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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, December 2, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Danny Babin
Glynn Carver
Tom Gattle
Jerald Hanchey
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **November 4, 1999 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

Crab Task Force Input on Potential Season for Fishing with Crab Traps began with Chairman Busbice asking for someone to speak on behalf of the crab fishermen. Mr. Michael Comardelle, Chairman of the Crab Task Force, stated for a one week closure, it takes at least one week to remove traps from the water and another week to put them back out which would mean three weeks of no fishing. If the season was closed twice a year, this would be a serious economic hardship for him. The May and August seasons are usually good times for the crabfishermen. He added that another problem is the conflicts between the shrimpers and crabbers would still be there when the season reopened. The skimmers fishing in the Buras area are destroying 50 to 60 traps per week. Mr. Comardelle felt the shrimpers need to bare some of the responsibility for the trap lose and the gear in the water. The Crab Task Force has tried several times to have a limited entry system but this has been opposed by the shrimpers. Also, the Task Force did not submit the serviceable crab trap bill to the Legislature. It was a bill from members of the Terrebonne Shrimp Association that worked with the Task Force to refine it. If the bill was given a chance, it may work and eliminate some of the problems. He then suggested not

allowing guns on a boat or person when commercial fishing. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Comardelle if the main part of the state with the problem was west of the Atchafalaya River? Mr. Comardelle stated there are problems in other areas, but not as bad as the problems in the Vermilion Bay area. Most of the crabbers, 70 to 80 percent, are shrimpers that pick up their traps before the trawling season starts. Chairman Busbice asked if there were bad apples in the crab population as well as too many crabbers? Mr. Comardelle answered yes there are bad apples, but not many agreed to a limited entry system. He added the Crab Task Force was willing to meet with the Commission or a Committee of the Commission at any time. Chairman Busbice asked if Mr. Comardelle had ever discarded any crab traps? The answer was yes, a very few. He added there is a problem with shrimpers discarding traps. Commissioner Babin stated it is important for the Commission to keep in mind a new law is in effect to prevent traps from being thrown back into the water by either shrimpers or crabfishermen and there needs to be more time to see if that law will work. The advent of skimmers has created a lot of problems. Commissioner Babin felt there is a need to keep a dialog open between the two groups. Chairman Busbice felt the new law was not perfect, but it does put the burden on the shrimper. Commissioner Gattle asked Mr. Comardelle how many traps does he run a day? Mr. Comardelle stated he runs 300 to 400 per day which is above average. Commissioner Gattle then asked if it takes a week to run 300 to 400 traps? The traps are run every day. Commissioner Gattle asked what restriction is there for how much gear can be put out? Mr. Comardelle answered there are no restrictions. Then Commissioner Gattle asked Mr. Comardelle to explain what steps he has taken to identify his traps. He added, running 300 to 400 traps is a lot of work for one man to keep up and maintain. Commissioner McCall asked how many traps are run on the boats with three deck hands? Mr. Comardelle stated some are running 600 to 800 traps and will run them every other day. Commissioner Kelly stated he can show where his shrimp nets have had to be repaired due to crab traps. A major issue of concern was the constant taking of the resource and the possibility of depleting it. The basis for this is figures showing an increase in the number of crab fishermen, an increase in the number of traps, but a steady number of pounds of meat delivered, which may indicate a decline in available crabs. He asked if anyone catches an unserviceable trap to bring it back to the bank so the shrimpers do not have to contend with it. Commissioner Kelly also stated both groups need to have mutual respect for each other as well as know their own responsibility. Mr. Comardelle stated there is a decrease in the sale of licenses and the reason for a decrease in

catch was because of skimmers. He agreed the two groups need to work together. Also he added, there could be a restriction placed on putting traps in four or five main passes.

Mr. Jim Rich, a crab processor and member of the Crab Task Force, stated they are seeing terrible declines in processing plants. These declines are due to FDA restrictions as well as the importation of crab meat. The prime time for the crab season for restaurants is at the beginning of the shrimp season. If processors do not have crab meat, they will go to the imported meat. Commissioner Kelly asked if the decline in meat continues, will this open the door for imported meat? Mr. Rich answered yes, the real competition is the price paid for peeling crabs. Commissioner Babin stated the increase in imported crab meat could be due to the increase in the average amount of seafood consumed by the public in a years time. He added there may be a communication problem more than any other kind of problem which education rather than additional laws could help solve.

Mr. Kevin Ortego, Louisiana Lagniappe Seafood, stated he buys seafood in Louisiana to service restaurants in Florida. He has seen the picture from both sides, what imports are doing to domestic sales as well as closing the season during the prime crab season and how this affects restaurant owners and wholesalers. The use of rings has not been given enough time to see if it will help the numbers in the overall catch, commented Mr. Ortego. This year the quality and supply of the crab meat has been better than previous years. He concluded stating there are crabbers picking up their traps three to four days prior to the season mainly for their own self-preservation. Commissioner Gattle asked if there is any other seafood with a season that he faces the problem of not being able to obtain 365 days a year? Mr. Ortego mentioned alligators and crawfish. He added that the harvesting of crabs is not harming the resource, it is only causing an inconvenience to the shrimpers. The times to close the season as mentioned by the Commission are not the times to do it.

Mr. Eric Carrere, with the Crab Connection, stated if a crab season was closed in May and August, it would not only hurt the crabbers but the processors and everyone down the line. He suggested putting a limit on traps in the area where a problem may be occurring.

Commissioner Kelly felt it would be in the best interest for the Crab Task Force and the shrimpers to establish a dialog to work

the issues out and eliminate some of the problems between the two groups. Commissioner Babin asked how many in the audience were fishermen from the Vermilion area and no one responded. He added, the biggest problem is in the Vermilion area, but all the people at the meeting were from other areas where they do not have big problems and wanted their voice heard. Mr. Comardelle stated the Crab Task Force has tried to recruit people from the Vermilion Bay area to come and meet, but has had no luck. The Legislature wanted the Crab Task Force to meet with the Shrimp Task Force two or three years ago, but the Shrimp Task Force is not active any longer. They have been meeting with the Terrebonne Shrimp Association. Commissioner Kelly stated the Terrebonne Shrimp Association does not represent him. He felt the state should get the necessary people together and work this out.

Ms. Bernadette Irving, a crab shredder in Terrebonne Parish, stated she makes all of her money in May, when the season may be closed. She added, to restrict the May season, would put her out of business.

Mr. Kevin Becnell, a processor and fisherman, stated the fishermen need to come to a meeting and get their attention and let them know what is going on. He suggested scheduling a meeting once a year and if a fisherman does not come to that meeting, their license would not be renewed. Also, he suggested getting 7 inch stoppers and paint them fluorescent colors so the trawlers can see them. If a season is imposed, the people in Alabama would suffer because they get their meat from Louisiana fishermen. The answer is not to close the season at any time.

Chairman Busbice stated he was glad for the turn out and the chance for public comments. He added the Commission hears complaints from all user groups. He suggested the Commission, the crab and shrimp fishermen should get together and review some of the suggestions mentioned at the meeting. Chairman Busbice added there needs to be more cooperation from the areas with problems, and if there is not any, then the Commission may have to take action.

Mrs. Karen Foote stated the next three items, a **Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season & Size Limits**, a **Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Commercial Season & Size Limits** and a **Notice of Intent - Red Snapper Size Limit - Recreational & Commercial** could be summarized as a group. The first Declaration of Emergency would set a recreational red snapper

season for the year 2000 and a size limit change. The season will open April 21, 2000 and close October 31, 2000 unless the Secretary receives notification the federal season was changing. The recreational size limit would change from 15 inches to 16 inches total length. The next Declaration of Emergency for the commercial red snapper season would be a series of 10 day seasons. The first season would open at noon on February 1, 2000 and go for 10 days and then continue each month until 2/3 of the commercial quota has been caught in the Gulf of Mexico. The other third of the quota would be fished starting at noon on October 1, 2000 with 10 day seasons and subsequent months until the quota was reached. The red snapper commercial size limit would remain at 15 inches. The Notice of Intent was a permanent rule change making the recreational minimum size 16 inches from the current 15 inches. Commissioner Gattle asked about the recreational minimum size limit and then asked about opening the recreational season later than last year. Mrs. Foote stated the Council wanted to extend the season further into the fall. Commissioner Gattle asked if the recreational season has ever closed before the allocation was reached? Mrs. Foote stated the recreational quota has never been underfished. Commissioner Gattle asked what is the TAC and if there has been any discussion to change it? Mrs. Foote answered, the total allowable catch is 9.12 million pounds, of which 4.47 million was for recreational and 4.65 million was for commercial. She added the TAC was discussed, but no action has been taken to change it. Mrs. Foote stated, the action by the Commission would include giving the Secretary authority to make necessary changes if the feds make any. Chairman Busbice asked Mrs. Foote to read the Therefore Be It Resolved for the Declaration of Emergency on the recreational red snapper season and size limits. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mrs. Foote read the Therefore Be It Resolved of the Declaration of Emergency on the 2000 commercial red snapper season and size limit. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition. Finally, Mrs. Foote read the Therefore Be It Resolved for a Notice of Intent on the recreational red snapper size limit. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. This motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolutions,
Declarations of Emergency and Notice

of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON and SIZE LIMITS

December 2, 1999

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

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

WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (= calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2000 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective 12:01 am August 29, 1999 through December 31, 1999 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has announced its intention that the 2000 recreational red snapper season should begin on April 21,

2000, rather than on January 1 as previously established, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has also announced its intention to change the recreational red snapper minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length, and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that NMFS will complete review of this and related proposals, and publish final rules for Federal waters before the December 1999 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS, any state regulations related to this subject should be in place prior to January 1 so that anglers would have adequate time to become informed of these regulations, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the recreational red snapper closure through April 20, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recreational red snapper season shall be open from April 21 through October 31, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minimum size limit for recreational red snapper shall change from 15 inches to 16 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to change the opening and closure dates of the recreational red snapper season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution and attached declaration of emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is later informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has opened an additional recreational season and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

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 such an emergency rule.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2000 Recreational Red Snapper Season and Size Limits

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated

by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were recently established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective 12:01 a.m., August 29, 1999 through December 31, 1999 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. At the November meeting of the Gulf Council, NMFS was requested by the Council to re-set the opening date of the 2000 recreational red snapper season in April 2000 and change the recreational minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length. NMFS subsequently has announced its intention to open the season on April 21, 2000. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

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

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed through April 20, 2000 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2000 and continue through October 31, 2000. The minimum size limit for recreational red snapper is 16 inches total length. If the secretary is notified that the opening and closing of Federal seasons is changed, he is hereby authorized to change the opening and closing dates for state waters accordingly.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

2000 COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASONS and SIZE LIMITS

December 2, 1999

- WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, rules will be established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, the minimum size for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and
- WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, the 2000 commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters is expected to operate under two sets of seasonal openings, one beginning February 1 and one beginning October 1, and
- WHEREAS, during the first season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon of the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and
- WHEREAS, during the second season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and
- WHEREAS, two-thirds of the annual commercial quota will be allotted to the first set of seasonal openings that begins in February, and the remainder of the quota will

be allotted under the second set of openings that begin in October, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2000 seasons for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2000 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority

to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2000 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons and Size Limits

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore. NMFS will provide rules for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana. NMFS and the Gulf Council typically request consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

The 2000 commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters is expected to operate under two sets of seasonal openings, one beginning February 1 and one beginning October 1. During the first season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. Two-thirds of the annual commercial quota has been allotted to the first set of seasonal openings that begins in

February, and the remainder of the quota will be allotted to the second set of openings that begin in October. During the second season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

The minimum size limit for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length.

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

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon February 1, 2000. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon February 10, 2000, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month, for each month of 2000 until two-thirds (2/3) of the 2000 commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that two-thirds (2/3) of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon October 1, 2000, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will re-open at 12:00 noon October 1, 2000. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon October 10, 2000, and thereafter open at 12:00

noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month for each month of 2000, until the remainder of the 2000 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the opening of the year 2001 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

RED SNAPPER SIZE LIMIT - RECREATIONAL

December 2, 1999

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

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

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council has recommended that NMFS change the recreational red snapper minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length, and

WHEREAS, the 16 inch minimum size limit is intended to help slow the harvest rate and extend the recreational season compared to the previous 15-inch minimum size limit, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters it is necessary this rule be enacted, and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the notice of intent to provide for a 16 inch total length recreational red snapper minimum size limit in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no person shall possess red snapper below the minimum total length of 16 inches, unless that person is both legally licensed by the state and is holding a federal class one or two permit to commercially harvest red snapper during the open season for commercial harvest of red snapper, and

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

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 does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.335, changing the minimum size limit for the harvest of red snapper. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1, and 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

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

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| H. <u>Species</u> | <u>Minimum Size Limits</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Red Snapper | 16±5 inches total length (Recreational) 15 inches total length(Commercial) |

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

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

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, February 2, 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

Commissioner Gattle asked if the implementation of byrds in federal waters was helping get to the ultimate goal? Mrs. Foote stated they are definitely helping.

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

Region I - Minden - 153 citations and 38 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 99 citations and 37 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 171 citations and 80 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 191 citations and 4 warnings.
Region V - Lake Charles - 167 citations and 5 warnings.
Region VI - Opelousas - 174 citations and 33 warnings.
Region VII - Baton Rouge - 154 citations and 19 warnings.
Region VIII - New Orleans - 286 citations and 35 warnings.
Region IX - Thibodaux - 221 citations and 6 warnings.
Statewide Strike Force - 59 citations and 6 warnings.
Special Investigation Unit - 35 citations.
Oyster Strike Force - 37 citations.
SWEP - 29 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of November was 1,616. Also there were 257 warning citations issued for the month.

The aviation report for November 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 65.1 hours for enforcement and 38.2 hours for other divisions. Also there were 26 WMA citations issued.

Chairman Busbice asked about a citation of running deer dogs during still hunt season and how would hunters be cited. Major LaCaze stated this is a very difficult case to make, an agent would have to see a deer being run by a dog. Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Commission could set a season on coyote running? He then asked Major LaCaze to get with Wildlife Division staff and develop a regulation the Commission can approve to give agents the ability to write these type citations. Commissioner Gattle asked if there have been any hunting accidents during the deer season? Major LaCaze stated there were several accidents during squirrel season. Then Commissioner Gattle asked if the agents are monitoring the hunting behind high fence areas? Major LaCaze answered yes. Chairman Busbice asked if any citations have been written in the high fence areas? Major LaCaze stated no.

Chairman Busbice then asked for the **Division Report**, Hunting Season Updates. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated Mr. Randy Myers would report on the first split of the waterfowl season and Mr. David Moreland would comment on the Thanksgiving weekend managed hunts. There was a lot of interest and activity on the statewide youth hunt conducted for the first time this year prior to the opening of the regular gun season.

Mr. Randy Myers began stating this was the third consecutive year hunters was given a liberal package of 60 days, 6 bird bag limit for the waterfowl season. Excellent habitat conditions were recorded during the spring and a fall flight index was at its all time high of 105 million ducks. The 1999-2000 waterfowl season opened with much anticipation and expectation. The first split opened November 13 and closed November 28. An annual aerial waterfowl survey conducted the week prior to its opening indicated 2.7 million ducks in the coastal zones and Catahoula Lake. The rainfall levels after July were below the normal range and this made it difficult for hunters to get to their blinds. Catahoula Lake habitat conditions was the best in over 20 years and there were over 400,000 ducks on it. North Louisiana was very dry causing the habitat to be very limited. Hunters in southwest Louisiana did extremely well opening day with gadwall and greenwing teal taken. The second weekend's success started to slow down. There were consistent reports of hunting west of the Creole Highway. Rice field hunters did well opening weekend, but dropped off considerably after that. Specklebelly hunting was steady and snow goose hunting started slow. There were high numbers of ducks in the Atchafalaya Delta and marshes to the east. Hunters in the southeast marshes had a very good opening weekend taking mostly gadwall and greenwing teal. The success on the wildlife management areas reflects what is occurring in the different parts of the state. Success on the WMAs included: Pearl River averaged 3.7 birds per person, Pass-a-Loutre had 4.0 birds, Pointe-au-Chien, 3.7 birds, Manchac 4.2 birds and Atchafalaya Delta, 3.9 birds. There was marginal success on the WMAs without water, such as Grassy Lake averaged 2.1 birds, Attakapas, 0.9 birds, Spring Bayou, 1.4 birds per hunter. Total numbers for Pointe-au-Chien indicated there were 4,034 hunters taking 13,070 birds which averaged 3.31 birds per hunter effort. Then on Atchafalaya Delta, there were 4,200 hunters, 15,000 birds were harvested for a 3.6 bird per hunter effort. Mr. Myers concluded stating overall the first split was successful and he hoped the water conditions would improve. Commissioner Carver stated there were thousands of waterfowl still in Manitoba on November 7 when the season opened here.

Mr. Myers then announced President Clinton signed the snow goose bill which will allow the implementation of the Conservation Order. The Order will allow electronic calls, unplugged shotguns, and no bag limits. As soon as it is published in the Federal Register, staff will work with the Secretary to set the season dates for Louisiana hunters to take advantage of this opportunity. The season is expected to open on January 24 in the east zone and February 7 for the west zone. Commissioner Gattle asked what will be the length of the season once it is opened?

Mr. David Moreland stated overall, the deer season has been going well. There were 5 WMAs and 2 forest service areas that held early 2 day hunts with about 7,000 hunters participating that killed 922 deer. The Thanksgiving hunts were held on 37 WMAs as well as the 2 forest service areas and the Tensas Federal Refuge. On the 19 WMA daily permit hunts and 2 lottery hunts, there were a total of 15,976 hunters with a deer harvest of 3,412. If the weather pattern holds, Mr. Moreland hoped the season in Areas 1 and 6 will be productive. Some trophy classed deer have been taken in Areas 2 and 3.

Before the next item, **Election for Chairman and Vice-Chairman**, Chairman Busbice wanted to make a few comments. He began by thanking all of the Commissioners, the Secretary and the entire staff for making his year as Chairman an enjoyable one. The Commissioners the Chairman has worked with were talented, extremely knowledgeable and handled the business with utmost integrity. Chairman Busbice was grateful to Secretary Jenkins who has a great mind and thinks of problems from a different angle. Several accomplishments by the Commission during 1999 were then noted. These included: taking the road show to 5 or 6 areas to learn about the hunting seasons; opened the deer season later and ran it later in many areas; made Spanish Lake a super trophy lake; and setting a record for the shortest Commission meeting at 48 minutes.

Then Chairman Busbice announced several members were attending their last meeting as a Commissioner. He expressed appreciation for their time served to Commissioners Hanchey and Babin on behalf of the Commission and Department. A plaque was then presented to each member. Finally, Chairman Busbice presented each Commissioner with a Christmas gift, a package of elk jerky.

Before nominations for Chairman were taken, Mr. Puckett stated the Commission needed to choose a method of election, either roll call or voice. Commissioner Kelly made a motion denoting roll call

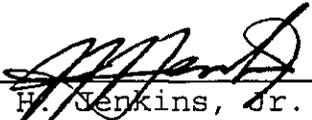
as the method for electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Babin seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Puckett then asked the Commission to take one more vote making this the standard procedure for future meetings. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion that the roll call vote be the standard election procedure for all future elections. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it also passed unanimously. Commissioner Gattle was nominated for Chairman by Commissioner McCall. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the nomination. Commissioner Gattle was elected by acclamation. Chairman Gattle thanked the Commission members and expressed appreciation to Commissioner Busbice for his time and efforts in his role as Chairman. Commissioner McCall then nominated Commissioner Kelly for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Kelly was elected by acclamation.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **April 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, April 6, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Jim Rich stated the citations written for permanent blinds on Wax Lake was a deviation from past Enforcement policies and this is a very unpopular thing with the hunters. The problem is the birds are offshore and the blinds are constructed using all natural materials with nails and could be considered relatively permanent. Not allowing the use of nails is shutting off 80 to 90 percent of the Wax Lake hunting, stated Mr. Rich. A petition with 300 signatures has been obtained. He asked if a change could be placed on the an agenda for the Commission's consideration. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Rich to submit the petition to Mr. Prickett and the Commission would consider the item at a future meeting.

Commissioner Babin thanked former Governor Edwards and Governor Foster for appointing him to the Commission. He added it has been fun working with Secretary Jenkins and staff. Also it has been a pleasure to serve with the other members. Commissioner Babin cautioned everyone that wildlife and fisheries regulated from a recreational standpoint is just for that purpose, recreation. But when regulations pertain to the commercial side, people's livelihoods are at stake. He concluded stating he has enjoyed his tenure on the Commission and looks forward to being in the audience in years to come. Chairman Gattle stated both Commissioner Babin and Commissioner Hanchey would be missed, but felt both did what they thought was right. He then announced the fact that Commissioner Babin did not miss a meeting during his term.

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



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Thursday, December 2, 1999

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Danny Babin
Glynn Carver
Tom Gattle
Jerald Hanchey
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall

Secretary James Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **November 4, 1999 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Babin and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

Crab Task Force Input on Potential Season for Fishing with Crab Traps began with Chairman Busbice asking for someone to speak on behalf of the crab fishermen. Mr. Michael Comardelle, Chairman of the Crab Task Force, stated for a one week closure, it takes at least one week to remove traps from the water and another week to put them back out which would mean three weeks of no fishing. If the season was closed twice a year, this would be a serious economic hardship for him. The May and August seasons are usually good times for the crabfishermen. He added that another problem is the conflicts between the shrimpers and crabbers would still be there when the season reopened. The skimmers fishing in the Buras area are destroying 50 to 60 traps per week. Mr. Comardelle felt the shrimpers need to bare some of the responsibility for the trap lose and the gear in the water. The Crab Task Force has tried several times to have a limited entry system but this has been opposed by the shrimpers. Also, the Task Force did not submit the serviceable crab trap bill to the Legislature. It was a bill from members of the Terrebonne Shrimp Association that worked with the Task Force to refine it. If the bill was given a chance, it may work and eliminate some of the problems. He then suggested not

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allowing guns on a boat or person when commercial fishing. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Comardelle if the main part of the state with the problem was west of the Atchafalaya River? Mr. Comardelle stated there are problems in other areas, but not as bad as the problems in the Vermilion Bay area. Most of the crabbers, 70 to 80 percent, are shrimpers that pick up their traps before the trawling season starts. Chairman Busbice asked if there were bad apples in the crab population as well as too many crabbers? Mr. Comardelle answered yes there are bad apples, but not many agreed to a limited entry system. He added the Crab Task Force was willing to meet with the Commission or a Committee of the Commission at any time. Chairman Busbice asked if Mr. Comardelle had ever discarded any crab traps? The answer was yes, a very few. He added there is a problem with shrimpers discarding traps. Commissioner Babin stated it is important for the Commission to keep in mind a new law is in effect to prevent traps from being thrown back into the water by either shrimpers or crabfishermen and there needs to be more time to see if that law will work. The advent of skimmers has created a lot of problems. Commissioner Babin felt there is a need to keep a dialog open between the two groups. Chairman Busbice felt the new law was not perfect, but it does put the burden on the shrimper. Commissioner Gattle asked Mr. Comardelle how many traps does he run a day? Mr. Comardelle stated he runs 300 to 400 per day which is above average. Commissioner Gattle then asked if it takes a week to run 300 to 400 traps? The traps are run every day. Commissioner Gattle asked what restriction is there for how much gear can be put out? Mr. Comardelle answered there are no restrictions. Then Commissioner Gattle asked Mr. Comardelle to explain what steps he has taken to identify his traps. He added, running 300 to 400 traps is a lot of work for one man to keep up and maintain. Commissioner McCall asked how many traps are run on the boats with three deck hands? Mr. Comardelle stated some are running 600 to 800 traps and will run them every other day. Commissioner Kelly stated he can show where his shrimp nets have had to be repaired due to crab traps. A major issue of concern was the constant taking of the resource and the possibility of depleting it. The basis for this is figures showing an increase in the number of crab fishermen, an increase in the number of traps, but a steady number of pounds of meat delivered, which may indicate a decline in available crabs. He asked if anyone catches an unserviceable trap to bring it back to the bank so the shrimpers do not have to contend with it. Commissioner Kelly also stated both groups need to have mutual respect for each other as well as know their own responsibility. Mr. Comardelle stated there is a decrease in the sale of licenses and the reason for a decrease in

catch was because of skimmers. He agreed the two groups need to work together. Also he added, there could be a restriction placed on putting traps in four or five main passes.

Mr. Jim Rich, a crab processor and member of the Crab Task Force, stated they are seeing terrible declines in processing plants. These declines are due to FDA restrictions as well as the importation of crab meat. The prime time for the crab season for restaurants is at the beginning of the shrimp season. If processors do not have crab meat, they will go to the imported meat. Commissioner Kelly asked if the decline in meat continues, will this open the door for imported meat? Mr. Rich answered yes, the real competition is the price paid for peeling crabs. Commissioner Babin stated the increase in imported crab meat could be due to the increase in the average amount of seafood consumed by the public in a years time. He added there may be a communication problem more than any other kind of problem which education rather than additional laws could help solve.

Mr. Kevin Ortego, Louisiana Lagniappe Seafood, stated he buys seafood in Louisiana to service restaurants in Florida. He has seen the picture from both sides, what imports are doing to domestic sales as well as closing the season during the prime crab season and how this affects restaurant owners and wholesalers. The use of rings has not been given enough time to see if it will help the numbers in the overall catch, commented Mr. Ortego. This year the quality and supply of the crab meat has been better than previous years. He concluded stating there are crabbers picking up their traps three to four days prior to the season mainly for their own self-preservation. Commissioner Gattle asked if there is any other seafood with a season that he faces the problem of not being able to obtain 365 days a year? Mr. Ortego mentioned alligators and crawfish. He added that the harvesting of crabs is not harming the resource, it is only causing an inconvenience to the shrimpers. The times to close the season as mentioned by the Commission are not the times to do it.

Mr. Eric Carrere, with the Crab Connection, stated if a crab season was closed in May and August, it would not only hurt the crabbers but the processors and everyone down the line. He suggested putting a limit on traps in the area where a problem may be occurring.

Commissioner Kelly felt it would be in the best interest for the Crab Task Force and the shrimpers to establish a dialog to work

the issues out and eliminate some of the problems between the two groups. Commissioner Babin asked how many in the audience were fishermen from the Vermilion area and no one responded. He added, the biggest problem is in the Vermilion area, but all the people at the meeting were from other areas where they do not have big problems and wanted their voice heard. Mr. Comardelle stated the Crab Task Force has tried to recruit people from the Vermilion Bay area to come and meet, but has had no luck. The Legislature wanted the Crab Task Force to meet with the Shrimp Task Force two or three years ago, but the Shrimp Task Force is not active any longer. They have been meeting with the Terrebonne Shrimp Association. Commissioner Kelly stated the Terrebonne Shrimp Association does not represent him. He felt the state should get the necessary people together and work this out.

Ms. Bernadette Irving, a crab shredder in Terrebonne Parish, stated she makes all of her money in May, when the season may be closed. She added, to restrict the May season, would put her out of business.

Mr. Kevin Becnell, a processor and fisherman, stated the fishermen need to come to a meeting and get their attention and let them know what is going on. He suggested scheduling a meeting once a year and if a fisherman does not come to that meeting, their license would not be renewed. Also, he suggested getting 7 inch stoppers and paint them fluorescent colors so the trawlers can see them. If a season is imposed, the people in Alabama would suffer because they get their meat from Louisiana fishermen. The answer is not to close the season at any time.

Chairman Busbice stated he was glad for the turn out and the chance for public comments. He added the Commission hears complaints from all user groups. He suggested the Commission, the crab and shrimp fishermen should get together and review some of the suggestions mentioned at the meeting. Chairman Busbice added there needs to be more cooperation from the areas with problems, and if there is not any, then the Commission may have to take action.

Mrs. Karen Foote stated the next three items, a **Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season & Size Limits**, a **Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Commercial Season & Size Limits** and a **Notice of Intent - Red Snapper Size Limit - Recreational & Commercial** could be summarized as a group. The first Declaration of Emergency would set a recreational red snapper

season for the year 2000 and a size limit change. The season will open April 21, 2000 and close October 31, 2000 unless the Secretary receives notification the federal season was changing. The recreational size limit would change from 15 inches to 16 inches total length. The next Declaration of Emergency for the commercial red snapper season would be a series of 10 day seasons. The first season would open at noon on February 1, 2000 and go for 10 days and then continue each month until 2/3 of the commercial quota has been caught in the Gulf of Mexico. The other third of the quota would be fished starting at noon on October 1, 2000 with 10 day seasons and subsequent months until the quota was reached. The red snapper commercial size limit would remain at 15 inches. The Notice of Intent was a permanent rule change making the recreational minimum size 16 inches from the current 15 inches. Commissioner Gattle asked about the recreational minimum size limit and then asked about opening the recreational season later than last year. Mrs. Foote stated the Council wanted to extend the season further into the fall. Commissioner Gattle asked if the recreational season has ever closed before the allocation was reached? Mrs. Foote stated the recreational quota has never been underfished. Commissioner Gattle asked what is the TAC and if there has been any discussion to change it? Mrs. Foote answered, the total allowable catch is 9.12 million pounds, of which 4.47 million was for recreational and 4.65 million was for commercial. She added the TAC was discussed, but no action has been taken to change it. Mrs. Foote stated, the action by the Commission would include giving the Secretary authority to make necessary changes if the feds make any. Chairman Busbice asked Mrs. Foote to read the Therefore Be It Resolved for the Declaration of Emergency on the recreational red snapper season and size limits. Commissioner McCall made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mrs. Foote read the Therefore Be It Resolved of the Declaration of Emergency on the 2000 commercial red snapper season and size limit. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the motion and it also passed with no opposition. Finally, Mrs. Foote read the Therefore Be It Resolved for a Notice of Intent on the recreational red snapper size limit. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner McCall. This motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolutions,
Declarations of Emergency and Notice

of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2000 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON and SIZE LIMITS

December 2, 1999

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

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

WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (= calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2000 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective 12:01 am August 29, 1999 through December 31, 1999 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has announced its intention that the 2000 recreational red snapper season should begin on April 21,

2000, rather than on January 1 as previously established, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has also announced its intention to change the recreational red snapper minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length, and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that NMFS will complete review of this and related proposals, and publish final rules for Federal waters before the December 1999 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS, any state regulations related to this subject should be in place prior to January 1 so that anglers would have adequate time to become informed of these regulations, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the recreational red snapper closure through April 20, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recreational red snapper season shall be open from April 21 through October 31, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minimum size limit for recreational red snapper shall change from 15 inches to 16 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to change the opening and closure dates of the recreational red snapper season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution and attached declaration of emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is later informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has opened an additional recreational season and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

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 such an emergency rule.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2000 Recreational Red Snapper Season and Size Limits

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated

by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were recently established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective 12:01 a.m., August 29, 1999 through December 31, 1999 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. At the November meeting of the Gulf Council, NMFS was requested by the Council to re-set the opening date of the 2000 recreational red snapper season in April 2000 and change the recreational minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length. NMFS subsequently has announced its intention to open the season on April 21, 2000. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

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

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed through April 20, 2000 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2000 and continue through October 31, 2000. The minimum size limit for recreational red snapper is 16 inches total length. If the secretary is notified that the opening and closing of Federal seasons is changed, he is hereby authorized to change the opening and closing dates for state waters accordingly.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

2000 COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASONS and SIZE LIMITS

December 2, 1999

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the minimum size for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length, and

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

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2000 commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters is expected to operate under two sets of seasonal openings, one beginning February 1 and one beginning October 1, and

WHEREAS, during the first season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon of the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and

WHEREAS, during the second season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the annual commercial quota will be allotted to the first set of seasonal openings that begins in February, and the remainder of the quota will

be allotted under the second set of openings that begin in October, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2000 seasons for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2000 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority

to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2000 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons and Size Limits

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore. NMFS will provide rules for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana. NMFS and the Gulf Council typically request consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

The 2000 commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters is expected to operate under two sets of seasonal openings, one beginning February 1 and one beginning October 1. During the first season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. Two-thirds of the annual commercial quota has been allotted to the first set of seasonal openings that begins in

February, and the remainder of the quota will be allotted to the second set of openings that begin in October. During the second season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

The minimum size limit for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length.

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

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon February 1, 2000. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon February 10, 2000, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month, for each month of 2000 until two-thirds (2/3) of the 2000 commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that two-thirds (2/3) of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon October 1, 2000, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will re-open at 12:00 noon October 1, 2000. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon October 10, 2000, and thereafter open at 12:00

noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month for each month of 2000, until the remainder of the 2000 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the opening of the year 2001 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION

RED SNAPPER SIZE LIMIT - RECREATIONAL

December 2, 1999

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

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

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council has recommended that NMFS change the recreational red snapper minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length, and

WHEREAS, the 16 inch minimum size limit is intended to help slow the harvest rate and extend the recreational season compared to the previous 15-inch minimum size limit, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters it is necessary this rule be enacted, and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the notice of intent to provide for a 16 inch total length recreational red snapper minimum size limit in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no person shall possess red snapper below the minimum total length of 16 inches, unless that person is both legally licensed by the state and is holding a federal class one or two permit to commercially harvest red snapper during the open season for commercial harvest of red snapper, and

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

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 does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.335, changing the minimum size limit for the harvest of red snapper. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1, and 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

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

H. Species

1. Red Snapper

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Minimum Size Limits

16±5 inches total length
(Recreational)
15 inches total length(Commercial)

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

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

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, February 2, 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

Commissioner Gattle asked if the implementation of byrds in federal waters was helping get to the ultimate goal? Mrs. Foote stated they are definitely helping.

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

Region I - Minden - 153 citations and 38 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 99 citations and 37 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 171 citations and 80 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 191 citations and 4 warnings.
Region V - Lake Charles - 167 citations and 5 warnings.
Region VI - Opelousas - 174 citations and 33 warnings.
Region VII - Baton Rouge - 154 citations and 19 warnings.
Region VIII - New Orleans - 286 citations and 35 warnings.
Region IX - Thibodaux - 221 citations and 6 warnings.
Statewide Strike Force - 59 citations and 6 warnings.
Special Investigation Unit - 35 citations.
Oyster Strike Force - 37 citations.
SWEP - 29 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of November was 1,616. Also there were 257 warning citations issued for the month.

The aviation report for November 1999 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 65.1 hours for enforcement and 38.2 hours for other divisions. Also there were 26 WMA citations issued.

Chairman Busbice asked about a citation of running deer dogs during still hunt season and how would hunters be cited. Major LaCaze stated this is a very difficult case to make, an agent would have to see a deer being run by a dog. Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Don Puckett if the Commission could set a season on coyote running? He then asked Major LaCaze to get with Wildlife Division staff and develop a regulation the Commission can approve to give agents the ability to write these type citations. Commissioner Gattle asked if there have been any hunting accidents during the deer season? Major LaCaze stated there were several accidents during squirrel season. Then Commissioner Gattle asked if the agents are monitoring the hunting behind high fence areas? Major LaCaze answered yes. Chairman Busbice asked if any citations have been written in the high fence areas? Major LaCaze stated no.

Chairman Busbice then asked for the **Division Report**, Hunting Season Updates. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated Mr. Randy Myers would report on the first split of the waterfowl season and Mr. David Moreland would comment on the Thanksgiving weekend managed hunts. There was a lot of interest and activity on the statewide youth hunt conducted for the first time this year prior to the opening of the regular gun season.

Mr. Randy Myers began stating this was the third consecutive year hunters was given a liberal package of 60 days, 6 bird bag limit for the waterfowl season. Excellent habitat conditions were recorded during the spring and a fall flight index was at its all time high of 105 million ducks. The 1999-2000 waterfowl season opened with much anticipation and expectation. The first split opened November 13 and closed November 28. An annual aerial waterfowl survey conducted the week prior to its opening indicated 2.7 million ducks in the coastal zones and Catahoula Lake. The rainfall levels after July were below the normal range and this made it difficult for hunters to get to their blinds. Catahoula Lake habitat conditions was the best in over 20 years and there were over 400,000 ducks on it. North Louisiana was very dry causing the habitat to be very limited. Hunters in southwest Louisiana did extremely well opening day with gadwall and greenwing teal taken. The second weekend's success started to slow down. There were consistent reports of hunting west of the Creole Highway. Rice field hunters did well opening weekend, but dropped off considerably after that. Specklebelly hunting was steady and snow goose hunting started slow. There were high numbers of ducks in the Atchafalaya Delta and marshes to the east. Hunters in the southeast marshes had a very good opening weekend taking mostly gadwall and greenwing teal. The success on the wildlife management areas reflects what is occurring in the different parts of the state. Success on the WMAs included: Pearl River averaged 3.7 birds per person, Pass-a-Loutre had 4.0 birds, Pointe-au-Chien, 3.7 birds, Manchac 4.2 birds and Atchafalaya Delta, 3.9 birds. There was marginal success on the WMAs without water, such as Grassy Lake averaged 2.1 birds, Attakapas, 0.9 birds, Spring Bayou, 1.4 birds per hunter. Total numbers for Pointe-au-Chien indicated there were 4,034 hunters taking 13,070 birds which averaged 3.31 birds per hunter effort. Then on Atchafalaya Delta, there were 4,200 hunters, 15,000 birds were harvested for a 3.6 bird per hunter effort. Mr. Myers concluded stating overall the first split was successful and he hoped the water conditions would improve. Commissioner Carver stated there were thousands of waterfowl still in Manitoba on November 7 when the season opened here.

Mr. Myers then announced President Clinton signed the snow goose bill which will allow the implementation of the Conservation Order. The Order will allow electronic calls, unplugged shotguns, and no bag limits. As soon as it is published in the Federal Register, staff will work with the Secretary to set the season dates for Louisiana hunters to take advantage of this opportunity. The season is expected to open on January 24 in the east zone and February 7 for the west zone. Commissioner Gattle asked what will be the length of the season once it is opened?

Mr. David Moreland stated overall, the deer season has been going well. There were 5 WMAs and 2 forest service areas that held early 2 day hunts with about 7,000 hunters participating that killed 922 deer. The Thanksgiving hunts were held on 37 WMAs as well as the 2 forest service areas and the Tensas Federal Refuge. On the 19 WMA daily permit hunts and 2 lottery hunts, there were a total of 15,976 hunters with a deer harvest of 3,412. If the weather pattern holds, Mr. Moreland hoped the season in Areas 1 and 6 will be productive. Some trophy classed deer have been taken in Areas 2 and 3.

Before the next item, **Election for Chairman and Vice-Chairman**, Chairman Busbice wanted to make a few comments. He began by thanking all of the Commissioners, the Secretary and the entire staff for making his year as Chairman an enjoyable one. The Commissioners the Chairman has worked with were talented, extremely knowledgeable and handled the business with utmost integrity. Chairman Busbice was grateful to Secretary Jenkins who has a great mind and thinks of problems from a different angle. Several accomplishments by the Commission during 1999 were then noted. These included: taking the road show to 5 or 6 areas to learn about the hunting seasons; opened the deer season later and ran it later in many areas; made Spanish Lake a super trophy lake; and setting a record for the shortest Commission meeting at 48 minutes.

Then Chairman Busbice announced several members were attending their last meeting as a Commissioner. He expressed appreciation for their time served to Commissioners Hanchey and Babin on behalf of the Commission and Department. A plaque was then presented to each member. Finally, Chairman Busbice presented each Commissioner with a Christmas gift, a package of elk jerky.

Before nominations for Chairman were taken, Mr. Puckett stated the Commission needed to choose a method of election, either roll call or voice. Commissioner Kelly made a motion denoting roll call

as the method for electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Babin seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Puckett then asked the Commission to take one more vote making this the standard procedure for future meetings. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion that the roll call vote be the standard election procedure for all future elections. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion and it also passed unanimously. Commissioner Gattle was nominated for Chairman by Commissioner McCall. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the nomination. Commissioner Gattle was elected by acclamation. Chairman Gattle thanked the Commission members and expressed appreciation to Commissioner Busbice for his time and efforts in his role as Chairman. Commissioner McCall then nominated Commissioner Kelly for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Kelly was elected by acclamation.

After several minutes of discussion, the Commissioners agreed to hold the **April 2000 Meeting** on Thursday, April 6, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

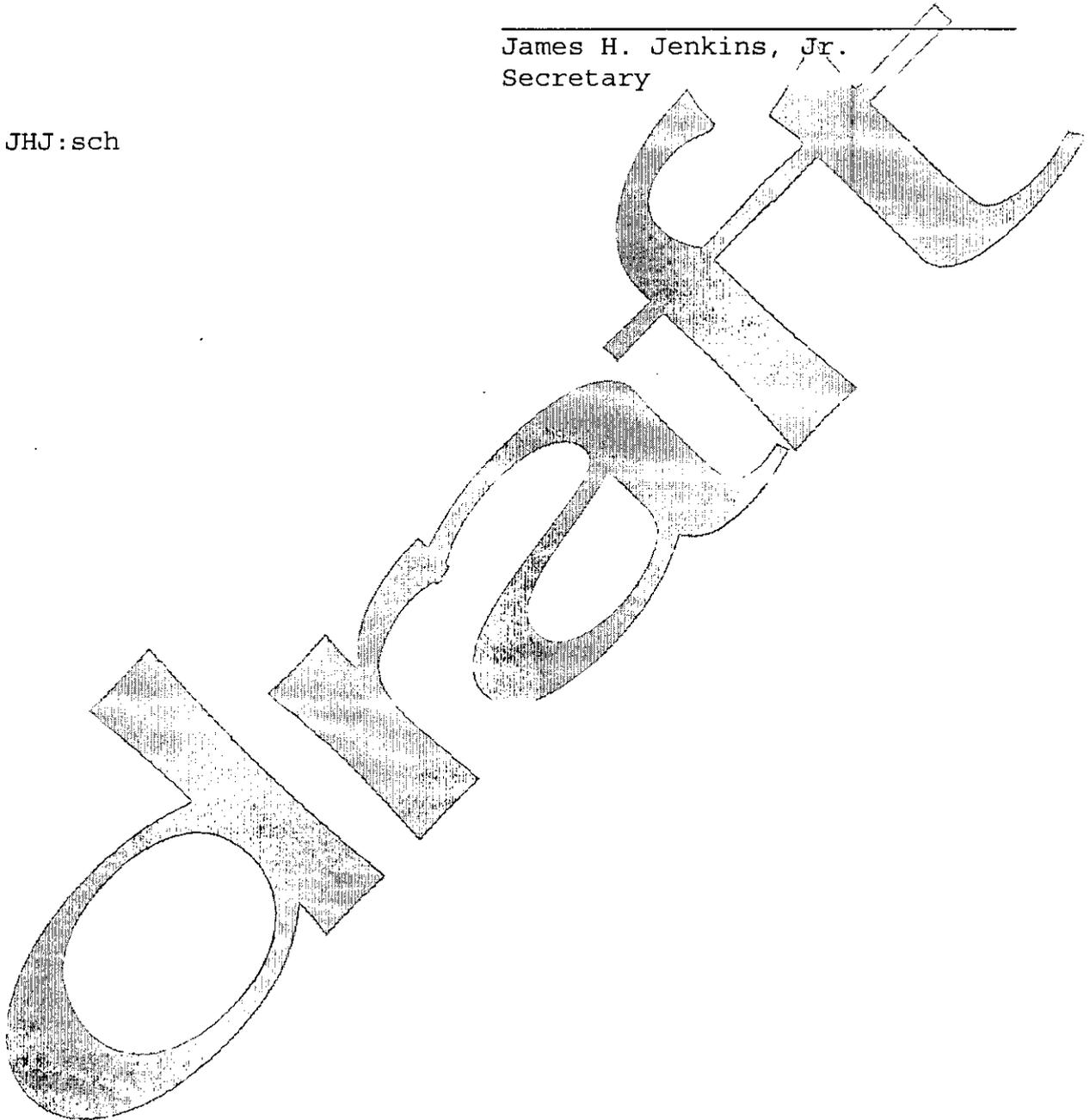
Chairman Gattle then asked if there were any **Public Comments**. Mr. Jim Rich stated the citations written for permanent blinds on Wax Lake was a deviation from past Enforcement policies and this is a very unpopular thing with the hunters. The problem is the birds are offshore and the blinds are constructed using all natural materials with nails and could be considered relatively permanent. Not allowing the use of nails is shutting off 80 to 90 percent of the Wax Lake hunting, stated Mr. Rich. A petition with 300 signatures has been obtained. He asked if a change could be placed on the an agenda for the Commission's consideration. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Rich to submit the petition to Mr. Prickett and the Commission would consider the item at a future meeting.

Commissioner Babin thanked former Governor Edwards and Governor Foster for appointing him to the Commission. He added it has been fun working with Secretary Jenkins and staff. Also it has been a pleasure to serve with the other members. Commissioner Babin cautioned everyone that wildlife and fisheries regulated from a recreational standpoint is just for that purpose, recreation. But when regulations pertain to the commercial side, people's livelihoods are at stake. He concluded stating he has enjoyed his tenure on the Commission and looks forward to being in the audience in years to come. Chairman Gattle stated both Commissioner Babin and Commissioner Hanchey would be missed, but felt both did what they thought was right. He then announced the fact that Commissioner Babin did not miss a meeting during his term.

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

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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OUTDOORS/BRIEFS

LWFC sets recreational snapper season for April 21

By JOE MACALUSO
Advocate outdoor writer

Recreational fishermen who set their lines off Louisiana's coast for red snapper will have to wait until April 21, 2000, to catch this prized deepwater fish.

On Thursday's regular monthly meeting, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, acting on the recommendation of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, established that date for the opening of next year's recreational red snapper season in state waters.

Catching red snapper has been closed to recreational fishermen across the Gulf of Mexico since Aug. 29. Other than Jewfish and redfish and, more recently, the longbill spearfish, the red snapper closure is the longest on record of any recreational season for gulf anglers.

The commission also approved the GMFMC's recommendation of a split commercial season for red snapper in state waters.

Commercial fishermen will have

spring and fall seasons. The spring season will begin Feb. 1 and run for the first 10 days of each month until season's quota is reached. The fall season was approved to begin Oct. 1 and run for the first 10 days of that month, November and December or until the fall quota is met.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Marine Fisheries administrator Karen Footo said the National Marine Fisheries Service has not approved the GMFMC's recommendations but said it "has not given any indication that these (regulations) will not be approved."

As has been the case over the past four years, 2000's total allowable catch of red snapper for the gulf is 9.12 million pounds. Recreational anglers will get 49 percent — 4.4688 million pounds — and commercial fishermen will get 51 percent, or 4.6512 million pounds. The split commercial quota allows two-thirds (3.26 million pounds) for the spring season and one-third (1.39 million pounds) in the fall season.

The commission also approved a

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permanent change in size limit for recreationally caught red snapper. The new minimum size for the 2000 season will be 16 inches, up from 15. When the GMFMC tried to close the recreational season in late July, the size limit was upped from 15 inches to 18 inches to keep the season open into late August. The 18-inch limit was an emergency action.

The commercial minimum size will remain 15 inches. Those actions drew little attention in a packed meeting room at Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters. The crowd was there to discuss the possibility of a first-ever season for catching crabs in traps.

At the November meeting, LWFC chairman Bill Busbice broached the subject of a closed season on crab traps during the spring inshore

crabbers who moved their traps during past spring shrimp seasons. "We moved them to the oyster reefs and in shallow water to avoid the conflict (with shrimpers), but that doesn't matter now," he said. "The skimmers move into those areas now, and they destroy six to eight of my traps on one sweep."

Camardelle, who runs 400 traps daily, said each trap costs him \$18, and like other crabbers, he wants to avoid setting the traps in places where they could be rendered unserviceable by shrimping activity.

"What we understand is that the biggest conflict in west of the Atchafalaya River," he told the seven-man commission.

Commission members and the crabbers agreed that the conflict is greatest in Vermilion Bay.

LWFC member Thomas Kelly, a commercial shrimper who works in Vermilion Bay, said crabbers in that area sometimes blanket the passes with traps, leaving shrimpers with almost no room to move into open water.

Commission member and shrimp wholesaler Daniel Babin of Houma asked for a show of hands from crabbers from Vermilion Bay. There was none.

"That leads me to believe that the people here are the ones without the biggest (conflict) problems, and they're the ones willing to work on a solution," Babin said.

Prompted by the lack of response from Vermilion Bay crabbers, Busbice said, "They'd better wake up ... to the fact that we're not getting better participation from there. We can solve this problem, but we can do what we want."

The commission will also hear comment about the conflict at its Jan. 6 meeting.

In other action, Tom Gattle of Lake Providence was elected chairman for next year. Kelly was elected vice-chairman.

Busbice also bade farewell to Babin and Lafayette's Jerald Hanchey, who ended their respective four-year and six-year tenures on the commission with the meeting.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Advocate news services

SLU signs 3 in baseball

HAMMOND — Southeastern Louisiana baseball coach Greg Marten on Thursday announced the signing of three players.

Mark Weinmunson, a senior left-hander at De La Salle High in New Orleans, was 7-4 with a 3.13 ERA



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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, December 2, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

| | Attended | Absent |
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| 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 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

Secretary Jenkins is also present.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

December 2, 1999

10:00 AM

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Red Snapper Agenda Items - Summary
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meeting
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**Agenda Item #4. Declaration of Emergency
-2000 Recreational Red Snapper Seasons and Size Limits**

Seasons

- Remain closed through April 20, 2000
- Opens April 21, 2000 through October 31, 2000

Size Limits

- Change minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length.

Authority Given to Secretary

- To change the opening and closure dates of the season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution.
- To close the season when he is informed that the 4.47 million pound recreational quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled.
- To open an additional season in state waters if he is later informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled.

**Agenda Item #5. Declaration of Emergency
-2000 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons and Size Limits**

Seasons (two)

- 1st Opens 12:00 noon Feb. 1, 2000 until 12:00 noon Feb. 10, 2000 and will continue in this fashion each month until 2/3 of the 2000 quota is harvested.
- 2nd Opens 12:00 noon Oct. 1, 2000 until 12:00 noon Oct. 10, 2000 and will continue in this fashion each month until the 2000 quota is harvested.

Size Limits

- The minimum size is 15 inches total length.

Authority Given to Secretary

- To close the 2000 seasons in state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the 4.65 million pound commercial quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled.

-To change the opening dates for the seasons in state waters if he is informed that the season dates in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico have been modified.

Agenda Item #6. Notice of Intent

-Red Snapper Size Limit - Recreational

Size Limits

- Permanently change minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length, this size limit will help to slow the harvest rate and extend the recreational season compared to the previous 15-inch minimum size limit.
- Public comment accepted through Feb. 2, 2000.

RESOLUTION

2000 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON and SIZE LIMITS

December 2, 1999

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

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

WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (= calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2000 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective 12:01 am August 29, 1999 through December 31, 1999 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has announced its intention that the 2000 recreational red snapper season should begin on April 21, 2000, rather than on January 1 as previously established, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has also announced its intention to change the recreational red snapper minimum size limit from 15 to 16

inches total length, and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that NMFS will complete review of this and related proposals, and publish final rules for Federal waters before the December 1999 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS, any state regulations related to this subject should be in place prior to January 1 so that anglers would have adequate time to become informed of these regulations, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the recreational red snapper closure through April 20, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recreational red snapper season shall be open from April 21 through October 31, 2000, and

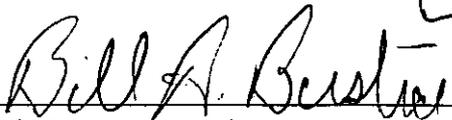
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minimum size limit for recreational red snapper shall change from 15 inches to 16 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to change the opening and closure dates of the recreational red snapper season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution and attached declaration of emergency, and

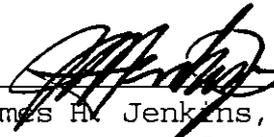
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is later informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has opened an additional recreational season and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

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 such an emergency rule.



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



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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2000 Recreational Red Snapper Season and Size Limits

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were recently established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective 12:01 a.m., August 29, 1999 through December 31, 1999 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. At the November meeting of the Gulf Council, NMFS was requested by the Council to re-set the opening date of the 2000 recreational red snapper season in April 2000 and change the recreational minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length. NMFS subsequently has announced its intention to open the season on April 21, 2000. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have

compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

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

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed through April 20, 2000 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2000 and continue through October 31, 2000. The minimum size limit for recreational red snapper is 16 inches total length. If the secretary is notified that the opening and closing of Federal seasons is changed, he is hereby authorized to change the opening and closing dates for state waters accordingly.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2000 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON and SIZE LIMITS

December 2, 1999

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

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

WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (= calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2000 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective 12:01 am August 29, 1999 through December 31, 1999 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has announced its intention that the 2000 recreational red snapper season should begin on April 21, 2000, rather than on January 1 as previously established, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has also announced its intention to change the recreational red snapper minimum size limit from 15 to 16

inches total length, and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that NMFS will complete review of this and related proposals, and publish final rules for Federal waters before the December 1999 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS, any state regulations related to this subject should be in place prior to January 1 so that anglers would have adequate time to become informed of these regulations, and

WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the recreational red snapper closure through April 20, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recreational red snapper season shall be open from April 21 through October 31, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minimum size limit for recreational red snapper shall change from 15 inches to 16 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to change the opening and closure dates of the recreational red snapper season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution and attached declaration of emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is later informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has opened an additional recreational season and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

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 such an emergency rule.

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

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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2000 Recreational Red Snapper Season and Size Limits

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were recently established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective 12:01 a.m., August 29, 1999 through December 31, 1999 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. At the November meeting of the Gulf Council, NMFS was requested by the Council to re-set the opening date of the 2000 recreational red snapper season in April 2000 and change the recreational minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length. NMFS subsequently has announced its intention to open the season on April 21, 2000. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have

compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

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

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed through April 20, 2000 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2000 and continue through October 31, 2000. The minimum size limit for recreational red snapper is 16 inches total length. If the secretary is notified that the opening and closing of Federal seasons is changed, he is hereby authorized to change the opening and closing dates for state waters accordingly.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2000 COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASONS and SIZE LIMITS

December 2, 1999

- WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, rules will be established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, the minimum size for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and
- WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, the 2000 commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters is expected to operate under two sets of seasonal openings, one beginning February 1 and one beginning October 1, and
- WHEREAS, during the first season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon of the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and
- WHEREAS, during the second season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the annual commercial quota will be allotted to the first set of seasonal openings that begins in February, and the remainder of the quota will be allotted under the second set of openings that begin in October, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2000 seasons for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2000 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and

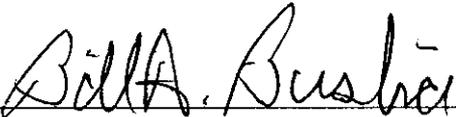
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters, and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



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



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

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2000 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons and Size Limits

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The 2000 commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters is expected to operate under two sets of seasonal openings, one beginning February 1 and one beginning October 1. During the first season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. Two-thirds of the annual commercial quota has been allotted to the first set of seasonal openings that begins in February, and the remainder of the quota will be allotted to the second set of openings that begin in October. During the second

season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

The minimum size limit for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length.

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

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon February 1, 2000. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon February 10, 2000, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month, for each month of 2000 until two-thirds (2/3) of the 2000 commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has

been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that two-thirds (2/3) of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon October 1, 2000, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will re-open at 12:00 noon October 1, 2000. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon October 10, 2000, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month for each month of 2000, until the remainder of the 2000 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the opening of the year 2001 commercial red snapper season in

Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2000 COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASONS and SIZE LIMITS

December 2, 1999

- WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, rules will be established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, the minimum size for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, and
- WHEREAS, consistent regulations within both Federal and State jurisdictions are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, the 2000 commercial red snapper fishery in EEZ waters is expected to operate under two sets of seasonal openings, one beginning February 1 and one beginning October 1, and
- WHEREAS, during the first season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon of the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and
- WHEREAS, during the second season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested, and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the annual commercial quota will be allotted to the first set of seasonal openings that begins in February, and the remainder of the quota will be allotted under the second set of openings that begin in October, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2000 seasons for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2000 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

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

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
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Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2000 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons and Size Limits

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season, the fishery will open at noon of the first day of each month, and close at noon on the 10th day of each month, until the allotted portion of the commercial red snapper quota has been harvested. In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2000 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

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been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that two-thirds (2/3) of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon October 1, 2000, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2000 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will re-open at 12:00 noon October 1, 2000. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon October 10, 2000, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month for each month of 2000, until the remainder of the 2000 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the opening of the year 2001 commercial red snapper season in

Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

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

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

RED SNAPPER SIZE LIMIT - RECREATIONAL

December 2, 1999

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

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

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council has recommended that NMFS change the recreational red snapper minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length, and

WHEREAS, the 16 inch minimum size limit is intended to help slow the harvest rate and extend the recreational season compared to the previous 15-inch minimum size limit, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters it is necessary this rule be enacted, and

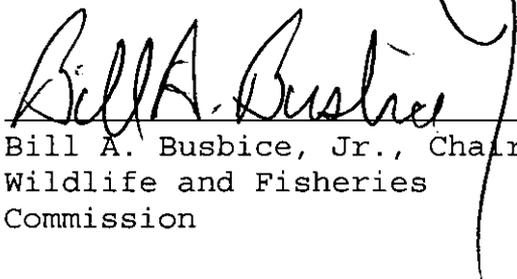
WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set size limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the notice of intent to provide for a 16 inch total length recreational red snapper minimum size limit in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no person shall possess red snapper below the minimum total length of 16 inches, unless that person is both legally licensed by the state and is holding a federal class one or two permit to commercially harvest red snapper during the open season for commercial harvest of red snapper, and

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

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 does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.335, changing the minimum size limit for the harvest of red snapper. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1, and 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

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

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| H. <u>Species</u> | <u>Minimum Size Limits</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Red Snapper | 16±5 inches total length (Recreational) 15 inches total length(Commercial) |

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990),

amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 24:1138 (June 1998), LR 24:1139 (June 1998), LR 24:1972 (October 1998), LR .

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

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, February 2, 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

RESOLUTION

RED SNAPPER SIZE LIMIT - RECREATIONAL

December 2, 1999

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

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council has recommended that NMFS change the recreational red snapper minimum size limit from 15 to 16 inches total length, and

WHEREAS, the 16 inch minimum size limit is intended to help slow the harvest rate and extend the recreational season compared to the previous 15-inch minimum size limit, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters it is necessary this rule be enacted, and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the notice of intent to provide for a 16 inch total length recreational red snapper minimum size limit in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no person shall possess red snapper below the minimum total length of 16 inches, unless that person is both legally licensed by the state and is holding a federal class one or two permit to commercially harvest red snapper during the open season for commercial harvest of red snapper, and

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

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 does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a Rule, LAC 76:VII.335, changing the minimum size limit for the harvest of red snapper. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1, and 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

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

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| H. | <u>Species</u> | <u>Minimum Size Limits</u> |
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| 1. | Red Snapper | 16 15 inches total length (Recreational) 15 inches total length(Commercial) |

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990),

amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995), LR 22:860 (September 1996), LR 24:1138 (June 1998), LR 24:1139 (June 1998), LR 24:1972 (October 1998), LR .

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Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Wednesday, February 2, 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

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
NOVEMBER, 1999

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 29.4

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 43.0

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 30.9

Enforcement Hours - 65.1

Other Divisions - 38.2

Total Plane Use - 103.3

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

26 - Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA's.

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT
NOVEMBER 1999

REGION 1:

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

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL CASES | 153 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 7 | Boating |
| 5 | Angling W/O A License |
| 3 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 4 | Fish W/O A Resident Pole License |
| 2 | Take Game Fish Illegally (Snagging) |
| 1 | Take Over Limit Game Fish (Catfish) |
| 11 | Hunt W/O A Resident License |
| 5 | Hunt W/O A Non-Resident License |
| 1 | Bow Hunt W/O A Bow License |
| 2 | Hunt From A Moving Vehicle |
| 1 | Hunt W/Unplugged Gun |
| 3 | Hunt Wild Quadrapeds Illegal Hours |
| 1 | Failure To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regulations |
| 1 | Obtain License Fraudulently |
| 6 | Hunt W/O A Resident Big Game License |

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| 1 | Hunt W/O A Non-Resident Big Game License |
| 1 | Hunt Deer Illegal Hours |
| 4 | Hunt Deer Illegal Methods |
| 2 | Hunt Deer From A Public Road |
| 1 | Take Illegal Deer Open Season |
| 3 | Take Deer W/Illegal Weapon |
| 7 | Possession Over Limit Of Deer |
| 2 | Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer (O/S) |
| 6 | Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O A Tag |
| 23 | Failure To Wear Hunters Orange |
| 1 | Hunt W/O A Muzzleloader License Resident |
| 4 | Using Lead Shot To Hunt MGB |
| 1 | Possession Over Limit Of Ducks (Field Possession) |
| 22 | Failure To Abide By Rules & Regs On WMA |
| 1 | Illegal Spotighting From Public Road |
| 1 | Littering |
| 19 | Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road |
| 1 | Discharge Firearm From A Public road |
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WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL | 38 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 | | Boating Safety |
| 4 | | Angling W/O A Resident License |
| 1 | | Fishing W/O A Resident Pole License |
| 1 | | Hunt W/O A Resident Hunting License |
| 7 | | Failure To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regs |
| 1 | | Hunt W/O A Non-Resident Big Game License |
| 5 | | Failure To Wear Hunters Orange |
| 2 | | Hunt W/O A Muzzleloader License (Resident) |
| 9 | | Failure To Abide By Rules & Regulations On WMA |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
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| 2 bags corn, wheat & salt, 3 resident hunting licenses, 3 rifles, 1 scope, 1 rod & reel, 23 crappie, 8 deer, 1 pistol, 31 lead shot shells, 4 woodducks, 240 channel catfish, 1 bream |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 7 | Boating |
| 0 | Commercial Fishing |
| 5 | Federal Migratory |
| 1 | Littering |
| 43 | Miscellaneous |
| 15 | Recreational Fishing |
| 82 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 39 | 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 | 99 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 2 | Boating |
| 64 | Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Commission Rules and Regulations |
| 2 | Hunt Deer From Public Road |
| 3 | Hunt Without Resident License |
| 2 | Failure To Comply With Hunter's Orange Requirements |
| 3 | Hunt From Moving Vehicle |
| 1 | Hunt Without Big Game License |
| 4 | Hunt From Public Road |
| 2 | Take Deer Illegal Hours |
| 2 | Discharge Firearm From Public Road |
| 1 | Possess Over Limit Of Deer |
| 1 | Hunt Without Non-Resident License |
| 1 | Littering |

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| 1 | Operate ATV On Public Road |
| 1 | DWI (Vehicle) |
| 1 | Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Minor |
| 1 | Under-age Possession Of Alcohol |
| 1 | Illegal Spotighting From Public Road |
| 3 | Angle Without A License |
| 1 | Angle Without A Resident Pole License |
| 1 | No MGB Stamp |

WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL 37 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 3 | Operate ATV On Public Road |
| 2 | Angle Without A License |
| 25 | Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA |
| 1 | Hunt Deer With Illegal Weapon |
| 4 | Failure To Wear Hunter's Orange |
| 1 | Violate MGB Federal Stamp |
| 1 | Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 – 30.06 Rifles, 2- 3X9 Scopes, 1-Spotlight, 1- 1997 Ford Truck, 1- 300 Magnum and Scope, 7- Deer. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | Boating |
| -0- | Commercial Fishing |
| 1 | Federal Migratory |
| 1 | Littering |
| 5 | Miscellaneous |
| 4 | Recreational Fishing |
| 86 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 37 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 18 | Public Assistance- (Assisting Stranded Motorists) |

REGION 3:

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

| TOTAL CASES | 171 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 8 | Boating |
| 6 | Angling W/O A License |
| 1 | Hunt Deer Closed Area (Dept. Reg.) |
| 2 | Hunt W/O Non-Resident Basic License |
| 1 | Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License |
| 4 | Hunt D-Map Land W/O Permit |
| 2 | Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road |
| 1 | Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours |
| 2 | Hunt Raccoons Illegally |
| 1 | Hunt W/O Resident Muzzleloader License In Possession |
| 2 | Use Illegal Scope On Muzzleloader |
| 8 | Fail To Comply With Hunter Orange Reg. |
| 3 | Hunt With Un-Plugged Gun |
| 8 | Fail To Abide By Commission Rules and Regulations |
| 4 | Running Deer Dog During Still Hunt Season |
| 3 | Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer |

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| 6 | Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License In Possession |
| 4 | Hunt W/O Basic Resident License In Possession |
| 1 | Bow Hunt W/O Bow License In Possession |
| 2 | Possession Of Buckshot/Slug During Closed Gun Deer Season |
| 1 | Possession Of Gun While Bow Hunting |
| 8 | Hunt Deer Illegal Methods |
| 1 | Possess Over Limit Of Deer |
| 5 | Hunting From Moving Vehicle |
| 2 | Illegal Possession Of Wild Quadruped |
| 5 | Hunt Deer From Public Road |
| 3 | Hunt Deer Illegal Hours |
| 3 | Hunt M.G.B. W/O State Stamp |
| 1 | Hunt M.G.B. With Unplugged Gun |
| 2 | Hunt W/O Federal M.G.B. Stamp |
| 1 | Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Reg. |
| 1 | Discharge Firearm From Public Road |
| 1 | Take Spotted Fawn |
| 1 | Take Deer Illegal Hours |
| 2 | Littering |
| 1 | D.W.I. (First Offense) |

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| 3 | Criminal Trespass |
| 1 | Illegal Possession Of Marijuana |
| 49 | Fail To Abide By WMA Rules & Regulations |
| 6 | Federal - Field Possess Over Limit M.G.B. (Wood Ducks) |
| 2 | Hunt Deer Over Bait (National Forest) |
| 2 | Use Temporary Stand Over 24 Hours |
| 1 | Wanton Waste Of M.G.B |
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WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL 80 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 68 | Not Abiding By WMA Rules & Regulations |
| 3 | Hunting W/O Basic Resident License In Possession |
| 7 | Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange |
| 2 | Hunting W/O Resident Big Game License In Possession |
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CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
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| 1 corn sample, 1 buck deer, 5 doe deer, 1 nubbin buck, 1 d-map tag, 1 remington 30.06, 1 spotlight, 1 squirrel, 5 12ga buckshot, 61 ducks, 1 deer stand, 1 30:30 rifle, 1 basic resident hunting license, 1 federal duck stamp, 1 state duck stamp, 3 12ga. shotgun, 1 Yamaha a.t.v., 1 pair of scissors, 1 marijuana cigarette, 1 pack papers. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 8 | Boating |
| 0 | Commercial Fishing |
| 13 | Federal Migratory |
| 2 | Littering |
| 5 | Miscellaneous |
| 6 | Recreational Fishing |
| 137 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 80 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

REGION 4:

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

| TOTAL CASES | 191 |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 7 | Boating |
| 1 | Angling W/O A License |
| 5 | Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally |
| 4 | Use Illegal Mesh Nets |
| 1 | Use Illegal Length/Mesh Nets |
| 2 | Hunting W/O Resident License |
| 8 | Hunting From Moving Vehicle |
| 1 | Hunting W/Unplugged Gun |
| 8 | Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours |
| 9 | Hunt, Stand, Loiter, From Public Road, Right Of Way |
| 1 | Obtain License Fraudulently |
| 6 | Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License |
| 1 | Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light |
| 1 | Hunt Or Take Deer W/Illegal Weapon |
| 1 | Possess Over Limit Of Deer |

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| 4 | Fail Comply W/Hunters Orange Regulations |
| 3 | Hunt W/O Muzzleloader License |
| 2 | Use Illegal Scope On Muzzleloader |
| 1 | Trap Or Sell FBA Or Parts W/O Resident License |
| 1 | Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun |
| 2 | Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only |
| 1 | Possession Over Limit Of Ducks |
| 120 | Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA |
| 1 | Littering |

WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL 4 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Angling W/Out A License |
| 1 | Hunting W/O Resident License |
| 1 | Fail To Wear Hunters Orange |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 rifle, 1 license, 1 permit, 4 deer. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 7 | Boating |
| 10 | Commercial Fishing |
| 4 | Federal Migratory |
| 1 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 1 | Recreational Fishing |
| 168 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 4 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 3 | Public Assistance |

REGION 5

BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
CAMERON, EVANGELINE
JEFF DAVIS, VERMILLION

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| TOTAL CASES | 167 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 14 | Boating |
| 9 | Angling W/O A License |
| 5 | Angling W/O A Non-Resident License |
| 2 | Fail To Have Intact (Saltwater) |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum |
| 11 | Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Over Limit Black Drum |
| 1 | Take Or Sale Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License |
| 1 | Commercial Fisherman Sell To Other Than Wholesale / Retail dealer |
| 3 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License |
| 1 | Transport W/O Required License |
| 1 | Possession Or Sell Undersized Crabs |
| 1 | Possession Of Over Limit Recreational Shrimp |
| 1 | Violate Calcasieu Lake Regulations |
| 2 | Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters |

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| 1 | Harvest Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License |
| 3 | Hunting W/O resident License |
| 6 | Hunting From Moving Vehicle And / Or Aircraft |
| 10 | Hunting Wild Quadrupeds And / Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours |
| 1 | Hunting Across Public Road Or Right-Of-Way |
| 2 | Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road |
| 1 | Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State Stamp |
| 1 | Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season |
| 1 | Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulations |
| 2 | Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License |
| 1 | Fail To Comply With Hunters Orange |
| 1 | Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp |
| 2 | Hunting Migratory Game Birds With Unplugged Gun |
| 5 | Hunting Migratory Game Birds With Live Decoys |
| 2 | Hunting Migratory Game Birds Over Baited Area |
| 2 | Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only |
| 1 | Transport Illegally Taken Migratory Game Birds |
| 5 | Hunting Migratory Game Birds With Electronic Calling Device |
| 5 | Hunting Doves Closed Season |
| 10 | Possession Over Limit Of Ducks |

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| 2 | Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds (No Season) |
| 1 | Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State Stamp |
| 2 | Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State Hunting License |
| 29 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On Wildlife Management Area |
| 1 | Possession Of Illegal Firearms |
| 8 | Possession of Drugs Or Marijuana |
| 3 | Littering |
| 1 | Miscellaneous Federal Violation |

WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 | |
| 4 | Boating |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On Wildlife Management Area |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
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| 67 lb. Shrimp sold for \$150.75; 1 can; 1 rock crack cocaine; 2 plastic bags containing marijuana; 75 ducks; 4 teal; 2 hooded merganser; 4 geese; 1 electric caller; 2 goose tapes; 16 shot gun shells; 1 ice chest; 39 black drum; 1 rabbit; 1 cast net; 20 sacks oysters (RTW); 3 red drum; 5 hand rolled marijuana cigarettes; 1 commercial license; 229 crabs (RTW); 5 doves; 2 fresh water resident license; 2 salt water resident license; 2 riffles; 1 spot light; 1 battery |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 14 | Boating |
| 14 | Commercial Fishing |
| 38 | Federal Migratory |
| 3 | Littering |
| 10 | Miscellaneous |
| 31 | Recreational Fishing |
| 57 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 5 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| 3 | Public Assistance |

REGION 6:

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

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL CASES | 174 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 54 | Boating |
| 36 | Angling W/O A License |
| 1 | Fail To Wear Hunters Orange |
| 1 | Take/Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License |
| 1 | Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License |
| 12 | Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum |
| 2 | Littering |
| 1 | Fail To Maintain Records |
| 1 | Buy/Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Dealers License |
| 3 | Hunt With Unplugged Gun |
| 6 | Take Illegal Size Black Bass |
| 1 | Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road |
| 1 | Fish W/O Resident Pole License |
| 3 | Hunt W/O Resident License |
| 1 | Illegal Possession Of Gamefish |
| 2 | Hunt From A Moving Vehicle |

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| 3 | Hunt Raccoon Illegally |
| 2 | Hunt Over Limit Of Raccoons |
| 6 | Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA |
| 1 | Operate ATV On Public Road |
| 1 | Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulations |
| 1 | Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp |
| 4 | Take/Possess Overlimit Of Black Drum |
| 1 | Angling W/O Non-Resident License |
| 2 | Transport Completely Dressed MGB |
| 1 | Taking Grebe, No Season |
| 1 | Hunt W/O Muzzleloader License |
| 1 | Hunt MGB Illegal Hours |
| 4 | Possess Untagged MGB |
| 4 | Wanton Waste of MGB |
| 4 | Possess Overlimit Of Ducks |
| 2 | Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On State Land |
| 1 | Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun |
| 1 | Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season |
| 2 | Violate MGB Federal Stamp Requirements |
| 1 | Using Leadshot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only |

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 2 | Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License |
| 2 | Hunt MGB From Moving Boat |
| 1 | Take/Posses Overlimit Of Squirrel |

WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL 33 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 16 | Boating |
| 7 | Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations |
| 6 | Angling W/O License |
| 1 | Take Illegal Size Black Bass |
| 2 | Use WMA W/O License |
| 1 | Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season |
| | |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 616 sac-a-lait, 1 squirrel, 3 black bass, 2 rabbits, 7 raccoons, 2 deer, 20 black drum, 16 wood ducks, 17 gadwalls, 1 resident hunting license, 1 big game hunting license, 1 HIP stamp, 1 state duck stamp, 1 Federal duck stamp, 1 completely dressed MGB, 14 coots, 2 shotguns, 1 rifle, 11 7mm cartridges, 9 12ga shotgun shells, 7 teal, 1 mallard |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 54 | Boating |
| 5 | Commercial Fishing |
| 16 | Federal Migratory |
| 2 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 60 | Recreational Fishing |
| 37 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 33 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

REGION 7:

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

| TOTAL CASES | 154 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 9 | Boating |
| 7 | Angling W/O a License |
| 11 | Hunting W/O Res. License |
| 8 | Hunt W/O Big Game Lic. |
| 8 | Hunt Deer from a Public Road |
| 19 | Hunt from a moving vehicle |
| 4 | Hunt Deer Illegal Weapon |
| 13 | Failure to wear Hunters Orange |
| 2 | Poss. Deer W/O tagging |
| 2 | Hunt W/O Non Res. Lic. |
| 2 | Hunt W/O Non Res. Big Game Lic. |
| 3 | Hunt Raccoons Illegally |
| 1 | Transport W/O Required License |
| 3 | Hunt wild Quad Illegal hours/Artificial Light |
| 9 | Hunt from public road |

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|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 5 | Hunt Deer illegal hours W/Artificial light |
| 1 | Over Limit of Deer |
| 3 | No Res. Muzzleloader Lie. |
| 14 | Not Abiding by R & R on WMA |
| 1 | Take illegal Deer Open Season |
| 1 | Hunt MGB With Lead Shot |
| 2 | Hunt MGB Illegal Hours |
| 2 | Hunt Closed Area |
| 1 | Failure To Comply W/Scenic River Reg. |
| 1 | Angle W/O A Non-Res. Lic. |
| 10 | Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours |
| 3 | Hunt W/Unplugged Gun |
| 3 | Hunt W/O A Bow Lic. |
| 2 | Obtain License Fraudulently |
| 3 | Hunt Deer Illegal Hours |
| 1 | Simple Poss. Of Marijuana |

WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL 19 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 9 | Violate R & R on WMA |
| 3 | Failure To Wear Hunter Orange |
| 1 | Hunt W/O Big Game License |
| 1 | Failure To Comply With Hunters Safety Regs. |
| 4 | Angling W/O License |
| 1 | Boating |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10 rifles | 2 licenses |
| 3 shotguns | 1 bag of marijuana |
| 1 pistol | 2 wood ducks |
| 7 spot lights | |
| 5 Deer | |
| | |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

| TOTAL 154 | DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9 | Boating |
| 0 | Commercial Fishing |
| 3 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 2 | Miscellaneous |
| 8 | Recreational Fishing |
| 132 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 19 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

REGION 8

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

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL CASES | 286 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 37 | Boating |
| 37 | Angling W/O A License |
| 3 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 1 | Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License |
| 10 | Angling W/O Saltwater License |
| 6 | Take/Possess. O/L Red Drum (On Water) |
| 12 | Take or Possess Undersized Red Drum |
| 14 | Take or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout |
| 4 | Take or Possess Undersized Black Drum |
| 1 | Take/Possess O/L Spotted Seatrout (On Water) |
| 1 | Fail to Comply with Charter Boat Regulations |
| 2 | Fail To Have Commercial License in Possess |
| 1 | Take or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bail Species |
| 3 | Take Commerical Fish W/O Comm. Gear License |
| 2 | Take or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License |
| 4 | Sell and/or Buy fish without a Retail Seafood Dealers License |

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| 2 | Fail to Maintain Records |
| 2 | Transport W/O Required License(Resident or Non-Res.) |
| 3 | Use Saltwater Net Illegally(Strike) |
| 1 | Take/Poss. U/S Or O/L CML. "Fish" |
| 2 | Allow Another To Use Commercial License |
| 1 | Allow Unlicensed Fisherman Use CML Vessel Lic. Or Commercial Vessel |
| 1 | Allow Unlicensed Fisherman Use CML Gear License |
| 1 | Fail to Report Commercial Fisheries Data |
| 1 | Commercial Truck W/O Display of Owner |
| 5 | Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef |
| 44 | Failure to Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly |
| 4 | Hunting W/O Resident License |
| 2 | Possess Wild Birds or Wild Quadrupeds W/O a License |
| 3 | Failure to Abide By Commission Rules |
| 6 | Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft |
| 1 | Hunting W/Unplugged Gun |
| 10 | Hunt Wild Quadruped And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours |
| 2 | Hunt Across Public Road |
| 3 | Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp |
| 1 | Fail to Sign Duck Stamp |

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| 1 | Fail to Wear Hunter Orange |
| 4 | Take or Possess Alligators Closed Season |
| 4 | Possession of Live Alligators W/O Permit |
| 2 | Violate MGB Federal Stamp Requirement |
| 1 | Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp |
| 2 | Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun |
| 4 | Hunting MGB Illegal Hours |
| 2 | Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat |
| 2 | Possess Over Limit of Coots |
| 12 | Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA |
| 1 | Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated |
| 2 | Illegal Spotighting From Public Road |
| 5 | Littering |
| 3 | Miscellaneous |
| 1 | Discharge Firearm From Public Road |
| 1 | Violation of Mullet Regulations |
| 6 | Take CML Mullet Closed Season or Illegal Hours |
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WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL 35 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 9 | Angling W/O A License |
| 1 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 5 | Take or Possess Undersized Red Drum |
| 2 | Take or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout |
| 1 | Take or Possess Undersized Black Drum |
| 2 | Hunting W/O Resident License |
| 1 | No Boat Registration Certificate in Possession |
| 4 | Operating Unregistered Motorboat |
| 2 | Improper Running Lights |
| 7 | Failure to Comply with PFD Requirements |
| 1 | Miscellaneous |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
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| Seafood destroyed: Red Drum(2) Seafood and Game Returned to Water.....Oyster(111 sacks)....Crabs(6 dozen).....Crabs(500 lbs.) Seafood And Game Donated.....Red Drum(96).....Black Drum(46).....Spotted Seatrout(83).....Sheepshead(1)....Flounder(1).....Channel Catfish(103) Coots(43)....Ducks(9).....Gadwall(1)....Teal(6)...Rabbits(2)....Alligator(1)....Deer(1) Seafood Sold At Bid....Mullet(1400 lbs. sold for \$580.00)....Mullet(1714 lbs. sold for \$429.00)....Mullet(2691 lbs. Sold for \$741.80) |
| Hardware Confiscated: Magazines(3).....Drivers License(1)....State Duck Stamp(1)....Mullet Strike Net(4)....Gill Net(1)....Non-resident commercial license(1)....Mullet permit(1).....Ice Chest(3)....Rifle(3)....Shotgun shells(26)....Rifle(3)....Spotlight(1)....Flashlight(1)....Mullet Strike Net Tag(1)....Shotgun(5)....Dredges(2) |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

| TOTAL 286 | DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 27 | Boating |
| 28 | Commercial Fishing |
| 11 | Federal Migratory |
| 5 | Littering |
| 3 | Miscellaneous |
| 180 | Recreational Fishing |
| 32 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 35 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| #6 | Public Assistance |

REGION 9

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

| TOTAL CASES | 221 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 44 | Boating |
| 15 | Angling W/O A License |
| 6 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 1 | Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License Non-Resident |
| 5 | Angling W/O Saltwater License |
| 4 | Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident |
| 6 | Take Undersized Red Drum |
| 15 | Take Undersized Black Drum |
| 9 | Take O/L Black Drum (Recreational) |
| 2 | Fail To Maintain Records |
| 1 | Transport W/O Required License (Non Resident) |
| 1 | Fail To Mark Crab Containers |
| 1 | Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data |
| 2 | Theft Of Crab Trap |
| 8 | Hunting W/O Resident License |
| 2 | Failure To Abide By Commission Rules |

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Hunting With Unplugged Gun |
| 3 | Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License |
| 4 | Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License |
| 1 | Hunt Deer Illegal Hours |
| 1 | Hunt Deer Illegally From A Boat |
| 1 | Hunt Illegal Deer Open Season |
| 1 | Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Open Season |
| 1 | Possession Of Untagged Deer |
| 1 | Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tag |
| 2 | Fail To Maintain Sex Identification |
| 6 | Fail To Wear Hunters Orange |
| 2 | Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp |
| 11 | Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat |
| 2 | Hunting With Unplugged Gun |
| 4 | Rallying MGB |
| 3 | Use Lead Shot In Steel Area |
| 3 | Possess O/L Of Coots (Field Possession) |
| 6 | Possess O/L Of Ducks (Field Possession) |
| 37 | Hunt From Permanent Blinds On WMA |
| 1 | Mooring Non-Designated Area On WMA |

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| 4 | Skimming On WMA |
| 3 | Having Loaded Gun In Boat On WMA |

WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL 6 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 3 | Boating |
| 1 | Angling W/O A License Non-Resident |
| 1 | Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident |
| 1 | Take Undersized Black Drum |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
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| 57 coots, 7 pintail ducks, 5 red head ducks, 2 widgeons, 1 gadwall, 8 teal ducks, 1 wood duck, 1 lb. Shad, 24 red drum, 2 deer, 38 black drum, 8 dmap anterless deer tags, 1 dmap records, 10 dmap doe tags, 1 business ledger book, 4 shotguns, 2 boats (paper seizure), 1 dip net, 6 crab traps, 4 skimmer nets, 1 head lantern, various lead shot shells |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

| TOTAL 221 | DESCRIPTION |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 44 | Boating |
| 7 | Commercial Fishing |
| 31 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 46 | Miscellaneous |
| 61 | Recreational Fishing |
| 32 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 6 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

STATEWIDE

| TOTAL CASES | 59 |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 0 | Boating |
| 6 | Angling W/O A License |
| 2 | Angling W/O A Non-Resident License |
| 2 | Angling W/O A Saltwater License |
| 2 | Angling W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License |
| 2 | Possess Over 10 Red Drum |
| 5 | Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum |
| 1 | Take Or Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regs. |
| 1 | Fail To Have Commercial Fish Intact |
| 1 | Possess Or Sell Undersize Crabs |
| 1 | Commercial Fisherman Sell To Other Than A Licensed Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer |
| 3 | Hunt W/O Resident License |
| 1 | Violate MGB Federal Stamp Registration |
| 3 | Hunt MGB Illegal Hours |
| 14 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On A WMA |

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| 1 | Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries |
| 13 | Take Federal Controlled Fish In Closed Season |
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WARNING CITATIONS:

| TOTAL 6 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Angling W/O A License |
| 1 | Angling W/O A Saltwater License |
| 1 | Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum |
| 2 | No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession |
| 1 | Fail To Comply With P.F.D. Requirements |

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------------------|
| 26 red drum, 2 ducks. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Boating |
| 16 | Commercial Fishing |
| 4 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 1 | Miscellaneous |
| 21 | Recreational Fishing |
| 17 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 6 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

STATEWIDE

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL CASES | 35 |
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 0 | Boating |
| 4 | Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations |
| 2 | Buy/Sell Fish Without A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License |
| 4 | Buy/Sell Fish Without A Retail Seafood Dealer's License |
| 6 | Fail To Maintain Records |
| 4 | Transport Without Required License |
| 4 | Fail To Have Commercial Fish Intact |
| 1 | Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data |
| 1 | Commercial Truck Without Display Of Owner Name And Address |
| 7 | Fail To Pay Shrimp Severance Tax |
| 2 | Obstruction Of Justice |
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WARNING CITATIONS:

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| TOTAL 0 | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
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| 0 | |
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CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 4 red snapper, 2 bags of red snapper filets. |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Boating |
| 35 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 0 | Recreational Fishing |
| 0 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 0 | Warning Citations |
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

STATEWIDE

| TOTAL CASES | 37 |
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| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 2 | Boating |
| 5 | Angling W/O A Basic Fishing License |
| 5 | Possess Undersize Red Drum |
| 2 | Take Over Limit Red Drum |
| 4 | Posses Undersize Black Drum |
| 3 | Take Over Limit Black Drum |
| 1 | Take Undersize Spotted Sea Trout |
| 1 | Fishing W/O Basic Non-Resident License |
| 1 | Fishing W/O Non-Resident Saltwater License |
| 1 | Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations Of Commission (Failure To Tag Doe Deer With DMAP Tag) |
| 1 | Failure To Comply With Hunter Orange Regulation |
| 1 | Operate An Unregistered Motorboat |
| 1 | Failure To Comply With P.F.D. Requirement |
| 1 | O/L Oysters-Calcasieu |
| 2 | Failure To Tag Oysters |
| 2 | No Vessel License |
| 2 | No Gear License |

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| 2 | Take Undersize Oysters |
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WARNING CITATIONS:

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

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 20 sacks of oysters, 3 spotted sea trout, 33 red drum, 23 black drum, 1 doe deer |

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 4 | Boating |
| 9 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 22 | Recreational Fishing |
| 2 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 0 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

S.W.E.P.

COASTAL WATERS

| TOTAL CASES | 29 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION OF CITATION |
| 0 | Boating |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum |
| 7 | Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum |
| 1 | Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Black Drum |
| 2 | Take Or Possess Overlimit Of Red Drum |
| 2 | Angling W/O A Non-Resident License |
| 2 | Angling W/O A Resident License |
| 1 | Angling W/O Saltwater License |
| 1 | Angling W/O Saltwater Non-Resident License |
| 3 | Take Overlimit Of Pintail Ducks |
| 6 | Take Mullet With Strike Net Illegal hours |

WARNING CITATIONS:

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

CONFISCATIONS:

| CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 36 red drum, 16 black drum, 5,055 lbs. of mullet sold for \$1,690.00. |

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

| TOTAL | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Boating |
| 6 | Commercial Fishing |
| 0 | Federal Migratory |
| 0 | Littering |
| 0 | Miscellaneous |
| 20 | Recreational Fishing |
| 3 | State Hunting/Trapping |
| 0 | Warning Citations |

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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

TOTAL CASES - 1,616

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS = 257

**PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN
(Pursuant to Article IV of the Bylaws)**

I. The election procedure shall be by roll call vote. (The Commission selected roll call vote as its standard election procedure at its December 1999 meeting; and it shall remain as such unless and until changed by the Commission.)

II. Election of Chairman

A. Chair entertains nominations for chairman

- any number may be nominated.
- no second required for nominations.
- Chairman may not serve succeeding terms.

B. When it appears that no further nominations are forthcoming, the Chair can declare nominations closed.

C. When nominations are closed, the chair will call for votes for each of the persons nominated - in the order of nomination.

D. When any nominee receives a majority vote of the members present, then voting ceases and he is declared Chairman.

E. In the event that there are more than two nominees for Chairman and no nominee receives a majority vote of those present, then the balloting should be repeated as many times as necessary until one candidate obtains a majority vote. If second and subsequent balloting is required, all nominees are kept on the ballot.

F. Chairman-elect takes possession of his office immediately upon election.

III. Election of Vice-Chairman

When a Chairman is declared, then the Commission proceeds to elect a Vice-Chairman using the same procedure set out above for Chairman. (Vice-Chairman can succeed himself.)

IV. POINTS OF ORDER - ALL OBJECTIONS, QUESTIONS OR POINTS OF ORDER CONCERNING THE ABOVE PROCEDURE OR THE ELECTION **MUST** BE MADE PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT OF THIS MEETING. IF NOT MADE PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT, THEY ARE WAIVED.

(12/13/99)

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

pursuant (According to Article IV of the Bylaws)

- I. The election procedure shall be by roll call vote. (The Commission selected roll call vote as its standard election procedure at its December 1999 meeting; and it shall remain as such unless and until changed by the Commission.)
- II. Election of Chairman
 - A. Chair entertains nominations for chairman
 - any number may be nominated.
 - no second required for nominations.
 - Chairman may not serve succeeding terms.
 - B. When it appears that no further nominations are forthcoming, the Chair can declare nominations closed.
 - C. When nominations are closed, the chair will call for votes for each of the persons nominated - in the order of nomination.
 - D. When any nominee receives a majority vote of the members present, then voting ceases and he is declared Chairman.
 - E. In the event that there are more than two nominees for Chairman and no nominee receives a majority vote of those present, then the balloting should be repeated as many times as necessary until one candidate obtains a majority vote. If second and subsequent balloting is required, all nominees are kept on the ballot.
 - F. Chairman-elect takes possession of his office immediately upon election.

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When a Chairman is declared, then the Commission proceeds to elect a Vice-Chairman using the same procedure set out above for Chairman. (Vice-Chairman can succeed himself.)

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**Procedure for Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
(According to Article IV of the Bylaws)**

I. Election Procedure

Chair entertains motion to adopt the recommended procedure, subject to whatever changes the Commission deems appropriate.

- Include within this motion or in a subsequent motion, the method of voting. Choose:

1. Viva voce, coupled with show of hands;

OR

2. Roll call.

(See II.D. below.)

II. Chairman

A. Chair entertains nominations for chairman

- *Any number may be nominated.*
- No second required for nominations.
- Chairman may not serve succeeding terms.

B. When it appears that no further nominations are forthcoming, the Chair can declare nominations closed.

C. When nominations are closed, the chair will call for votes for each of the persons nominated - in the order of nomination.

- D. Voting must be by:
1. Viva voce, in which case the Chair would say: "All in favor of 'X' "for Chairman, say 'Aye'" (this should be combined with a show of hands) or
 2. Roll call, in which case each member, when called upon, states his preference for Chairman from among the nominees.
- E. When any nominee receives a majority vote of the members present, then voting ceases and he is declared Chairman.
- F. In the event that there are more than two nominees for Chairman and no nominee receives a majority vote of those present, then the balloting should be repeated as many times as necessary until one candidate obtains a majority vote. If second and subsequent balloting is required, all nominees are kept on the ballot.
- G. Chairman-elect takes possession of his office immediately upon election.

III. Vice-Chairman

When a Chairman is declared, then the Commission proceeds to elect a Vice-Chairman using the same procedure set out above for Chairman. (Vice-Chairman can succeed himself.)

- IV. Points of Order - All objections, questions or points of order concerning the above procedure or the election must be made prior to adjournment of this meeting.

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SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

JAN-00

RULE - Freshwater Harvest of Mullet

RULE - Black Bass Regulations - Lake Bartholomew

MARCH-00

RULE - Crab Trap Marking

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

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

FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99

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|----------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
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| 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 | 14 | \$8,634.64 | | 26 | \$3,250.96 | \$1,322.96 | | |
| Dec., 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Feb., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Mar., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Apr., 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| May, 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| June, 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| Total FY 2000 | 46 | \$19,186.35 | \$5,892.55 | 103 | \$14,332.41 | \$4,068.84 | 96% | 224% |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 11/01/1999 TO 11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED | 14 | \$8,634.64 |
| HEARING COSTS ASSESSED | 0 | \$0.00 |
| SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ===== | | |
| RESTITUTION ASSESSED | 14 | \$8,634.64 |
| PAYMENTS | 26 | \$3,250.96- |
| DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS | 10 | \$1,322.96- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 0 | \$0.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| WRITE-OFFS | 1 | \$0.57- |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ----- | | |
| FOOTNOTE: | | |
| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/1999 TO 11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED | 46 | \$18,836.35 |
| HEARING COSTS ASSESSED | 9 | \$350.00 |
| SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ----- | | |
| RESTITUTION ASSESSED | 46 | \$19,186.35 |
| PAYMENTS | 89 | \$14,332.41- |
| DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS | 32 | \$4,068.84- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 1 | \$290.50 |
| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 1 | \$290.50 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 8 | \$4,757.05- |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 1 | \$1,621.15 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 0 | \$0.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| WRITE-OFFS | 3 | \$1.89- |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | \$524.54- |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 5 | \$2,717.35- |
| CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ----- | | |
| FOOTNOTE: | | |
| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 1 | \$0.00 |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED | 3,848 | \$2,614,153.10 |
| HEARING COSTS ASSESSED | 186 | \$4,925.00 |
| SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 331 | \$269,865.45- |
| SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION | 148 | \$71,951.21 |
| ===== | | |
| RESTITUTION ASSESSED | 3,848 | \$2,421,163.86 |
| PAYMENTS | 2,618 | \$459,912.45- |
| DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS | 1,801 | \$221,798.82- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 121 | \$3,002.08 |
| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 46 | \$8,488.37 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 12 | \$23,206.50- |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 5 | \$12,222.64 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 19 | \$83,803.09 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 1 | \$36.75 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 2 | \$35.00 |
| CREDITS | 13 | \$10.22- |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 21 | \$6,881.15 |
| CREDITS | 58 | \$36,391.47- |
| WRITE-OFFS | 211 | \$138,115.71- |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 6 | \$1,399.24- |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | \$11,786.13- |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 38 | \$76,259.71- |
| CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL OUTSTANDING | 1,039 | \$1,566,752.69 |

 FOOTNOTE:

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|--------------------------------|---|----------|
| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 2 | \$0.00 * |
|--------------------------------|---|----------|

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|--------------|
| VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 1 | \$150.75 |
| 31 - 60 DAYS | 11 | \$1,154.94 |
| 61 - 90 DAYS | 12 | \$8,950.39 |
| 91 - 120 DAYS | 30 | \$11,954.40 |
| 121 - 150 DAYS | 11 | \$7,543.65 |
| 151 - 180 DAYS | 15 | \$3,083.10 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 61 | \$80,057.14 |
| OVER ONE YEAR | 149 | \$115,144.34 |
| OVER TWO YEARS | 114 | \$65,724.96 |
| OVER THREE YEARS | 424 | \$346,942.60 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 828 | \$640,706.27 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| CAN NOT BE INVOICED | 13 | \$7,007.46 |
| CURRENT | 4 | \$1,752.70 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 2 | \$1,370.28 |
| 31 - 90 DAYS | 1 | \$80.13 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 5 | \$4,889.91 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 37 | \$21,898.63 |
| CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION | 89 | \$501,004.30 |
| OVER 1 YEAR PENDING | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER) | 888 | \$1,028,751.28 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 1,039 | \$1,566,754.69 |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 11/01/1999-11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------|-------------|
| FINES | 436 | \$22,200.00 |
| HEARING COSTS | | |
| DEBITS | 170 | \$4,250.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL DUE | | \$26,450.00 |

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------|
| PAID IN FULL | 529 | \$27,474.20- |
| PARTIAL PAYMENTS | 15 | \$835.00- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 7 | \$250.00 |
| REFUNDS | 5 | \$150.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC CHANGES | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 1 | \$0.80- |
| ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION | | |
| DEBITS | 1 | \$50.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| VOIDS | 8 | \$25.00 |
| NOT GUILTY | 0 | \$0.00 |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/1999-11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------|--------------|
| FINES | 3,538 | \$179,905.00 |
| HEARING COSTS | | |
| DEBITS | 648 | \$16,177.00 |
| CREDITS | 2 | \$175.00- |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL DUE | | \$195,907.00 |

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|--------------------------|-------|---------------|
| PAID IN FULL | 2,636 | \$138,834.40- |
| PARTIAL PAYMENTS | 64 | \$3,090.00- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 24 | \$1,139.00 |
| REFUNDS | 18 | \$471.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 2 | \$100.00 |
| MISC CHANGES | | |
| DEBITS | 2 | \$20.00 |
| CREDITS | 2 | \$1.60- |
| ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION | | |
| DEBITS | 1 | \$50.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| VOIDS | 270 | \$10,882.00- |
| NOT GUILTY | 31 | \$700.00- |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------|----------------|
| FINES | 77,118 | \$3,920,902.07 |
| HEARING COSTS | | |
| DEBITS | 16,850 | \$421,503.80 |
| CREDITS | 2 | \$4,900.00- |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL DUE | | \$4,337,505.87 |

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|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| PAID IN FULL | 43,054 | \$2,233,642.27- |
| PARTIAL PAYMENTS | 1,206 | \$54,868.37- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 864 | \$24,903.34 |
| REFUNDS | 159 | \$7,750.31 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 59 | \$3,150.00 |
| MISC CHANGES | | |
| DEBITS | 59 | \$985.00 |
| CREDITS | 168 | \$156.03- |
| ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION | | |
| DEBITS | 117 | \$6,950.00 |
| CREDITS | 14 | \$800.00- |
| VOIDS | 4,296 | \$182,607.73- |
| NOT GUILTY | 657 | \$32,750.00- |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | | \$1,876,420.12 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| CURRENT | 211 | \$10,850.00 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 221 | \$11,150.00 |
| 31 - 60 DAYS | 618 | \$31,590.00 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 1,196 | \$62,434.00 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 1,298 | \$80,295.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR PENDING | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER) | 26,335 | \$1,680,101.12 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 29,879 | \$1,876,420.12 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| PREHEARING | 526 | \$26,675.00 |
| 0 - 90 DAYS | 3,196 | \$162,154.00 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 1,079 | \$62,685.00 |
| 181 - 270 DAYS | 537 | \$37,580.00 |
| 271 - 365 DAYS | 107 | \$8,000.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR PENDING | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER) | 24,434 | \$1,579,326.12 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 29,879 | \$1,876,420.12 |

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

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

Total FY 1999 213 \$128,060.97 \$0.00 205 \$47,054.87 \$23,405.58 55.0%

96.2%

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|------------|------------|----|------------|------------|
| July, 1999 | 5 | \$1,556.38 | | 9 | \$2,287.53 | \$1,198.81 |
| Aug., 1999 | 10 | \$2,510.83 | | 15 | \$2,455.38 | \$513.73 |
| Sept., 1999 | 6 | \$2,032.19 | \$5,324.80 | 28 | \$3,563.06 | \$475.93 |
| Oct., 1999 | 11 | \$4,452.31 | \$567.75 | 25 | \$2,775.48 | \$557.41 |
| Nov., 1999 | 14 | \$8,634.64 | | 26 | \$3,250.96 | \$1,322.96 |
| Dec., 1999 | | | | | | |
| Jan., 2000 | | | | | | |
| Feb., 2000 | | | | | | |
| Mar., 2000 | | | | | | |
| Apr., 2000 | | | | | | |
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 11/01/1999 TO 11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED | 14 | \$8,634.64 |
| HEARING COSTS ASSESSED | 0 | \$0.00 |
| SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ===== | | |
| RESTITUTION ASSESSED | 14 | \$8,634.64 |
| PAYMENTS | 26 | \$3,250.96- |
| DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS | 10 | \$1,322.96- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 0 | \$0.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| WRITE-OFFS | 1 | \$0.57- |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |

FOOTNOTE:

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| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
 07/01/1999 TO 11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED | 46 | \$18,836.35 |
| HEARING COSTS ASSESSED | 9 | \$350.00 |
| SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ===== | | |
| RESTITUTION ASSESSED | 46 | \$19,186.35 |
| PAYMENTS | 89 | \$14,332.41- |
| DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS | 32 | \$4,068.84- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 1 | \$290.50 |
| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 1 | \$290.50 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 8 | \$4,757.05- |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 1 | \$1,621.15 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 0 | \$0.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| WRITE-OFFS | 3 | \$1.89- |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | \$524.54- |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 5 | \$2,717.35- |
| CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |

 OOTNOTE:

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| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 1 | \$0.00 |
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 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED | 3,848 | \$2,614,153.10 |
| HEARING COSTS ASSESSED | 186 | \$4,925.00 |
| SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 331 | \$269,865.45- |
| SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION | 148 | \$71,951.21 |
| ===== | | |
| RESTITUTION ASSESSED | 3,848 | \$2,421,163.86 |
| PAYMENTS | 2,618 | \$459,912.45- |
| DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS | 1,801 | \$221,798.82- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 121 | \$3,002.08 |
| REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT | 46 | \$8,488.37 |
| APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS | 12 | \$23,206.50- |
| APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE | 5 | \$12,222.64 |
| REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD. | 19 | \$83,803.09 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 1 | \$36.75 |
| MISC. ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 2 | \$35.00 |
| CREDITS | 13 | \$10.22- |
| REASSESSMENTS | | |
| DEBITS | 21 | \$6,881.15 |
| CREDITS | 58 | \$36,391.47- |
| WRITE-OFFS | 211 | \$138,115.71- |
| ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN | 6 | \$1,399.24- |
| ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS | 0 | \$11,786.13- |
| FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE | 38 | \$76,259.71- |
| CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT | 0 | \$0.00 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL OUTSTANDING | 1,039 | \$1,566,752.69 |

 FOOTNOTE:

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| FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS | 2 | \$0.00 * |
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|--------------|
| VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN | 0 | \$0.00 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 1 | \$150.75 |
| 31 - 60 DAYS | 11 | \$1,154.94 |
| 61 - 90 DAYS | 12 | \$8,950.39 |
| 91 - 120 DAYS | 30 | \$11,954.40 |
| 121 - 150 DAYS | 11 | \$7,543.65 |
| 151 - 180 DAYS | 15 | \$3,083.10 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 61 | \$80,057.14 |
| OVER ONE YEAR | 149 | \$115,144.34 |
| OVER TWO YEARS | 114 | \$65,724.96 |
| OVER THREE YEARS | 424 | \$346,942.60 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 828 | \$640,706.27 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| CAN NOT BE INVOICED | 13 | \$7,007.46 |
| CURRENT | 4 | \$1,752.70 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 2 | \$1,370.28 |
| 31 - 90 DAYS | 1 | \$80.13 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 5 | \$4,889.91 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 37 | \$21,898.63 |
| CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION | 89 | \$501,004.30 |
| OVER 1 YEAR PENDING | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER) | 888 | \$1,028,751.28 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 1,039 | \$1,566,754.69 |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 CURRENT MONTH
 11/01/1999-11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------|-------------|
| FINES | 436 | \$22,200.00 |
| HEARING COSTS | | |
| DEBITS | 170 | \$4,250.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL DUE | | \$26,450.00 |

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------|
| PAID IN FULL | 529 | \$27,474.20- |
| PARTIAL PAYMENTS | 15 | \$835.00- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 7 | \$250.00 |
| REFUNDS | 5 | \$150.00 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| MISC CHANGES | | |
| DEBITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| CREDITS | 1 | \$0.80- |
| ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION | | |
| DEBITS | 1 | \$50.00 |
| CREDITS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| VOIDS | 8 | \$25.00 |
| NOT GUILTY | 0 | \$0.00 |

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
 CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 11/30/1999

| | # CASES | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------|----------------|
| FINES | 77,118 | \$3,920,902.07 |
| HEARING COSTS | | |
| DEBITS | 16,850 | \$421,503.80 |
| CREDITS | 2 | \$4,900.00- |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL DUE | | \$4,337,505.87 |

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|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| PAID IN FULL | 43,054 | \$2,233,642.27- |
| PARTIAL PAYMENTS | 1,206 | \$54,868.37- |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 864 | \$24,903.34 |
| REFUNDS | 159 | \$7,750.31 |
| RETURNED CHECKS | 59 | \$3,150.00 |
| MISC CHANGES | | |
| DEBITS | 59 | \$985.00 |
| CREDITS | 168 | \$156.03- |
| ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION | | |
| DEBITS | 117 | \$6,950.00 |
| CREDITS | 14 | \$800.00- |
| VOIDS | 4,296 | \$182,607.73- |
| NOT GUILTY | 657 | \$32,750.00- |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | | \$1,876,420.12 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| CURRENT | 211 | \$10,850.00 |
| 1 - 30 DAYS | 221 | \$11,150.00 |
| 31 - 60 DAYS | 618 | \$31,590.00 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 1,196 | \$62,434.00 |
| 181 - 365 DAYS | 1,298 | \$80,295.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR PENDING | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER) | 26,335 | \$1,680,101.12 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 29,879 | \$1,876,420.12 |

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| PREHEARING | 526 | \$26,675.00 |
| 0 - 90 DAYS | 3,196 | \$162,154.00 |
| 91 - 180 DAYS | 1,079 | \$62,685.00 |
| 181 - 270 DAYS | 537 | \$37,580.00 |
| 271 - 365 DAYS | 107 | \$8,000.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR PENDING | 0 | \$0.00 |
| OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER) | 24,434 | \$1,579,326.12 |
| | | ===== |
| ** TOTAL AGING | 29,879 | \$1,876,420.12 |

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE



James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary

CONTACT
504/765-2923

99-272

11/23/99

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET DEC. 2

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The agenda follows:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes of Nov. 4, 1999
3. Crab Task Force input on potential season for fishing with crab traps
4. Declaration of emergency - red snapper recreational season and size limits
5. Declaration of emergency - red snapper commercial season and size limits
6. Notice of intent - red snapper size limit - recreational and commercial
7. Enforcement and aviation reports/November
8. Division report - Hunting season updates
9. Election for Chairman and Vice-Chairman
10. Set April 2000 meeting date
11. Public comments
12. Adjournment

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EDITORS: For more information, contact Marianne Burke at 225/765-2917
(burke_mm@wlf.state.la.us).

November 22, 1999

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. M. ...', is written over a horizontal line.

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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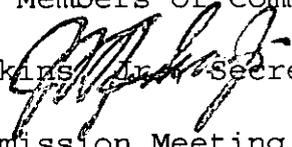


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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

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

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7. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/November

DIVISION REPORTS

8. Hunting Season Updates
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JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
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Division Chiefs

faxed 11:32 AM

Verbal approval received 11/22/99 - 10:02 AM

C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Bill Busbice
Fax #: 318-837-1423
Subject: Commission Agenda
Date: November 19, 1999
Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda and let me know if it is okay. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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Hawkins, Susan

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 1999 8:47 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Cc: Foote, Karen; Pausina, Randy; Schexnayder, Mark
Subject: FW: Marine Fisheries-Commission agenda items

Susan:

These are OK with me with the following change:
Crab Task Force input on potential season for fishing with crab traps(Informational)

-----Original Message-----

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 1999 4:13 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Greeson, Cathy; Hawkins, Susan; Pausina, Randy
Subject: Marine Fisheries-Commission agenda items

John- If you approve please forward on to Susan and let me know. Thanks

Season for fishing with crab traps

Declaration of Emergency- Red Snapper Recreational Season, Size Limits

Declaration of Emergency- Red Snapper Commercial Seasons, Size Limits

Notice of Intent- Red Snapper Size Limit- Recreational and Commercial

Randy: Please prepare an FEIS and Notice of Intent ASAP to change the red snapper size limit to 16".

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Eng. Report!
W.V.

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Handwritten notes and signatures:
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11/5/99
Dear Susan:
I have no agenda items
from the Ouland Fisheries Div.
for the December Commission meeting.
Shucks
Bennie

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