy. 84 eastward to La. Hwy. 15 (Ferriday), east of La. Hwy. 15 northward to U.S. Hwy. 65 (Clayton), east of U.S. Hwy. 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

vii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

viii. Jefferson Davis: West of U.S. 165 and north of I-10;

ix. Madison: South of Hwy. 80 and east of U.S. Hwy. 65 to Tensas Parish line and all lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

x. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the south by La. 10, on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the east by La. 105, and on the north by the Avoyelles Parish line;

xi. Tensas: East and south of U.S. Hwy. 65

from Concordia Parish line to Hwy. 128, south of Hwy. 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of La. Hwy. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25: (November 1999).

§117. 2000 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

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

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

3. All trails and roads designated as ATV Only shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through September 15. ATV off-road or trail travel is prohibited. Walk-in hunting only (bicycles permitted), unless opened by sign on trail.

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. The bag limit for turkeys on Wildlife Management Areas is two per

area, not to exceed two per season for all WMAs. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts. The bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler per day and three gobblers per season including those taken on WMAs.

B. Permits

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

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Dewey Wills, Georgia-Pacific, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island and Tunica Hills WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Deadline for receiving applications is February 15, 2000. Application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

3. Requests for information on WMA regulations, permits, lottery hunt applications and maps may be directed to any

district office: [District 1 - P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055; 318/371-3050]; [District 2 - 368 Century Park Drive, Monroe, 71203; 318/343-4044]; [District 3 - 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 71360; 318/487-5885]; [District 4 - P.O. Box 1640, Ferriday, 71334; 318/757-4571]; [District 5 - 1213 N. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, 70601; 318/491-2575]; [District 6 - 5652 Highway 182, Opelousas, 70570; 318/948-0255]; [District 7 - P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898; 225/765-2360].

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Bens Creek†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Bodcau	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Boise Vernon	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Dewey Wills	March 25-26 April 1-2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Fort Polk	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Georgia- Pacific	April 1-April 9	Self-clearing	April 1-2
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Jackson- Bienville	April 1-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None

Loggy Bayou	April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	April 8-9 April 15-16
Pearl River	March 25-April 9	Self-clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 23	Self-clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Red River	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Sabine	March 25-March 26 April 1-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2
Sandy Hollow†	March 25-April 16	Self-clearing	None
Sherburne	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	March 25-26 March 27-29
Sicily Island	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9
Three Rivers	March 25-April 2	Self-clearing	None
Tunica Hills Angola Tract	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16	Self-clearing	March 25-26 April 1-2 April 8-9 April 15-16

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are CLOSED. For seasons on other lands managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, contact the local district office.

** The deadline for receiving applications for all Turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2000.

† No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified

by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Turkey Hunting Schedule:
Caney Ranger District, April 1-16; KNF lands in Winn Parish, March
25-April 2; All remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 16.

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§191. Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake

The harvest regulations for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Spanish Lake, located between the cities of New Iberia and Lafayette, in Iberia and upper St. Martin Parishes, Louisiana is as follows:

1. Size limit: 16 inch - 21 inch slot. A 16-21 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 16 inches and 21 inches, both measurements inclusive.

2. Daily take: 8 fish of which no more than two fish may exceed 21 inches maximum total length.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25) (a), R.S. 56:325(C) and R.S. 56:326.3.

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RESOLUTION

CRAB TRAP MARKING

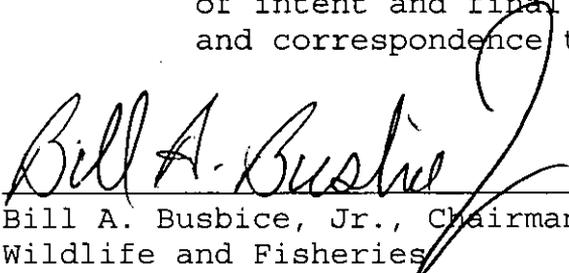
WHEREAS, the 1999 Louisiana legislature passed Act 422 requiring shrimpers that capture an otherwise serviceable crab trap without a float to return it to the water with a Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission designated common float, and

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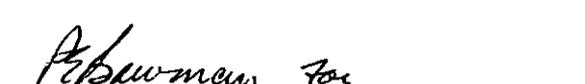
WHEREAS, R.S. 56:332.D authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a marking system for crab traps, now

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby promulgates the Notice of Intent to establish a common float and modify the marking requirements for crab traps which is attached to and made part of this resolution,

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



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



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on the marking of crab traps.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§345. Crab Trap Marking

A. Each crab trap shall be marked with a ½-inch stainless steel self-locking tag attached to the center of the trap ceiling, or a durable plastic bait-box cover. Said tags shall be supplied by the fishermen and shall have the commercial fisherman's license number (not the commercial gear license) or the recreational crab trap gear license number legibly embossed or engraved thereon.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:8(28.1), R.S. 56:332.D and R.S. 56:332.G.

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TO: Senator Robichaux
Representative Gautreaux
Representative Dupre

FROM: Lt. Col. Charlie Clark *C. Clark*
Asst. Chief, Enforcement

SUBJECT: Crab Trap Issue

The attached information represents my thoughts on the conflict generated between crab fishermen and trawlers over the holding of crab traps aboard trawl vessels. My experience as a past shrimp trawler and enforcement officer leads me to believe that this problem will require legislative action that will modify traditional operations of both these groups.

I personally believe that crab fishermen should bear the larger of proportionate impact because they fish a gear that offers the most mobility, is left unattended and crab fishermen have year long fishing opportunity. Based upon my interaction with the Crab Task Force, industry itself understands that something has to be done to develop a better relationship with trawlers, although my ideas probably will not be what they had in mind.

The current law denies the enforcement agent the ability to apply common sense to each incident because its a possession law. We need to address this issue in the legislature even if none of my suggestions are acceptable. I hope you will discuss these and any other ideas you may have with your constituents to start a dialogue about correcting this situation.

Thank You for your Assistance in this Matter.

Overview

Shrimp trawlers and crabbers have traditionally used the same waters for harvesting their particular seafood. Ten years ago most inside trawlers were crab fishermen when the trawl season was closed and those full-time crabbers that did exist ran no more than a couple of hundred traps in their line. Today most commercial fishermen have become species specific and target their selected seafood or use the same gear year round. Crab fishermen have grown in number to a point where a gear license moratorium was placed on the industry in 1995, but the fishermen may fish unlimited number of traps. It is not uncommon to have a crab fishermen running 500 traps that remain in the water 24 hours a day 7 days a week. It is estimated that the 3,000+ crab fishermen in this state actively fish over 400,000 crab traps almost exclusively in inshore waters. This year 12,550 trawlers deployed 16,897 trawls in Louisiana waters and as you can imagine it is impossible for these two user groups to avoid each other. These are only the traps we refer to as serviceable, traps that are actively fished having proper tags and floats identifying their owner and location. Non-serviceable traps, traps that have been discarded, lost or not having floats attached, litter our water bottoms and present additional problems for bottom shrimp trawls.

The Problem

Trawlers catch crab traps in trawls regardless of the precautions they take to avoid them. When the traps are caught those that are serviceable, traps with floats, are easily thrown back over and should not present a problem. However, unserviceable traps, those without floats and damaged beyond repair represent the largest source of controversy. Should the trawler hold the traps on board the vessel to prevent the recapture of the trap or should the trawler be forced to immediately return all traps to the water to prevent the illusion or reality of crab trap theft? The law states that, "no one can have a crab trap aboard a vessel without proper licenses, no one can damage or destroy crab traps or the floats or lines attached thereto, no one may remove the contents thereof, other than the licensee or his agent". In addition the law states "Crab traps which are no longer serviceable or in use shall be removed from the water by the owner thereof".

As you can see the trawler is in a "Catch 22" position and Enforcement Agents have been placed between crabbers who demand active enforcement of theft laws and legal trawlers trying to make

a living. Crabbers are contending that many of the traps being kept on board trawl boats have been made unserviceable by the trawler cutting the float off. It's said that if we allow trawlers to keep all traps missing the float that trawlers will simply cut the float off of all serviceable traps rendering the trap unserviceable, thereby allowing some unscrupulous trawlers to legally steal the traps.

Our Enforcement Agents receive complaints daily from crab fishermen and trawlers, each contending that the other should have enforcement action taken upon them for crabbers placing traps in a trawling area or trawlers stealing crab traps.

The Solution

I do not see one action that would resolve the conflict between these two user groups. However, I believe there are several steps we could take that would bring long term relief to the majority of each industry's concerns.

I. I would suggest that we close crabbing with traps for the first week of the inshore shrimp trawl season. This action would force crab trap fishermen to remove all serviceable traps from the water, thereby proclaiming any trap remaining as unserviceable. Any traps caught by trawlers during this period could be held on board trawl boats and brought into harbor to be disposed of. I believe trawlers and crabbers would benefit from this action as the majority of traps caught during this period would be ghost traps which rob crab resources from serviceable traps.

I would also suggest considering this closed season action following any hurricane or extended severe rough water condition that escalates the lose of traps.

II. I would recommend that legislation be considered that would mandate trawlers to return all serviceable crab traps, traps with floats, to the water before redeploying their primary trawls to the water. The fact is that trawlers will catch serviceable traps, especially at night, however, they should take the time to place them back into the water before resuming fishing activity.

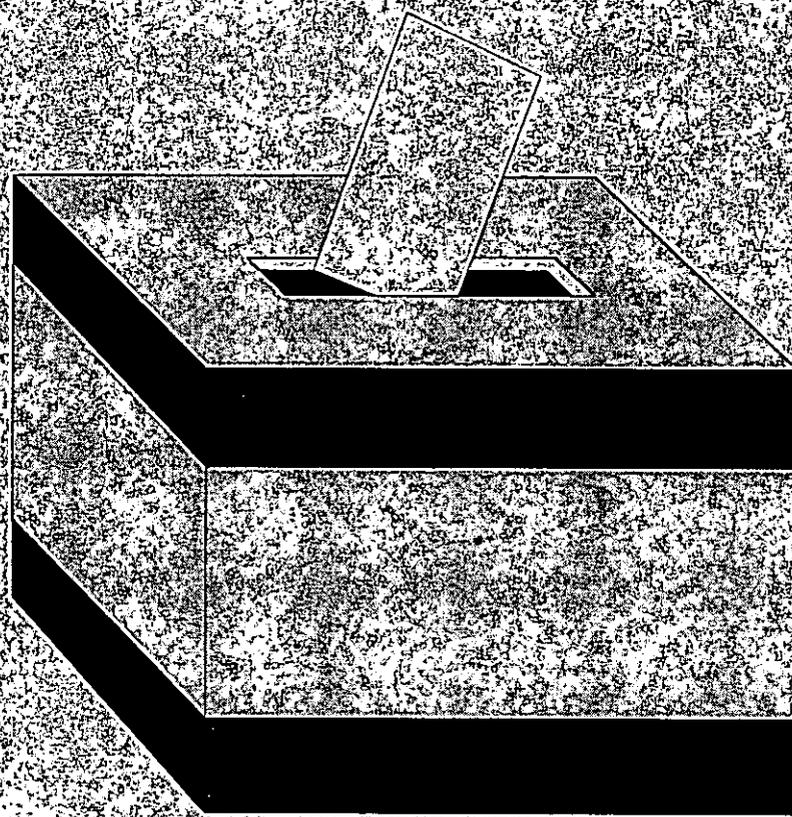
III. We should define, beyond a doubt, what serviceable and unserviceable crab traps are. I believe industry representa-

tives from both sides should take part in achieving this goal and that enforcement be given a clear and precise definition to apply in the field. I feel the end result should declare unserviceable crab traps as litter and mandate that they be disposed of accordingly.

- IV. Crab trap fishermen should be required to place the enclosed tag over the bait box of each trap while the trap is being constructed. This procedure would forever prevent the possession of a trap that could not be traced to a owner. It would serve as the ultimate protection against trap theft and would discourage crabbers from discarding old traps on the water. This tag would be placed on the bait box lid and the trap would have to be destroyed to remove it. The tags cost approximately \$.37 each and are designed to provide five years service, well beyond the expected trap life. The argument to this procedure is trap builders could not prebuild traps to sell to any fishermen. Our argument to this statement is that convenience should be secondary to the well-being of an industry. Also this procedure would protect the possible criminal exposure for the alleged intentional cutting of floats from serviceable traps.

- V. If we achieve the ability to declare unserviceable traps as litter we will need parish support to have the litter deposited in designated harbor and launch areas then removed by garbage trucks on a regular basis. I believe long term this procedure would eventually clean the water bottoms of ghost and discarded traps and provide an incentive for crabbers and trawlers to bring these old traps to the shore for proper disposal.

1999 Customer Service Assessment Report



Customer Service Committee
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

1999 CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSESSMENT REPORT

Introduction

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' (the Department) 1999 Customer Service Assessment Report will:

- *Summarize the Department's customer service accomplishments in 1999,*
- *Look at the Department's plans in the near future relating to customer service,*
- *Examine specific common areas of complaints as identified in the 1999 Customer Service Employees' Survey and*
- *Provide information concerning steps that can be taken to alleviate or avoid similar complaints as well as suggest ways to improve customer service.*

Specific performance level measurements will not be reported in this year's assessment report. Prior to August 1999, the Department had no direct method of collecting and analyzing customer complaints except on a case-by-case basis. Due to the limited number of observations received and time constraints, any analysis based on data collected thus far would be premature. Therefore, any data already collected from customers will be analyzed along with the data for next year's Customer Service Assessment Report.

Customer Service Accomplishments in 1999

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries achieved several of its customer service goals in 1999. Many of these actions were initiated for the purpose of making the Department more accessible to its customers and consumer-friendly.

- An employee survey was conducted during the second quarter of 1999. The survey's major purpose was to identify major areas of customer concern that were heard by Department employees. An analysis of this survey as well as the survey instrument may be seen in Appendix A.

- A 16-member Customer Service Committee (the Committee) was formed by the Department. The Committee consists of a chairman (the Undersecretary of the Department), an advisor and 14 employees. The Committee is responsible for carrying out all of the items outlined in executive order MJF 97-39 (Appendix B). To ensure that each major area of the Department has adequate representation on the Committee, at least two members have been selected from each office within the Department to serve on the Committee.

- A Customer Service Comment / Suggestion Card was created by the Committee and distributed to various departmental locations throughout the state where services are provided to the public. These cards have been designed to measure the Department's minimum customer service standards as well as document customer comments regarding their needs and expectations of the Department's services. A representation of the front and back portions of the card are located in Appendix C.

- Boxes were placed in 20 locations to aid in the collection of the Comment / Suggestion Cards. The locations selected for the boxes were:

1-9. District/Region Offices	11. Bourg Office
☉ District/Region 1 Minden	12. Slidell Office
☉ District/Region 2 Monroe	13. New Iberia Office
☉ District/Region 3 Alexandria/Pineville	14. LaComb Fish Hatchery
☉ District/Region 4 Ferriday	15. Booker Fowler Fish Hatchery
☉ District/Region 5 Lake Charles	16. Woodworth Firing Range
☉ District/Region 6 Opelousas	17. Waddell Wildlife Refuge
☉ District/Region 7 Baton Rouge Annex	18. Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge
☉ Region 8 New Orleans	19. Sherburne WMA
☉ Region 9 Thibodaux	20. Dewey Wills WMA
10. Headquarters Baton Rouge	

The Committee chose these locations because each one has a significant public presence as well as a facility suitable for displaying a box. One person at each of the 20 locations will be responsible for collecting the completed cards and sending them to a central location within the Office of Management and Finance in Baton Rouge. Once in Baton Rouge, the cards will be entered into a computer database, copied and distributed to the office or division that is most affected by the comments on the card. If two or more divisions are affected, each will receive a copy of the card.

Each division will then be responsible for addressing any comments, suggestions or complaints that are relevant to that division from each card. The Customer Service Committee will solicit periodic reports from the divisions concerning effective handling of complaints and turn-around-times so that the Committee may analyze the data as well as determine areas that may need improvement.

- Minimum Customer Service Standards (Appendix D) were posted at each of the locations where a box was placed as well as several other locations that are considered visible areas by the public and/or the employees of the Department.

Customer Service in 2000

By December 1, 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Customer Service Committee will have completed putting into place all of the initiatives that it developed throughout the year. In addition to the Comment / Suggestion Card that was developed and distributed in late 1999, the Committee is developing a form of this card to place on the Department's Internet site to gather comments from the general public.

The Committee has also begun developing a Customer Service Employee Comment form that will be placed on the Department's internal web site for employees to utilize. The employee may place this anonymous form in the customer service suggestion boxes, or

they may send it or hand it to a member of the Customer Service Committee for review and forwarding.

Data obtained from the comment cards, the employee comment forms, the Internet site and the division reports will be analyzed and presented in the annual Customer Service Assessment Report. The Customer Service Assessment Report will be sent to the governor's office via the Division of Administration by November first of each year.

Because of these new lines of communication from the employees and people that directly use the Department's services, the Customer Service Committee's report for next year will be better able to identify customer concerns, needs and expectations from first-hand accounts. This method should prove to be a more accurate guide of how the public perceives the services provided by the Department. Therefore, implementing an effective strategy of improving customer relations will be more evident given the limited resources that the Department has with which to carry out this task.

In 2000 and subsequent years, the Customer Service Assessment Report will conform more closely to the guidelines set forth in the Customer Service Plan. Through the use of the Comment / Suggestion Cards and the Department's Internet site, it will be easier to identify common customer complaints in a more efficient manner. Also, the direct participation by persons who use departmental services will improve the relationship between the Department and its customers.

Assessment of Specific Common Areas of Complaints

The Customer Service Committee has put forth the following suggestions as possible resolutions to several frequent problem areas that were identified in the 1999 Customer Service Employee Survey. Some solutions were acted upon prior to the committee's review of the 1999 Customer Service Employees Survey data. It should be noted that not all of the employees' concerns about customer service were addressed by the committee. This is because the committee felt that several of these concerns were outside the scope of

a departmental committee (e.g. legislative items). See Appendix A for a complete list of problem areas identified in the 1999 Customer Service Employee Survey.

Problem Area: Telephone Concerns.

Problem: There are consistently too many call transfers required to get to the correct person in charge of handling specific customer problems.

Solution: A directory of state, regional, divisional and district offices with names of biologists, enforcement agents and other key personnel should be provided to those receiving calls from the public. These directories should be catalogued by subject matter to eliminate excessive transfers.

Problem: There are no 800 numbers for the public to call the department from remote locations in the state.

Solution: The addition of more toll free 800 lines will be studied for possible introduction, especially for the specific problem of motor boat registration.

Problem Area: Problems concerning enforcement and enforcement agents.

Problem: There are not enough enforcement agents in the field.

Solution: In order for the Department to justify hiring more agents, it must receive substantial specific and quantitative comments from the public.

Problem: Give customers a break for minor offenses and first time offenses.

Solution: This has already been addressed. On a case by case basis, enforcement officers may now warn minor violators rather than issue mandatory citations.

Problem Area: Problems concerning fishing and hunting.

Problem: There are not enough good fishing/hunting spots.

Solution 1: Calls should be referred to the specific area biologists.

Solution 2: Increase the Department's presence on local television and radio shows, especially early morning fishing shows.

Problem Area: Concerns dealing with licensing and registration.

Problem: There are excessive delays in processing applications.

Solution: The Department is currently catching up on processing. The License Section is approximately one month behind at this time compared to 8 to 10 weeks behind a few months ago. Cross-training employees, monitoring processing activities and shifting resources during peak seasons can be effective tools toward overcoming this problem.

Problem: There is no local processing of applications.

Solution: There are no current plans to remedy this situation. It is too expensive to train employees at each office to process applications. Also, there are concerns about the handling of money at local offices, and in transporting the money to Baton Rouge's central depositing bank.

Problem: Customers wait too long in lines.

Solution 1: Effective September 1, 1999 the public will be able to purchase their hunting and fishing licenses by telephone.

Solution 2: A computer based pilot program for point-of-sale license sales is in place in selected locations in the state. The Department plans to have an automated licensing system implemented statewide by the end of 1999.

Solution 3: The License Section recently installed two additional windows at the license counter in Baton Rouge. These windows should alleviate some of the long lines currently at that location.

Problem Area: Concerns in information and education.

Problem: Employees lack current information.

Solution 1: The Department's Newsletter information is available through the Department's Intranet service. Divisions should familiarize their personnel with this available service. Administrators and managers should make hard copies of the Newsletter available to those employees without computer services.

Solution 2: new departmental or divisional information should be incorporated into the quarterly safety meeting.

Problem: The public lacks information

Solution 1: The Department could improve its Internet site to include a section for pertinent events that concern the public (e.g. season openings and closings, new law changes, etc.)

Solution 2: Hunting and fishing regulation booklets have been redesigned to be easier to read by enlarging the text size and highlighting the changes that have occurred since the prior season.

Solution 3: Prior to the opening day of each hunting and fishing season, more media exposure is needed to inform the public about recent changes in hunting and fishing rules and regulations.

Possible Solution: The Department may be able to coordinate efforts with the Office of Tourism to include boat launches, marinas, Wildlife Management Areas and the Department's Internet site in the materials that the Office offers to the public.

Problem: There is a lack of coordination and cooperation between divisions within the Department.

Solution: Division Administrators should see that their personnel cooperate as fully as possible with other departmental divisions and sections. A presentation should be made to all employees outlining key responsibilities and functions of the various divisions and sections to

ensure that all employees are aware of the functional responsibilities of each division and section within the Department. These presentations could be presented at periodic office and division meetings or at the quarterly safety meetings.

Problem Area: Problems with aquatic vegetation.

Problem: There is too much aquatic vegetation. It clogs many waterways.

Solution: Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillate*), common Salvinia (*Salvinia rotundifolia*) and giant Salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*) have invaded Louisiana posing a new threat to the ecosystem. Salvinia plants will displace the water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) commonly found throughout the state. Salvinia and giant Salvinia distributions are currently being tracked by departmental biologists. Departmental biologists are also integral to the giant Salvinia Task Force recently organized to study the current situation. Funding for water hyacinth control is available but no funding is currently allocated for Salvinia. Legislative action may be required so that funds may be appropriated to assure that aquatic vegetation is kept under control.

Problem Area: Infrastructure and equipment concerns.

Problem: Much of the Department's equipment is obsolete

Solution: Creating a large equipment replacement schedule may help to alleviate this burden. It is typically very expensive to purchase certain types of equipment needed by the Department. It is usually more cost efficient to purchase several less expensive items that are needed rather than one large piece of equipment. Since the budget resources of the Department are utilized to obtain the maximum progress toward the Departments objectives, replacing expensive machinery needs to be budgeted.

Problem: Many roads, weirs and camping facilities are in dilapidated or very poor condition.

Solution: It may be possible to investigate the use of the Louisiana National Guard. Many satellite construction units exist within the state that could possibly help. The Department has utilized this mechanism in the past with success but much coordination between departments is required.

Conclusion

While many customers of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have been known to complain in the past, the Department has never had a means by which to collect and analyze those complaints. An employee survey was conducted in 1999 to give the newly formed Customer Service Committee a baseline of the types of complaints customers express. In addition to putting forth several possible solutions to those problems, the Committee created and distributed a Comment / Suggestion Card throughout the state for the public to use. This card was designed specifically for the people who use departmental services to register their ideas, comments, suggestions and complaints directly with the department. After a card is received and recorded, it goes directly to the appropriate division or section to which it refers. This direct interaction with the public will give the Department a better idea of specific customer problems and concerns.

Future Customer Service Assessment Reports will be able to analyze specific complaints by division and section, as well as geographical location. This will allow the Department to allocate its resources more efficiently so that it may be able to meet the needs of the people of the State of Louisiana who allow the Department to serve them.

Appendix A

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 1999 Employee Customer Service Survey



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SUMMARY

During recent statewide customer service plan presentations, the Office of Management and Finance of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries distributed questionnaire to all department employees. The purpose of the survey was to identify commonly heard complaints and comments made by customers and proposed solutions on how the department and employees could resolve these complaints. Overall, 202 surveys were completed and returned. Survey respondents highlighted a series of complaints and offered potential solutions. Enforcement of laws and regulations, information distribution methods and telephone related issues were among the major problem areas reported. Solutions offered included hiring additional enforcement agents and qualified employees, improving the coordination between divisions, and setting up toll free telephone numbers.

INTRODUCTION

As recommended by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) 1999 Customer Service and Employee Action Plan, the Office of Management and Finance (OMF) conducted a series of customer service plan presentations. These presentations were designed to “familiarize front-line employees, supervisors, managers and administrators with the Department’s Customer Service Plan” (LDWF 1999 Customer Service Plan and Employee Action Plan, p.1). At the end of each presentation, employees were asked to fill out a questionnaire to identify commonly heard customer complaints/comments and propose solutions to resolve customer complaints/comments (See Appendix I for a copy of the Customer Service Employee questionnaire). A summary of the survey results are presented in this report.

RESPONSE RATE AND DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS

Nineteen (19) customer service plan presentations were conducted statewide, between February and May, 1999. Dates and location of presentations are listed in Appendix II (Melancon, memo 5/27/99). Overall, 480 employees attended the presentations, representing 54.4 percent of the workforce. Forty-two percent of the employees who attended the presentations completed and returned the questionnaire. This amounted to 202 surveys collected.

The distribution of surveys received, by office, is illustrated in Figure 1. The Offices of Secretary, Management and Finance, Wildlife, and Fisheries accounted for 29.7, 10.9, 25.2, and 34.2 percent of the surveys collected, respectively. The distribution of respondents, by division¹, is provided in Figure 2.

¹ Surveys received from the Office of Management and Finance (OMF) could not be separated by section

Figure 1: Number of Respondents by Office (LDWF 1999 Customer Service Employee Survey)

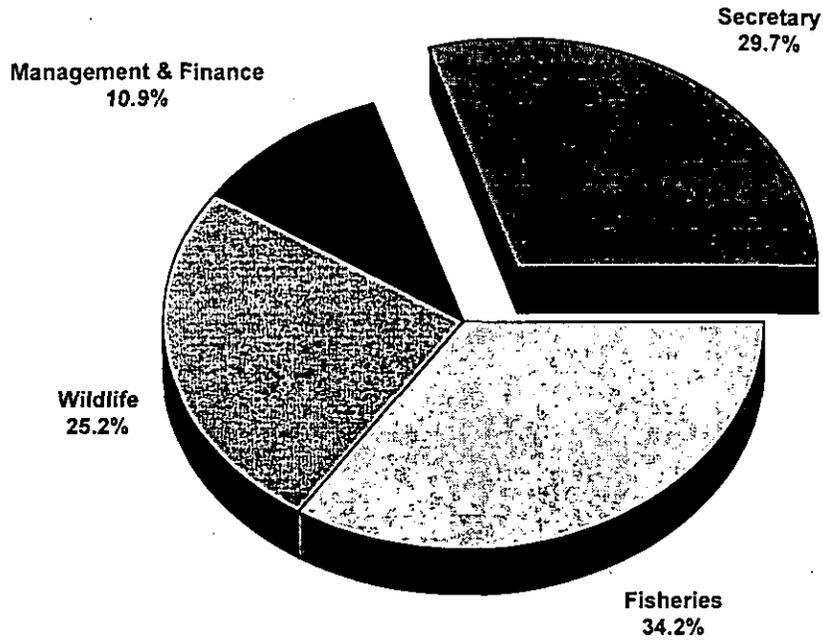
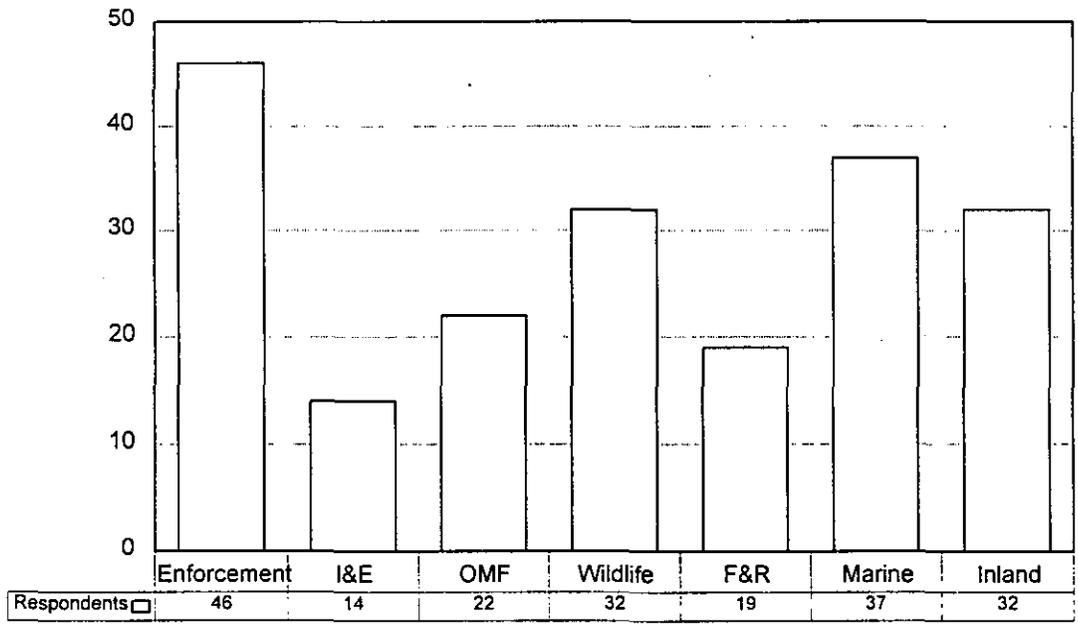


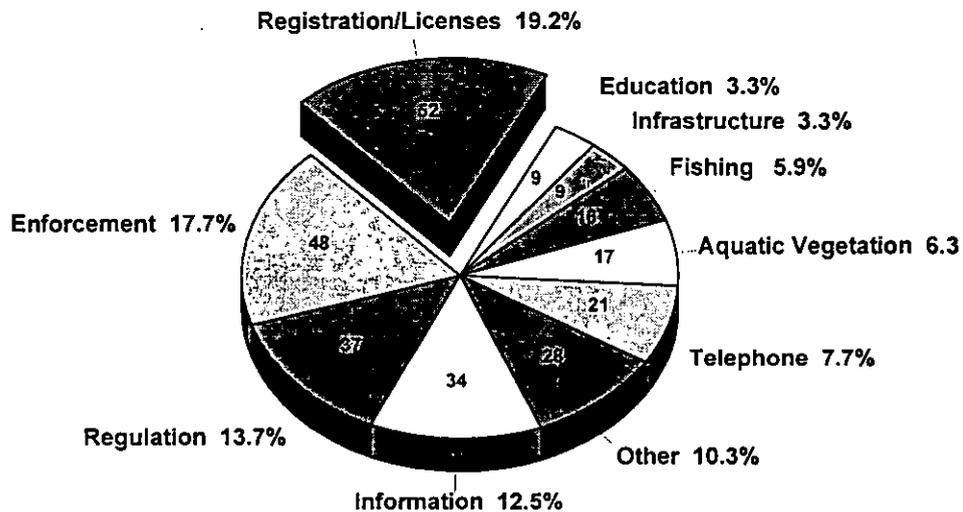
Figure 2: Number of Respondents by Division (LDWF 1999 Customer Service Employee Survey)



COMPLAINTS

Complaints reported ranged from general organizational questions within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to problems specific to the respondent's division. A total of 271 complaints were reported by survey respondents². Complaints recorded were divided into several groups or issues. Critical issues or problem areas identified included Telephone, Enforcement, Fishing and Hunting, Regulation, Registration and Licenses, Information, Education, Aquatic Vegetation, and Infrastructure/Equipment. The distribution of complaints by issues is illustrated by Figure 3. Complaints and corresponding solutions proposed by employees are presented in following sections.

Figure 3: Number of Complaints by Issue(LDWF 1999 Customer Service Employee Survey)



² The number of complaints recorded is greater than the number of respondents. Many respondents reported more than one complaint. Only 9 respondents did not report any complaints.

Telephone

According to respondents (employees), customers of the LDWF often complained that they were unable to complete their calls to the department due to busy signals. In addition, when they manage to get through, they are usually transferred several times before reaching an employee capable of answering their questions or providing the service requested. The absence of toll free numbers is also a major source of customer discontent.

Enforcement

An insufficient number of agents was the most frequent enforcement related complaint heard by department employees. Customers complained that laws were not adequately enforced and that violations, including night hunting and excessive catches, were left unpunished due to the low number of enforcement agents in the field. Respondents reported that customers also considered that penalties were generally too harsh on minor first-time offenders and requested warnings in lieu of sanctions. Some customers also complained about the lack of courtesy and non-informative attitudes adopted by certain enforcement agents.

Fishing/Hunting

Respondents reported that customers complained about several water bodies not being adequately stocked making their fishing experience less enjoyable. The difficulty in identifying good fishing or hunting spots was also noted as a frequently heard customer complaint.

Regulation

Respondents reported that customers frequently complained that there were too many laws, rules and regulations to keep up with and that regulations were continuously changing.

The setting of various hunting/fishing seasons constituted another area of customer discontent. Season related complaints included the extended length of the bow hunting season, the early start of the deer hunting season, and the limited number of hunting days.

Registration and Licenses

Registration and license related problems accounted for the largest number of complaints heard by respondents. Delays in mail processing of applications and waiting too long in line when applying for licenses or registrations in person was a major complaint heard by employees. The inability of local LDWF offices to process registration and license applications was also cited as a major source of customer frustration.

Information

Respondents reported problems with internal dissemination of information among the various divisions/sections within the agency and between supervisors and their employees. The internal lack of proper information was attributed to the absence of cooperation and coordination between the different divisions of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Respondents also mentioned that supervisors did not properly communicate relevant information and changes to their employees in a timely manner. This lack of communication prohibits employees from correctly informing customers of important changes that are currently occurring.

Customer information complaints focused primarily on the lack of proper documentation or on the confusing nature of existing pamphlets and brochures. Respondents reported that customers complained that they are often penalized for violating rules which they did not know existed. In addition, customers requested to be better informed about the end use of the data collected by the Department during interviews, sampling, and surveys.

Education

Education related complaints were centered around dissatisfaction with the hunter's education program. Customers mainly complained to employees about the limited number of classes and expressed concerns about the procedures for obtaining lost hunter education cards.

Aquatic Vegetation

Respondents reported that customers complained that the LDWF Aquatic Vegetation program did not effectively control aquatic vegetation levels. Excessive aquatic vegetation has resulted in clogged waterways and occasionally the *Hydrilla* species has completely taken over several water bodies.

Infrastructure and Equipment

The poor condition of several roads, weirs, and camping facilities was cited as a significant source of complaints. Respondents reported that material shortages and obsolete equipment hampered effective repairs and maintenance.

Other Issues

Complaints that could not be classified within the issue groups presented above include the absence of a statewide deer tagging system and insufficient assistance with small animal nuisances. Employees reported dissatisfaction with the Office of Management and Finance's slow bill processing and payment procedures. Respondents indicated that as a result of OMF's late bill payments, certain vendors refused to honor their orders. Employees complained about ISIS (Integrated Statewide Information Systems), the amount of paperwork within the Department, and the fact that rules made by the Department of Administration are not necessarily in agreement with the Department's objectives. Respondents also noted the insufficient number of employees in several divisions/sections,

the excessive turnover rate, and the low morale of LDWF employees due too poor working conditions, especially low salaries.

Perceptions

This last section presents negative customer perceptions identified from the customer service employees survey. Negative customer perceptions include:

“...the Department does not listen to its customers.”

“The impression that the Department gives to many people is that the agency is there to hurt them not to help them.”

The customer feels that “the data we collect is used to close down their commercial or recreational fishing efforts, or lower their quotas and limits.”

SOLUTIONS

A wide array of potential solutions to reported customer complaints were proposed by survey respondents. Solutions offered either dealt with employees’ attitudes and working habits or addressed changes that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries needs to implement. At the employee level, courtesy and effectiveness in assisting customers were identified as the most critical elements. At the departmental level, many solutions proposed by respondents involved resource reallocation and/or additional funding. Changes in various procedures and revisions of internal and external information distribution methods were also suggested. Potential solutions offered are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Complaints and Solutions - LDWF 1999 Customer Service Employee Survey

Complaints Reported	Solutions Proposed	
	Employees	Department
Telephone: Busy Signal; Numerous transfers; No 1-800 numbers.	Be courteous, helpful and stay informed; Make follow-up calls if possible.	Hire and train efficient phone operators; Keep them informed; Set up 1-800 numbers.
Enforcement: Not enough agents; No enforcement of laws; Give break/warning to minor offenders.	Existing agents must be more efficient (increase activity in field); Agents must be in the field.	Hire new enforcement agents; Changes in regulations.
Fishing / Hunting: Not enough good fishing/hunting spots; Not enough fish in water bodies.		Provide information on fishing/hunting spots; Adequate fish stocking.
Regulation: Lack of understanding; Numerous and confusing laws; Too many changes; Seasons too late/early.	Give the best information they possess; Update customers on significant changes; Explain changes to customers; Explain rationale behind season settings.	Publish clear and easy to understand brochures; and pamphlets; Better distribution of existing; publications; Limit the number of changes; Explanation of rationale behind dates selected.
Registration/Licenses: Delays in processing; Customers have to wait too long in line; No local processing of applications.	Prompt and efficient processing; Courteous and efficient employees; Suggest more use of mail.	Hire more employees, Revise procedures; Expand service area; Set up automated system with remote access (allow processing at local offices).
Information: Employees lack information; Lack of coordination/cooperation between divisions; Public lacks information.	Keep up with information/changes; Develop an interest in other divisions; Provide best available information; Explain end use of survey/interview data.	Update employees; Improve communication between divisions; More and clearer brochures and pamphlets.

Table 1: Complaints and Solutions - LDWF 1999 Customer Service Employee Survey (continued)

Complaints Reported	Solutions Proposed	
	Employees	Department
<u>Education:</u> Hunter's education classes; Renewal of lost cards.		Schedule more classes; Speedy renewal of lost cards.
<u>Aquatic Vegetation:</u> Clogged waterways; Too much Hydrilla.	More effective weed control.	Hire more employees.
<u>Infrastructure/Equipment:</u> Poor condition of roads, weirs, and camping facilities; Obsolete equipment.	Try to make repairs with existing equipment.	Allocate funds for repair/maintenance; Buy better equipment.
<u>Other Issues:</u> Low employee morale; High employee turn over; Overdue bills; Small animal nuisance; No statewide deer tagging system.	Submit invoices on time.	Provide incentives; Increase pay; Hire more qualified staff / Review procedures; Rehire small animal nuisance control unit; Create statewide tagging system.

TOP 10 COMPLAINTS

- 1- Numerous call transfers;
- 2- Delays in processing applications sent by mail;
- 3- Inability to process applications locally;
- 4- Not enough enforcement agents in the field;
- 5- Lack of public information and understanding of laws,
Too many rule and regulation changes;
- 6- Fishing/Hunting seasons start too early or too late;
- 7- Too much aquatic vegetation;
- 8- Give customers a break for minor first time offense;
- 9- Customers have to wait too long in line; and,
- 10- Not enough good places to fish/hunt.

Appendix I:

1999 Customer Service Plan Presentation
Employees' Survey

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Type of Service You/Unit Offers: _____

Location of Your Work:

Name (Optional):

Division/Office/Unit: _____

What is your most commonly heard complaint/comments by your customers?

Is it seasonal problem? Spring Summer Fall Winter

Certain time of the day? A.M. P.M.

Other: _____

What can you do to resolve these problems? _____

What can your unit/division/agency do to resolve these problems?

Appendix II

M. Melancon Memo 5/27/99

From: Melancon, Midori
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 1999 4:34 PM
Subject: Customer Service Plan Presentations

As of 5/4/99, 480 employees (54.4% of the work force) viewed the presentations.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>
05/03/99	N. O. Dist/Reg 8
04/23/99	Headquarters/Dist/Reg 7
04/12/99	Headquarters/Dist/Reg 7
03/31/99	Booker Fowler Hatchery
03/30/99	Rockefeller Refuge
03/26/99 (two classes)	N.O. Dist/Reg 8 Office
03/25/99	Lake Charles Dist/Reg 5 & CSA7
03/25/99	Opelousas Dist/Reg 6
03/22/99 (two classes)	Bourg CSA 4&5
03/11/99	New Iberia Dist 9 and CSA6
02/26/99	Booker Fowler Hatchery
02/26/99	Minden Dist/Reg 1
02/25/99	Monroe Dist/Reg 2
02/25/99	Ferriday, Dist/Reg 4
02/18/99	Waddell I & E
02/02/99 (two classes)	Headquarters/Dist/Reg 7

Appendix B

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 97-39

State Customer Service Standard

WHEREAS: it is the duty of the State of Louisiana to timely deliver government customer services that are of the highest quality and responsive to the public's needs;

WHEREAS: the State of Louisiana intends to achieve higher levels of citizen satisfaction by delivering quality, timely, and responsive government services which meet its customer service obligations;

WHEREAS: to enable the State of Louisiana to meet its goal of providing a superior level of customer service, all levels of state government employees could benefit from a statewide employee customer service training program that identifies customer expectations and assists state government employees in satisfying those expectations;

NOW THEREFORE I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: State Customer Service Standard. All departments and agencies in the Executive Branch, State of Louisiana, and all officers and employees thereof (hereafter "state agencies") shall strive to deliver to the individuals and entities they serve effective, efficient, and responsive customer service that is of the highest quality.

SECTION 2: Implementation of Standard. In implementing the state customer service standard, all state agencies that serve the public directly shall perform the following nonexclusive list of duties:

- A. identify all of the services provided by the state agency;
- B. identify the customers who are, and should be, served by the state agency;
- C. determine the service expectations of those customers;
- D. determine the present level of satisfaction those customers have with the services of the state agency;
- E. compare the state agency's present customer service performance to the level of customer service presently being delivered to customers by other governmental and/or nongovernmental entities that are models of successful customer service;

- F. disseminate customer service information to the public and make available a user-friendly customer service improvement system; and
- G. develop an internal structure that effectively addresses customer complaints and prevents future customer service dissatisfaction.

SECTION 3: Support for State Government Employees. Each state agency shall work with its employees to develop a state employee plan that will compliment the state agency's customer service strategy. Each plan shall describe the customer service training resources and programs being provided by the state agency for its employees who are directly serving customers and for the managers of those employees. The plan should identify the types of training resources and programs that would improve the state agency's customer service levels, indicate how those training resources and programs would improve the level of the state agency's customer service, and provide a strategy which indicates how those training resources and programs will be provided. The state employee plan shall also include the following information:

- A. a detailed explanation of employee expectations and needs regarding the manner in which the state customer service standard is implemented;
- B. a detailed list of employee ideas for improving the level of customer satisfaction and attaining the state customer service standard; and
- C. indicate types of customer service training that is necessary to provide employees with the essential tools to deliver goods and services at the level that meets customer service standard.

SECTION 4: Annual Customer Service Plan. Beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1998, each state agency shall implement an annual customer service plan. The state agency shall develop its initial plan and submit it to the Office of the Governor, through the commissioner of Administration, by November 1, 1998. The state agency shall develop and submit an annual update by November 1 of each successive year.

The state agency's annual customer service plan shall include the state agency's customer service goals for complying with the state customer service standard that is specifically tailored to the particular service provided by the state agency. Each plan shall identify and describe the level of customer service being delivered to customers by relevant, successful governmental or nongovernmental agencies, and present a comparative evaluation of the difference in quality of the customer service provided by the state agency and by relevant, successful governmental or nongovernmental agencies. If the level of quality of the state agency's customer service is not equivalent to, or better than, the level of the relevant, successful governmental or nongovernmental agency customer service, the state agency shall explain the reason for the disparity in the customer service quality, and the action being taken to rectify the situation.

SECTION 5: Annual Customer Service Assessment. Beginning with December 1998, at the end of every calendar year, each state agency shall implement an annual customer service assessment that elicits from customers and employees information regarding:

- A. changes in customer needs and expectations;
- B. the level of overall customer satisfaction with the state agency's service; and
- C. suggestions for improvement. This information shall be used by the state agency in measuring its overall performance level, the effectiveness of its leadership, and in allocating its resources.

SECTION 6: Miscellaneous Provisions. This Order shall not and does not create any right of action, any cause of action, or any substantive, procedural, or equitable right enforceable by, or in favor of, any person or entity against the State of Louisiana or any department, commission, board, agency, political subdivision, or officer or employee thereof.

All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the implementation of the provisions of this Order.

This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 23rd of September, 1997.

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

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Fox McKeithen
Secretary of the State

Appendix C

Front side of LDWF Customer Comment / Suggestion Card

LDWF Comment / Suggestion Card

1. What type of service or activity were you seeking from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries? (Please be specific) _____

2. Where was the location of the office or activity you visited (city / place)?

3. So that we may get to know our customers better, please tell us your primary occupation.

4. In which parish do you live? _____

5. For each statement that applies to your situation, please circle the best response:
- | | | | |
|--|-----|----|----------|
| a) The treatment you received was courteous and respectful. | Yes | No | Somewhat |
| b) The person you spoke with listened attentively to you regarding your request / problem. | Yes | No | Somewhat |
| c) The person you spoke with was knowledgeable. | Yes | No | Somewhat |
| d) The person you spoke with was easy to understand. | Yes | No | Somewhat |
| e) Your questions or problems were dealt with to your satisfaction. | Yes | No | Somewhat |
| f) Your questions or problems were dealt with in a timely manner. | Yes | No | Somewhat |
| g) The appearance of the facility you were in was neat and clean. | Yes | No | Somewhat |
| h) Can you think of anything that we can do to improve our service to you? * | Yes | No | |

* If yes, please fill out the comment section on the back.

Reverse side of LDWF Customer Comment / Suggestion Card

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Socioeconomic Section
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

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Comments or Suggestions: _____

If you would like a personal response to your concerns, please provide us with the following:

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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Please deposit this card in the Comment / Suggestion Box located near the entrance of selected facilities operated by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or simply fold, tape, and send it to us via U.S. mail.

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Thank you for taking the time to help us improve our service to you.

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Appendix D



Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Minimum Customer Service Standards



- ➔ We will always treat our customers with courtesy and respect.
- ➔ We will provide our customers with information that is current and accurate. If unsure, our staff will find a more knowledgeable person to assist.
- ➔ We will work continually to streamline and improve our services.
- ➔ We will use language that our customers can understand.
- ➔ We will maintain a neat appearance and a positive attitude.
- ➔ We will respond promptly to all inquiries, requests, suggestions and complaints. Every effort will be made to provide a complete and accurate response.
- ➔ We will provide fair and consistent treatment to all customers.
- ➔ We will encourage feedback and actively listen to our customers so that we may better understand their motivations and how to best provide products, services and information.

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

OCTOBER 1999

REGION 1:

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

TOTAL CASES	58
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating
13	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
8	Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
4	Hunt W/O A Resident License
1	Hunt W/O A Non-Resident License
2	Bow Hunt W/O A Bow License
5	Hunt W/Unplugged Gun
1	Failure To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations
1	Obtain License Fraudulently
1	Hunt Squirrels Closed Season
3	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
2	Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
1	Take Deer W/Illegal Weapon
12	Not Abiding by R&R on WMA
1	Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 32	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Boating Safety
2	Angling W/O A License
1	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
1	Failure To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations
16	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
7 squirrels, 3 shotguns, 5 shotgun shells, 2 .22 rifles, scope, 14 .22 cartridges, 1 hunting license.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
23	Recreational Fishing
33	State Hunting/Trapping
32	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 2:

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

TOTAL CASES	60
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
3	Hunting Without A Bow License
1	Take Over Limit Squirrels
5	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
3	Hunt Without Resident License
1	Failure To Comply With Hunter's Orange Requirement
1	Hunt Deer With Illegal Weapon (.22 Rifle)
1	Hunt Deer Illegal Method (Gun During Bow Season)
1	Hunt From Public Road
1	Hunt On DMAP Without Permit
25	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
2	Criminal Trespass
2	Littering
1	No Driver's License In Possession
2	Operate ATV On Public Road

1	Resisting An Officer
1	No Inspection Sticker
2	DWI (Vehicle)
2	Careless Operation
1	Under-age Possession of Alcohol
1	Passing On Shoulder Of Highway

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 29	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Operate Unregistered Boat
1	Bow Hunt Without Bow License
5	Angle Without A License
14	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
4	Hunt Without Resident License
1	Hunt Without Resident Big Game License
1	Improper Boat Numbers
1	Releasing Pen-raised Quail Without Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
9-Squirrels, 2- .22 Rifles, 1- 3X9 Power Scope, 1- Louisiana Driver's License, 1- Honda ATV.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2 (MONROE)

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
-0-	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
-0-	Recreational Fishing
45	State Hunting/Trapping
29	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
18	Public Assistance – House Fire, Auto Accident and Assist Stranded Motorists.

REGION 3:

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

TOTAL CASES	87
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Boating
7	Angling W/O License In Possession
5	Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
2	Hunt Deer From Public Road
1	Possess Of Illegally Taken Deer
7	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours With Artificial Light
3	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange
7	Hunt With Un-Plugged Gun
4	Hunt W/O Resident License
1	Hunt Turkey C/S
1	Possess Turkey C/S
1	Running Deer Dogs During Still Hunt Season
1	Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulations
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident Basic License

4	Take & Possess Over Limit Squirrels
2	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours With Artificial Light
2	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
3	Possess Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
2	Take Non Game Birds No Season
1	Hunt Raccoon Illegally
1	Take/Posses Spotted Fawn
1	Bow Hunt W/O Bow License In Possession
20	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations
1	Taking Ibis – No Season
1	Taking Heron – No Season
1	Hunting Ducks C/S
2	Littering

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Fail To Abide By Commission Rules
1	Possess Undersize Black Bass
3	Angling W/O License In Possession
4	Hunt W/O Resident License In Possession
4	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License In Possession
1	No Boat Numbers
1	Expired Boat Registration
2	Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
1	Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>40 squirrels, 1 remains of hen turkey, 1 spotted fawn, 1 buck deer, 1 doe deer, 1 white ibis, 1 white heron, 2 wood duck, 1 remington 1100 12 ga. shotgun, 1 sample of corn, 1 brown bag containing 20 oz bottle, 1 ruger 22 cal rifle, 1 brinkman max million q beam, 1 bandit lights battery pack, 1 g.e. spotlight, 2 buckshot, 1 30-30 rifle.</p>

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
7	Recreational Fishing
71	State Hunting/Trapping
20	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4:

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

TOTAL CASES	67
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Take/Poss. U/S CML Fish (Catfish)
2	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
3	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
3	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
1	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
1	Use Firearm/Archery Equipment W/Illegal Electronic Sights
5	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Possession Of Gun While Bow Hunting For Deer
3	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
3	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
1	Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season

1	Fail Comply W/Hunters Orange Regulations
1	Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
26	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
1	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
1	Public Intimidation
3	Illegal Spot Lighting From Public Road
1	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries (Public Intimidation)
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O A License
2	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
3	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
29 catfish, 1 spotted fawn

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
33	Miscellaneous
5	Recreational Fishing
28	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 5

BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
CAMERON, EVANGELINE
JEFF DAVIS, VERMILLION

TOTAL CASES	93
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
16	Boating
11	Angling W/O A License
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
4	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
4	Take Or Possess Over Limit Black Drum
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell To Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
12	Hunting W/O Resident License
2	Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
2	Hunting With Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
3	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
1	Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulations
1	Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
1	Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear With Illegal Weapon
8	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange

1	Hunt/Trap On DMAP Land W/O Permit From Owner/Lessee
2	Hunting Migratory Game Birds With Unplugged Gun
1	Hunting Migratory Game Birds Over Baited Area
1	Hunting Migratory Game Birds With Illegal Firearm
2	Hunt Migratory Game Birds With Out State Hunting License
11	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area
3	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
2	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries
1	Misc. Federal Violation

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 9	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Boating
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Angling W/O A License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
48 pounds of shrimp sold for \$103.50; 2 aluminum cans with marijuana residue; 1 doe deer; 2 rifles; 21 squirrels; 8 squirrels; 8 dove; 1 shot gun; 1 chip of broken fiberglass; 1 strip of detailing tape; 7 live rounds; 4 red drum; 28 black drum; 1 ice chest; 1 live shotgun shell; 3 buckshot shells; 1 crab trap.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
16	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
6	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
17	Miscellaneous
20	Recreational Fishing
31	State Hunting/Trapping
9	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 6:

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

TOTAL CASES	180
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
53	Boating
13	Angling W/O A License
1	Take/Possess Undersize Commercial Finfish
9	Hunt W/O License
2	Failure To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulations
2	Possess Untagged MGB
2	Take/Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds
6	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
12	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Take/Possess Overlimit Freshwater Gamefish
1	Take Overlimit Of Raccoons
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
4	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
1	Transport Completely Dressed MGB
3	Sell W/O Retail Seafood License

3	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
3	Take/Possess Overlimit Squirrel
1	Possession Of Pods While Bow Hunting
2	Operate ATV On Public Road
8	Criminal Mischief
8	Littering
8	Possession Or Use Of Weapon On State Park
8	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On State Land
1	Hunt/Trap On DMAP Lands W/O Permit From Owner/Lessee
1	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Season
1	Hunt W/O Resident License
1	Retail Dealer, Restaurant, Grocer Buy From Other Than Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License
1	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
3	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Seatrout
2	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
1	Take/Possess Overlimit Freshwater Game Fish
1	Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit
2	Take/Possess Undersized White Shrimp

2	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle
1	Disturbing The peace By Profanity
3	Hunt From Public Road
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Resisting An Officer
1	Illegal Possession Of Gamefish

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 29	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
20	Boating
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
5	Angling W/O Basic License
3	Possess Undersize Black Bass

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
36 squirrels, 1 brown thrasher, 1 shotgun, 23 black bass, 2 raccoons, 4 dressed ducks, 1 green arrow pod, 1 goldtip graphite arrow, 1 bag of trash including shell casings, 1 pack of photos taken of campsite, 2 buckshot shells, 158 lbs. Of white shrimp, checks totaling \$83.20, 1 rabbit, 3 black drum, 3 marijuana cigarettes, 1 boat, 1 motor, 1 trailer

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
53	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
8	Littering
36	Miscellaneous
35	Recreational Fishing
37	State Hunting/Trapping
29	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 7:

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

TOTAL CASES	115
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Boating
24	Angling W/O A License
3	Angling W/O Non Res. License
3	Angling W/O Pole License
1	Angling W/O Non-Res. Saltwater License
1	Operate On/Or Within 100' of Scenic River W/O Permit
1	Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood Dealers License
11	Hunt W/O Basic Hunting License
3	Hunt W/O Bow License
3	Hunt W/O Big Game License
6	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
14	Hunt from Moving Vehicle
7	Hunt Deer From a Public Road
1	Hunt W/O Non-Res. License
2	Discharge Gun From Public Road
3	Hunt From a Public Road

2	No Hunter Safety Card
4	Failure to Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations
7	Hunt with Unplugged Gun
1	Take Deer Closed Season
1	Hunt with Illegal Weapon
5	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
1	Hunt Closed Area
1	Possession of Bow and Broadheads During Closed Season
1	Take Turkey Closed Season
2	Take Rabbits Illegal Methods
1	Hunt Raccoons Illegally
2	Take Deer Illegal Weapon

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 12	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Failure to Abide by Rules & Regulations
3	Angling W/O Basic License
1	Fish W/O Non-Res. License
1	Boating
1	Expired Boat Registration
1	Take Undersize Red Drum
1	Hunt W/O Res. License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 30-30 Cal. Rifle	5 Live Traps
1 44 Mag. Pistol	2800-Rem. 1100 12 Gauge Auto W727411v
1 Spotlight	28042-Rem. 870 12 Gauge Pump 407743v
1 6 Cell Flashlight	39583-Marlin 30-30 W/Scope 04060454
8 Licenses	28078-Mossberg 12 Gauge Pump K923489
2 Bows	28079-Winchester 12 Gauge Auto N1004033
1 Light	28001-Winchester .22 mpg lever Action F114116
1 Shotgun	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
31	Recreational Fishing
80	State Hunting/Trapping
12	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance -- Towboat and Passengers

REGION 8

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

TOTAL CASES		225
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION	
27	Boating	
66	Angling W/O A License	
4	Angling W/O a Non-resident License	
8	Angling W/O a Saltwater License	
1	Take/Possess Over Limit Or Undersized Red Drum	
29	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum	
20	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout	
13	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum	
2	Take/Possess Over The Limit of Spotted Sea Trout	
1	Fail to Comply with Charter Boat Regulations	
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell to Consumer W/O a Fresh Products License	
3	Taking Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License	
2	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License	
2	Take Saltwater Commercial Fish with Net in Closed Season	
2	Blocking Passage of Fish	

1	Allowing Another to Use Commercial License
2	Take Shrimp Illegal Gear
1	Use Oversize Skimmers
5	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
1	Failure to Tag Sacked Oysters
5	Hunting W/O Resident License
2	Failure to Abide by Commission Rules
2	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
2	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
1	Possess of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season (Rules & Regs)
1	Take/Possess Alligator Closed Season
1	Possession of Live Alligator W/O Permit
2	Hunting and/or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season
1	Hunting MGB With Illegal Firearm
2	Transport Completely Dressed MGB(No Fully Feathered Wing)
1	Possess Over Limit of Ducks
1	Hunting Rails Closed Season
2	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
2	Littering
4	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Flight From an Officer
1	Reckless Operation of a Vehicle
1	Filing False Public Records
2	Violate Mullet Permit

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 50	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
5	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
2	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Rec.) Finfish
2	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	No Boat Numbers
3	Failure to Display Valid Decal
1	Improper Running Lights
18	Not Abiding by the Rules and Regulations on the WMA
4	Failure to Comply with PFD Requirements

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>Seafood destroyed: Speckled trout.....(4)</p> <p>Seafood and Game Returned to Water.....Oyster (177 sacks).....Red Drum (8).....Black Drum (25).....Channel Catfish(338).....Spotted Seaport(3)....Flounder(4)...Alligator(1)</p> <p>Seafood And Game Donated.... Red Drum (64).... Black Drum (54).... Spotted Seaport (110).... Fish fillets (22 bags)...Catfish (603)...Sheepshead (1)...Striped Bass (10)...Teal (9)...Squirrels (3)...Rail(1)....Rabbits(2)</p> <p>Seafood Sold At Bid.... Red Drum (145 lbs. sold for \$297.25)...Black Drum (370 lbs. sold for \$259.00)...Shrimp (150 lbs. sold for \$225.00).... Shrimp (531 lbs. sold for \$132.50)... Mullet(3,058 lbs. sold for \$1200.00)</p> <p>Hardware Confiscated: Gill nets (2)...Rod and Reel Combo (1)...Bow (3).... Rifle (2)...Shotgun (1)... Skimmer Frames(2)...Charter Boat Guide(1)...Shrimp Net(1)...Drivers License(1) ...Ice Chest(1)...Mullet Strike Net(1)....Headlight(1)</p>

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
27	Boating
20	Commercial Fishing
7	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
13	Miscellaneous
144	Recreational Fishing
12	State Hunting/Trapping
50	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

REGION 9:

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

TOTAL CASES	150
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
37	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Taking Over Limit Freshwater Gamefish (Catfish)
2	Take O/L Of Red Drum
5	Take Undersized Red Drum
13	Take Undersized Black Drum
1	Take O/L Black Drum (Recreational)
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Comm Fisherman Sell To Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License (Gillnet)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License (Hook & Line)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License (Hoop Net)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1	Sell W/O Wholesale/Retail License (Resident)
2	Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Take Undersize Comm. Finfish (Catfish)
3	Blocking Passage Of Fish
2	Remove Contents Crab Traps
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
2	Theft Of Crab Trap
1	Fail To Comply With Stone Crab Requirements
1	Failure To Comply With Bowfin Size Regulations
2	Take Shrimp Illegal Gear
3	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours (Rabbits)
1	Take Rabbits Illegal Methods
1	Take O/L Of Squirrel
5	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
3	Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
3	Hunt Deer From Public Road
2	Hunt Deer Illegally From A Boat
3	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer (Open Season)

2	Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tagging
2	Hunt Raccoons Illegally
2	Possess Firearm While Frogging
3	Hunt Doves Closed Season
8	Commercial Activity After Hours On WMA
3	Possess Loaded Firearm While Underway On WMA
1	Possess Buckshot During Closed Season On WMA
4	Possess Firearm On WMA
6	Commercial Fishing On WMA (Skimming)
2	Criminal Trespass
1	Contributing To Delinquency Of Juvenile
2	Flight From An Officer

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
686 catfish, 825 lbs. crabs, 33 squirrels, 2 raccoons, 2 rabbits, 55 black drum, 20 red drum, 10 doves, 38 bowfin, 71 stone crabs, 24 stone crab pinchers, 3 deer, 2 crab traps, 8 skimmers, 1 gillnet, 2 rifles, 5 shotguns, 1 trawl net, 3 headlights, 2 batteries.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
37	Boating
27	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
27	Miscellaneous
28	Recreational Fishing
28	State Hunting/Trapping
3	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE**STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	10
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
4	Angling W/O A License
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 3	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
1	No Boat Registration In Possession

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
23 lbs. shrimp sold for \$18.40, 1 butterfly net.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
4	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
3	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	68
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	Boating
1	Take/Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumers W/O Fresh Products License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
2	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
2	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Retail Dealer's License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
26****	Conspiracy
27****	Lacey Act Violation
1	Theft
1	Inquiring Public Records
1	Failure To Comply With Bowfin Size Requirements
2	Violate Freshwater Mullet Regs.

*****NOTE: Indicted 7 individuals in a 13-count felony indictment for Lacey Act and Conspiracy to commit Lacey Act violation. Indictment is sealed, and no additional information is available at this time.

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
3,058 lbs. of mullet sold for \$595.64, 100 lbs. of bowfin returned to water, 1-1200 feet of mullet strike net.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
68	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting and Trapping
0	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	28
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating
5	Angling W/O A License
1	Fishing W/O Saltwater License
2	Fishing W/O Non-Resident License
5	Possess Undersize Black Drum
3	Possess Undersize Red Drum
11	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
1	Failure To Have Commercial License In Possession

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
24 black drum, 3 red drum.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
12	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
15	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Warning Citations

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	14
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	Boating
1	Angling W/O A Basic License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
1	Take/Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout
1	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Take/Possess Undersize Red Drum
1	Possess Over 10 Red Drum
2	Take/Possess Overlimit Of Spotted Sea Trout
1	Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regulations
1	Fail To Have Intact (Saltwater) "15 counts"
1	Allow Another To Use Commercial License
1	Hunting MGB With Illegal Firearm
1	Hunting Rails Closed Season
1	Hunting W/O Resident License

WARNING CITATIONS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 rifle, 1 charterboat license, 83 spotted seatrout, 12 red drum, 1 black drum, 1 rail, 22 bags of filets.

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

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
9	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Warning Citations

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**NOTE: ENGINE HOURS=42
BOATS CHECKED=52**

TOTAL CASES

-1035

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS = 191

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
OCTOBER, 1999

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 50.4

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 24.8

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 9.3

Enforcement Hours - 72.0

Other Divisions - 12.5

Total Plane Use - 84.5

2000		March			2000	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 1-NOV-1999

	CURRENT MONTH 10/01/1999 TO 10/31/1999		FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1999 TO 10/31/1999		INCEPTION TO DATE 10/31/1999	
	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	447	\$22,650.00	3,106	\$157,955.00	76,686	\$3,898,952.07
HEARING COSTS	93	\$2,325.00	478	\$11,927.00	16,680	\$417,253.80
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	2	\$175.00-	2	\$4,900.00-
CREDITS		=====		=====		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$24,975.00		\$169,707.00		\$4,311,305.87

PAID IN FULL	403	\$20,960.00-	2,089	\$110,460.20-	42,507	\$2,205,268.07-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	8	\$340.00-	49	\$2,255.00-	1,191	\$54,033.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$50.00	17	\$889.00	857	\$24,653.34
REFUNDS	2	\$50.00	13	\$321.00	154	\$7,600.31
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	2	\$100.00	59	\$3,150.00
MISC CHANGES						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	2	\$20.00	59	\$985.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.80-	167	\$155.23-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION						
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	116	\$6,900.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	14	\$800.00-
VOIDS	78	\$3,950.00-	262	\$10,907.00-	4,288	\$182,632.73-
NOT GUILTY	8	\$400.00-	31	\$700.00-	657	\$32,750.00-
						=====
TOTAL OUTSTANDING						\$1,878,955.12

	AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE			AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE		
	CURRENT	PRE HEARING		0 - 90 DAYS	91 - 180 DAYS	181 - 365 DAYS
1 - 30 DAYS	179	\$9,100.00		1,758	\$90,108.00	
31 - 90 DAYS	276	\$14,350.00		2,031	\$101,671.00	
91 - 180 DAYS	942	\$48,054.00		1,110	\$61,570.00	
181 - 365 DAYS	1,265	\$66,530.00		654	\$46,255.00	
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	1,190	\$75,170.00		995	\$59,150.00	
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00		0	\$0.00	
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	26,136	\$1,665,801.12		23,440	\$1,520,251.12	

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES		AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES	
VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN			
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00	
31 - 60 DAYS	3	\$119.20	
61 - 90 DAYS	10	\$7,581.84	
91 - 120 DAYS	30	\$11,954.40	
121 - 150 DAYS	11	\$7,543.65	
151 - 180 DAYS	15	\$3,083.10	
181 - 365 DAYS	28	\$12,101.40	
OVER ONE YEAR	35	\$68,061.74	
OVER TWO YEARS	154	\$121,682.14	
OVER THREE YEARS	114	\$60,926.61	
	417	\$345,097.15	
=====		=====	
** TOTAL AGING	817	\$638,151.23	

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES		AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES	
CAN NOT BE INVOICED			
CURRENT			
1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$125.52	
31 - 90 DAYS	9	\$3,841.45	
	4	\$1,034.35	
	1	\$386.91	
91 - 180 DAYS	8	\$8,836.17	
181 - 365 DAYS	39	\$40,524.38	
CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	90	\$501,767.20	
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00	
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	883	\$1,006,178.56	
=====		=====	
** TOTAL AGING	1,037	\$1,562,694.54	

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%

FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98

July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%

FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999								
Dec., 1999								
Jan., 2000								
Feb., 2000								
Mar., 2000								
Apr., 2000								
May, 2000								
June, 2000								
Total FY 2000	32	\$10,551.71	\$5,892.55	77	\$11,081.45	\$2,745.88	131%	241%

SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

NOV-99 RULE - Black Bass Regulations, Spanish Lake
 RULE - 2000 Wild Turkey Season

JAN-00 RULE - Freshwater Harvest of Mullet
 RULE - Black Bass Regulations - Lake Bartholomew

MARCH-00 RULE - Crab Trap Marking

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE



James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary

CONTACT
504/765-2923

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10/29/99

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET NOV. 4

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Louisiana Room of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge.

The agenda follows:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes of October 7, 1999
3. Presentation of certificate of appreciation from the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and LDWF to Teche Area "Big Shot" Bass Tournaments Inc.
4. Presentation of 1999 Wildlife Officer of the Year Award by Shikar Safari International
5. Rule ratification - 2000 turkey hunting regulations
6. Announce duck stamp competition winner
7. Rule ratification - black bass regulations on Spanish Lake in Iberia Parish
8. Notice of intent - Crab trap marking
9. Presentation of 1999 Customer Service Report as mandated by executive order MJF-97-39
10. Enforcement & aviation reports (October)
11. Division report - announce addition to Bayou Pierre WMA
12. Set March 2000 meeting date
13. Public comments
14. Adjournment

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EDITORS: For more information, contact Marianne Burke at 225/765-2469
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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

SUBJECT: November Commission Meeting Agenda

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6. Announce Duck Stamp Competition Winner

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

7. Rule Ratification - Black Bass Regulations on Spanish Lake, Iberia Parish, Louisiana

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8. Notice of Intent - Crab Trap Marking

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

9. Presentation of the 1999 Customer Service Report per MJF-97-39

WINTON VIDRINE

10. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/October

DIVISION REPORTS

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JHJ:sch

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

October 27, 1999

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: _____



AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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Pre Wildlife Division

1) Ratification of Turkey
Of Hunting Regs - Tommy

2) Announce Duck Stamp
Competition Winner -
S D. Merison

AM
Cussard, Joseph

3) Division Report:
Announce Addition to
S B. Pierre WMA - Fred
Kimmel

International will be at the November 4 Commission
the S. S. I. 1999 Wildlife Officer of the Year Award
please come and bring Lane for the presentation.
provide a camera for photos. Dr. Anders has
e. Do we have one? I assume this will make it easy
nization. Contact me with questions.

10/19/99

C O V E R



FAX

S H E E T

To: Bill Busbice
Fax #: 318-837-1423
Subject: Agenda
Date: October 26, 1999
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda for the November 4 Meeting and then call me. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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, 1999

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

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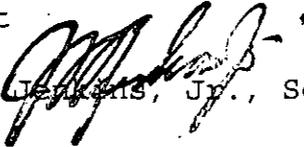
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MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Confidential
Assistant

FROM: James H. , Jr., Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - November 4, 1999

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PRESENT 1999 CUSTOMER
SERVICE REPORT PER
MJF-97-39: JIM PATTON

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Dear Susan:

I have the following two agenda items:

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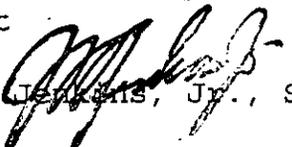
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