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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

July 6-7, 1989

Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Thursday, July 6, 1989

James Jenkins, Jr.
Bert Jones
Norman McCall
Warren Pol
Dale Vinet

Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Friday, July 7, 1989

James Jenkins, Jr.
Bert Jones
Norman McCall
Warren Pol

Ms. Virginia Van Sickle was also present.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of June 1-2, 1989 were unanimously approved at Thursday's meeting with a motion from Mr. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Pol.

At Thursday's meeting Bennie Fontenot presented a rule to prohibit the use of fish nets in Lake Bistineau. At Friday's meeting Chairman Hines called for vote on ratification of rule on Lake Bistineau prohibition. Mr. Fontenot advised that specifically it would be gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, and fish seines in Lake Bistineau located in Bienville, Bossier, and Webster Parishes, Louisiana. Ban will become effective August 1, 1989. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the rule, seconded by Mr. Jenkins and unanimously approved.

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

Pursuant to the authority granted under Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Section 22, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of fish nets (gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, fish seines) in Lake Bistineau, Bienville, Bossier, and Webster Parishes, Louisiana. The net ban will become effective August 1, 1989.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Greg Linscombe presented a report and slide presentation on muskrat and nutria problems. A historical

background was given on the muskrat and nutria problems along with the significance of what is involved with the marsh vegetated damages and loss. The loss is the result of damaged vegetation from overpopulation. If a market can be created for these fur animals the only way to stop eat outs is through proper population and habitat management which means trapping in water level control which could at least minimize and in a lot of cases damages can be eliminated. Solutions in Mr. Linscombe's opinion are not massive poisoning campaigns and they are not giving permits to landowners to shoot nutria. Problem will be solved when six thousand trappers can be put back into the marsh. It was solved in the late fifties and early sixties because of the German market and if Louisiana wants to solve the problem the situation will have to be created again. This means broadening Louisiana's market base from Northern Europe to the United States and the Far East, and means instate fur processing (very close to this, the Fur Council has been working with a gentlemen from Baton Rouge for six months and he believes he will be processing fur from Argentina). The research that is needed if Louisiana is going to continue to study and find solutions is going to be long term evaluation of the damage to see how significant it is, and to try and alert landowners, if the opportunity arises, and if they have the economic incentive to try to eliminate or reduce the populations. Have to find out some of the reasons for differences in damages, why are some areas more severe, why some areas recover quite well while other areas never recover, and have to continue investigating differences in pelt quality. Western nutria have historically and continued to bring a much higher price than the nutria east of Marsh Island. Questions on pelt quality which have to do with the price that is paid for nutria are going to have to be answered through research concluded Mr. Linscombe. Dr. Hines asked if the Fur Council has looked into trying to get any type of funding from wetland reclamation monies. They have not stated Mr. Linscombe but have looked and are working with the Congressional Delegation and Mrs. Van Sickle wrote a letter, two or three weeks ago, asking for their assistance in seeking monies from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. An avenue to explore would be to have a member of each of the Congressional staffs to view the presentation that was presented recommended Dr. Hines. The anti-hunting/trapping issue and its impact on the fur industry was discussed by the Commissioners and Mr. Linscombe. Mr. Jenkins commented that it seems from what he has heard that the only plan that is being offered is to do something about the market. Unless there is an alternate plan Mr. Jenkins believes it is poor way to go and asked if there was an alternative. Mr. Linscombe answered "no" and explained that the Federal government came in and studied this situation for four years and all they came up with was poison bait and eradication permits.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Jenkins stated that if the eat out problem that they had been briefed on yesterday is in fact a serious problem the Department definitely should have a backup plan to do something about it even though the primary way would be to do something worldwide on the market. If the demand for these animals does not develop Mr. Jenkins believes that another plan is needed. Mr. Jenkins asked that

the Fur and Refuge Staff come up with an alternative plan and have it ready in 60 days. Mr. Tarver commented that he would direct his staff to develop some alternatives or options and present them at September Commission meeting.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Johnnie Tarver presented a Emergency Resolution for the 1989 Alligator Harvest Season-Statewide along with a Notice of Intent. A summarization of the 1988-89 alligator season was given. Upon completion of report Chairman Hines called for questions or comments. Chairman Hines asked where the alligator harvest tags could be obtained. They can be obtained at the District Offices but when getting into the farming situation Mr. Tarver wants the tags to be issued from only one place. Chairman Hines asked about the demand for alligator eggs, out of state, with a four dollar fee. Mr. Tarver stated that this was a difficult question to answer but he understood that some people were selling alligator eggs for as high as five and six dollars. The intent of the four dollar fee was to prevent the shipment of Louisiana's natural resources, in an unprocessed manner, to other places. The Alligator Task Force recommended this four dollar fee along with some other fees pointed out Mr. Tarver. Ted Joanen explained briefly how the Alligator Program has expanded in the last couple of years.

At Friday's meeting Chairman Hines called on Mr. Tarver for Notice of Intent, 1989 Alligator Harvest Season Statewide. Mr. Tarver commented that he had presented information yesterday regarding the alligator regulations establishing an Alligator Season for the 1989 year. In that document it was pointed out by Mr. Tarver that there had been a few changes. One of the more notable ones was that a \$4 dollar harvest tag is being recommended and a \$4 shipping label fee for animals that will be shipped out live. This will go along with the Alligator Task Force Recommendations. Mr. Tarver presented emergency resolution establishing alligator season for this year. Chairman Hines called for motion. Mr. McCall made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Chairman Hines asked Mrs. Van Sickle for a commitment to the Commission by the Department should and when funds are available that a ranch biologist and secretary personnel be hired to administer the alligator program if funds are available from the \$4 tag fee. Mrs. Van Sickle added "and if an audit by herself, Ms. Baker and Mr. Tarver shows that it really is priority over other things that really needs to be done" is important. Chairman Hines called for vote on motion. Motion unanimously approved.

(The full text of the emergency resolution is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority under State and Federal Statute to establish an alligator season, and

WHEREAS, The alligator population in Louisiana has been determined by biologists of the Department to be capable of sustaining an annual harvest of surplus animals; and

WHEREAS, The removal of the surplus animals is considered to be a wise use of this natural resource of the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules, regulations, and guidelines for administering the 1989 alligator season.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries recommends that an alligator season be hereby established in accordance with the following regulations: No exceptions of these procedures will be permitted, and anyone taking alligators contrary to these regulations will be charged in accordance with Title 56 of the Louisiana Laws pertaining to Wildlife and Fisheries, appropriate federal laws and regulations, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission regulations, and/or Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regulations.

1. Open Area - Alligator habitat in the state of Louisiana. Harvest quotas will be rigidly controlled according to alligator population estimates within all of the State's wetland habitat types.
2. Harvest season - The open season shall run for a 30 day period beginning on September 9, 1989 and continue through October 8, 1989. It is legal to take, possess, or sell alligators or their skins under 4 feet in length as provided for by rules and regulations of the Commission. A special Department permit shall be issued to alligator hide dealers, farmers, ranchers and hunters in order to ship alligator skins below 4 feet in length.
3. Harvest methods - Alligators may be taken only during daylight hours, between official sunrise and official sunset. If a licensed hunter is cited for hunting alligators out of season, at night or on property other than that for which tags were assigned, all tags and skins for the current season will be confiscated in addition to revocation of the alligator hunting license.

Special instructions will be issued to the holders of alligator hunter licenses shortly before the opening of the season describing detailed methods regarding the skinning of alligators. Skins processed contrary to the specific requirements of the Department will be considered illegal and will be confiscated by Department personnel. Pole hunting is prohibited to protect the nesting female population. Hooks and lines may be set no more than one day prior to the season opening. No hook and line shall remain set after the closing day of the alligator season. All

alligator hooks and lines must be checked daily and all hooks and lines must be removed when a hunter's tag quota is reached. Alligators cannot be cut loose from hooks and lines for purposes of selecting larger alligators.

4. Licenses - An alligator hunter must have in possession a valid commercial alligator hunter license to take or sell alligators or their skins or other alligator parts. The fee for the resident license is \$25.00 per year and for the non-resident \$150.00. These licenses are non-transferable. In order to obtain a resident license, the hunter must have established bona fide residence in the state.

A hunter must complete application forms provided by the Department and furnish proof that he owns the land or has an agreement with the landowner or another authorized hunter to hunt alligators on the specified property. Information as to the location and acreage of the property must be provided (all land descriptions must include parish, township, range, and section delineation figures).

Applications must be submitted beginning August 1, 1989. Property ownership and description requirements do not apply to public lake hunters. The alligator hunter license will be issued only after the hunter has satisfactorily complied with the above requirements. Commercial alligator hunter licenses will not be issued after September 18, 1989. Alligator sport hunter licenses may be issued throughout the season. Non-resident hunters and resident sport hunters must coordinate their hunt through landowners and licensed resident hunters. A non-resident hunter may take no more than 3 alligators per season.

A fur buyer license or fur dealer license is required for purchasing and handling raw alligator skins in Louisiana. An alligator parts dealer license is required of any person who deals in alligator parts other than hides and who: (a) Buys from an alligator hunter or farmer for the purpose of resale; or (b) Manufactures within the state, alligator parts into a finished product; or (c) Purchases, cans, processes, or distributes alligator meat for wholesale or retail.

A retailer selling canned alligator parts or a retailer purchasing alligator parts from an alligator parts dealer or restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall not be classified as an alligator parts dealer. The fee for the parts dealer license is \$50.00 per year.

Persons or firms entering alligators, alligator eggs, or alligator skins and/or parts in interstate/foreign commerce in the course of a commercial activity must be licensed in accordance with state and federal regulations. Persons shipping alligators, alligator eggs, or alligator skins and/or parts to another state or country

must do so in accordance with the regulations of that state or country.

Each retailer selling canned alligator parts or purchasing alligator parts and each restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall secure a license from the Department before commencing business. The license shall be secured annually and shall be furnished upon the payment of five dollars.

5. Disposition, Validation, Tagging and Labeling - All alligators killed within the State including those killed on farms and ranches shall have an official \$4.00 harvest tag attached. All shipments of eggs and alligators transported or otherwise disposed of out-of-state shall have an official alligator/egg shipping label attached prior to transport or shipment out-of-state. A \$4.00 fee will be charged for each egg or alligator contained within the shipment.

In addition to a valid commercial alligator hunting license, the hunter must also obtain from the Department, and have in his possession while hunting, official harvest tags which must be firmly attached to each alligator immediately upon taking. Numbered tags will only be issued in the name of license holders. Alligator tags will not be issued after September 18, 1989.

Harvest tags will be issued throughout the year to alligator farmers and ranchers and will only be issued to holders of valid Nongame Quadruped Breeders Licenses. All alligator tags issued to farmers and ranchers will only be issued from Rockefeller Refuge. Tags must be attached and locked in the last six (6) inches of the tail. The tags must remain attached to the skin until final processing by the fabricator.

It shall be illegal to possess dead alligators or alligator skins in Louisiana without valid official tags or labels attached. Failure to properly tag or label an alligator or skin will result in confiscation of both the alligator or skin and tag. Alligator farmers and ranchers may hold dead farm raised alligators which may have died from disease in freezers until officially checked by a Department biologist. Rockefeller Refuge must be notified within 30 days of any such deaths.

Official alligator tags will be issued to alligator hunters who have authorized applications. Each official tag will bear a serial number, and the tag issued to each hunter will be recorded. The number of tags will be issued on the basis of the quantity and quality of the habitat, and the rate per acre will be fixed based on extensive population estimates. Tags will be issued for alligator habitat only, based on final decision of Department biologists.

Hunters, farmers and ranchers will be held accountable for all alligator tags issued to them. Unused tags must be returned by the hunter to the Department no later than 15 days following the close of the season. Violation of this requirement shall result in the revocation of the alligator hunting license and no alligator tags will be issued for one year.

Department personnel must be notified, within 15 days following the season, of any alligator hides not sold to a commercial buyer or dealer on official Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries forms provided. Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced but must be reported within 15 days of close of season. Tags can be used only on the lands applied for and approved on the application.

Tags furnished by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Color: Blue) must be attached to all unprocessed alligator meat/parts upon transfer by a hunter or farmer.

Each shipment or transport of eggs or alligators out of the jurisdictional boundaries of Louisiana shall have affixed an official numbered alligator/egg shipping label which will be available upon request from the Department. This label will contain the numbers of eggs and/or alligators being shipped/transported, the name and license number of the shipper and the destination address. Each label will be validated by a Department employee. Shipment of eggs or alligators being used for Department sanctioned research shall be exempt from the label fee but shall be accompanied by a permit issued by the Department.

6. Alligator Farmers and Breeders - Licensed alligator farmers and ranchers must have Department authorization to kill and skin their alligators but must follow the same rules and regulations which apply to wild alligators (except farm/ranched alligators can be harvested during closed season with Department approval). Alligator farmers and ranchers must have written Department authorization to sell or transfer live alligators or alligator eggs. All such requests shall be forwarded to Rockefeller Refuge. All alligator farmers and ranchers shall adhere to all requirements contained in their state Alligator Farming/Ranching Permit.
7. Sale of Alligator Skins - All alligator skins taken during the alligator season must be validated by personnel of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries prior to the hides leaving the state. Special skinning instructions will be verified, and skins not prepared according to instructions issued in advance of season will be considered illegal. Buyers/dealers must abide by special skinning instructions or be subject to forfeiture of improperly skinned hides.

8. **Buyer/Dealer Hide Records** - All buyers and dealers making purchases of alligator hides shall maintain a complete set of records of all purchases and sales. Such records will include names and addresses of buyers and/or sellers, alligator hide tag number and length, and date purchased. Dealers will submit reports as required by the Department for all hides purchased/sold. Every buyer or dealer having raw alligator hides in his possession shall file with the Department within sixty days after the close of the alligator season, or prior to shipping out-of-state, a complete report as specified on forms provided by the Department.
9. **Shipment** - All interstate shipments of raw alligator skins must be tagged with official out-of-state shipping tags provided by the Department. All shipments of skins within the State must be tagged with official Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in-state shipping tags. A severance tax of 25 cents per hide must be paid on all out-of-state shipments at the time skins are transported or shipped.
10. **Sale of Meat and Parts** - Meat and other parts from lawfully taken alligators can only be sold according to Louisiana and federal laws, including Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regulations, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regulations, and federal regulations.

Alligator meat sold for human food must be processed in a licensed facility approved by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. If a person or firm is cited for buying or selling alligator meat that was not processed through a licensed alligator processing plant, all alligator meat in possession will be confiscated.

Alligator hunters, farmers, and parts dealers shall maintain records of all transactions, purchases and sales on forms provided by the Department. These forms shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days following the close of the season and thereafter at 60-day intervals until all parts are sold. All alligator meat and parts, excluding hides, shall be tagged with an official alligator parts tag (Color: Blue) to be furnished by the Department. The alligator parts tag must remain attached until processing by properly licensed individuals or firms.

Hunters, farmers, and alligator parts dealers shall furnish a bill of sale to all retailers and restaurants purchasing alligator parts. This bill of sale shall be maintained for a period of six months.

11. **Alligator Nuisance Control Program** - This program is incorporated into the Alligator Harvest Program to remove problem alligators occurring within the confines of communities which cannot be harvested under the tag allotment program. This program will allow

the taking of problem alligators within the confines of municipal, ward, parish, or state responsibility where there are alligator-people conflicts. The program depends upon close cooperation of state, parish and local authorities.

The primary objective of the Alligator Nuisance Control Program is to reduce the number of human - alligator contacts, yet utilize a valuable natural resource. Alligators taken under this program must be taken in accordance with state regulations and local regulations/ordinances. Skinning instructions issued by the Department will be valid for one year, until the next year's skinning instructions are issued.

The selection of nuisance alligator hunters shall be coordinated through local governing bodies such as Police Juries or Parish and City Administrators. The final selection of nuisance alligator hunters rests with the Department with appropriate background checks of all applicants. Alligator harvest tags may be issued by the Department to an approved resident commercial licensed hunter who has been officially designated by the local governing body with concurrence of the Department. The number of tags issued will be based on the number of legitimate complaints received the quantity and quality of alligator habitat involved and with approval of Department personnel. Numbered tags will only be issued in the name of the nuisance license holder for a sum of \$4.00 per tag.

Disposition of skins, meat and parts taken in this program will comply with existing federal and state statutes, Commission rules and regulations, and regulations adopted by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

12. **Hunting On Public Lakes** - The Department may select public lakes for an experimental alligator hunting program. The harvest will be controlled by a tag allotment for each lake as determined by population surveys by Department personnel. An alligator hunter can receive tags for and hunt on only one public lake each season. The tag quota for a public lake is 5 per hunter. Alligator tags issued on public lakes are non-transferable.

Applicants for public lake hunting must be 16 years of age or older. Applications for public lake hunting must be received at least 10 days prior to the season opening date. In the event that the number of applicants for any particular public lake exceeds the number of allowable hunters, a public drawing will be held to select hunters. Only the applicants whose names are drawn will be eligible to hunt public lakes.

13. **Harvest Rates** - Harvest rates are presently being calculated and will be determined by biologists of the Fur and Refuge Division. Aerial nest counts and night count surveys will be completed on July 15, 1989. This data will be analyzed, harvest rates

calculated, and alligator tag allotments will be presented to Department/Commission administrators for their consideration.

14. The Department Secretary shall be authorized to close, extend or reopen the alligator season as biologically justifiable; harvest rates will be approved when available by the Department Secretary.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Tarver also presented the Notice of Intent which is to run the alligator season after the ninety day emergency is over. After the ninety day emergency is over alligators still have to be harvested and the Commission needs to give its authority for this to proceed explained Mr. Tarver. Chairman Hines called for motion on Notice of Intent. Motion moved by Mr. McCall and seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Motion unanimously passed.

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

The alligator industry of Louisiana represents a renewable resource, valuable to the economy providing income to in excess of 1,000 participants for the 30-day harvesting season (September 9 through October 8, 1989). The annual harvest of surplus and nuisance animals is in keeping with wise wildlife management techniques based upon scientific research and resulting management.

The regulations governing the taking, tagging, tag allotment, sale and shipment of alligators and products for the 1989 season may be viewed at the Quail Drive Office off Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, phone: (504) 765-2811.

The Department Secretary shall be authorized to close or extend the alligator season as biologically justifiable.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Johnnie W. Tarver, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Hugh Bateman presented a rule to ratify the 1989-90 hunting season dates. Discussions ensued among the Commissioners on the new license carrier and licenses. Complaints received on hunting seasons were: 1) Plaquemine Parish Council to go back to dog hunting in Plaquemine Parish, 2) couple of phone calls about some of the small game seasons, typical of responses received when a Notice of Intent is published on resident game commented Mr. Bateman. Chairman Hines stated that he received a couple of phone calls about the youth hunt and the muzzleloader hunting at Thistlewaite. People felt like the hunts would interfere with the trophy buck experimental program going on Thistlewaite WMA and asked that the department consider omitting these two hunts. Mr. Bateman stated that it would not be a big complication to eliminate the two special hunting period if that is what the Commission desires but biologically Mr. Bateman believes it will not make any difference.

At Friday's meeting Hines called for ratification of 1989-90 Resident Game Hunting Season dates, Mr. Bateman. Mr. Bateman commented that a resolution had been presented for ratification of Resident Hunting Seasons, Bag Limits and one change (no Youth Hunt or Muzzleloader Season) on Thistlewaite which can be incorporated into the rule when it is submitted. Chairman Hines called for motion. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the rule, seconded by Mr. Pol which was unanimously approved.

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

WHEREAS, it is the constitution responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and requests from sportsmen of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Commission proposed these regulations on May 4, 1989 as a Notice of Intent, received no adverse comments, and met the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, now

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

Quail: Nov. 23-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 10, possession 20.
Rabbit: October 7-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.
Squirrel: Oct. 7-Jan. 14. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.
Deer: One per day. 6 per season

Area 1 - 56 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26

7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

40 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 17

Area 2 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
26 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 3 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
26 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 4 - 46 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
30 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 7

Area 5 - 16 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

Turkey: One per day. 3 per season

Area A - 30 days. Mar. 31-Apr. 29
Area B - 37 days. Mar. 17-Apr. 22
Area C - 9 days. Apr. 21-29

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Hugh Bateman presented a resolution on the hunting season dates for migratory game birds (except waterfowl). Mr. Bateman pointed out that the season dates that are proposed in conjunction with the resolution would be simply to set those dates tentatively on the basis that emergency action would be taken at the August meeting because of the timeframe with the Federal regulations which do not allow for it to be done differently. At this point the Commission would be temporarily setting the season dates pending no changes by the Fish and Wildlife Service. By the August meeting the Department will have the final information at which time emergency action would be taken. The season dates are basically the same as last year and there were no changes in the Federal regulations on Woodcock, Snipe or any of the other migratory birds. For general information purposes Mr. Bateman informed the Commissioners that there will be no September Teal season. Also, the Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed to move all migratory bird hunting seasons back to one-half hour before sunrise which to Mr. Bateman indicates that the Fish and Wildlife Service was going to solidify one-half hour before sunrise shooting for all migratory birds including the late duck season. Mrs. Van Sickle asked if it would be helpful if the Commission passes a resolution officially asking for going back to half hour before sunrise shooting. Mr. Bateman responded that he certainly believes a good strong resolution from the Commission to the Director of Fish and Wildlife Service urging a return to the thirty minutes before sunrise shooting would be appropriate. Discussion ensued between Mrs. Van Sickle, Mr. Warren Pol and Mr. Bateman on the regulatory process of setting seasons and those that participate in the process. Mr. Bateman explained the Fish and Wildlife Service's regulation cycle and within

this cycle there is a public hearing which is the only opportunity, other than correspondence, that the public, representative of an organization, etc. can be heard. Rails and Gallinules are the only two species that will not be acted on at this time because they are done at the same time that the waterfowl season dates are set. Mr. Bert Jones asked why there were only nine days of dove season in September. Mr. Larry Soileau answered that for many years there has been a three way split. The September dove season is set to harvest locally produced doves (doves raised in Louisiana). No migration occurs prior to the first of September and dove population in Louisiana is relatively low and it is not large enough to sustain much more than one weekend of hunting. Zoning for doves is now optional and Louisiana has gone to no zones and now has a statewide season. Zone line was offered this year and if Louisiana does not intend to use it we must let the Fish and Wildlife know so that they can take it out of the regulations. There have been no requests to make the zone change. The statewide season is generally well accepted concluded Mr. Soileau. Mr. Pol asked if there has been any information on the parameter of time for duck season. Mr. Bateman commented that he did not think that the framework dates for setting duck seasons are apt to change.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Bateman commented that the resolution was to set tentative season dates for snipe, woodcock and doves. An attachment to the resolution is a listing of those season dates with the shooting hours and rail and gallinule season will be set at August meeting in conjunction with waterfowl. Chairman Hines called for motion on resolution to adopt dates for migratory game birds except waterfowl, with stipulations. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Mr. Pol and passed unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, attended meetings in Washington, D.C. on June 21, 1989 on upland migratory birds and teal, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing these migratory game birds were discussed at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Biologists have discussed tentative season dates for upland migratory birds, and

WHEREAS, final adoption of season dates for upland migratory birds cannot be established until requirements of the Federal Register process are met in August, and

WHEREAS, no changes in regulations framework from last year are anticipated, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby propose tentative dates for dove, snipe and woodcock for the 1989-90 hunting season as recommended by the staff of the Louisiana Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these season dates will be adopted at the August meeting as an emergency rule so long as no changes are mandated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1989-90 Tentative Season Dates
For
Dove, Snipe and Woodcock

Species	Season Dates	Days	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Dove	Sept. 2-10	9	12	24
	Oct. 14-Nov. 12	30	12	24
	Dec. 9-Jan. 8	<u>31</u>	12	24
		70 total		
Snipe	Nov. 11-Feb. 25	107	8	16
Woodcock	Dec. 9-Feb. 11	65	5	10

Shooting Hours

Dove: Noon to Sunset, Sept. 2-3, Oct. 14-15, and Dec. 9-10, the remainder of the season 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Snipe and Woodcock: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

NOTE: Rail and Gallinule season dates will be set at the August 1989 meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Season dates for these species are tied to waterfowl dates, so no tentative dates will be set at this time.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Hugh Bateman presented a resolution to propose a fee schedule for the Deer Management Assistance Program. Three different options on fee schedules by which the Department could recoup some portion of the expenditures that are made in administering the Deer Management Assistance Program will be brought before the Commission for action by resolution explained Mr. Bateman. The Department's cost is about \$140,000 a year to administer the program statewide with about 1.7 million acres enrolled in the program. There were 833 clubs this last year with 15,390 antlerless deer tags being issued. Mr. Bateman went on to explain the three options. It was pointed out by Mr. Bateman that this is a recreational program and not

a commercial venture. This program generates income in recreational opportunity and provides the mechanism by which large landowners can control deer herds on their private property. Chairman Hines asked if the Department had a recommendation of the three options. Mr. Bateman's personal feelings are that Option 2 would be the least offensive looking across the spectrum of what the Department might be dealing with. This option would recover about half of the cost of the program and it is at a rate where most people would understand and accept. Chairman Hines suggested charging for doe tags at \$10 each. Discussion ensued among Mr. Jones and Mr. Bateman on the program and its services. Chairman Hines pointed out that they have had some complaints on the Deer Management Program (e.g. issuing tags without visiting property and doing survey), and if this is an Intensive Deer Management Program and a fee is going to be charged the Commission needs the Department's assurance and Mrs. Van Sickle's assurance that that is what it is going to be, and people will be sent out to make studies and make proper recommendations. Mr. Jenkins suggested that the Department look at recouping the total cost of the program instead of just half. Mr. Bateman went on to explain that by charging a reasonable amount the fly by night operations, who weren't getting anything out of the program and were costing just as much money to do business with, just may drop out of the program. Other clubs may like it better and join so in balance may end up with better information for deer management and better clubs over the whole scope of the state. Chairman Hines stated that he believes a requirement for participation should be providing meaningful information back to the Department. Mrs. Van Sickle suggested going with the upper fee and hire somebody to manage the data and program. Mr. Bateman stated that what he would like to do is start with a reasonable fee and see how it works then in a year go up on the enrollment fee or acre fee. Mr. Bateman asked Mr. Tommy Prickett to present a brief report on survey of state deer hunters on what percentage prefer to dog hunt and what percentage prefer to still hunt. Process has been started, pulled about 8,900 licenses (Big Game) and mailed a survey card on June 28. First batch of survey cards came in on July 4-5 and have received 1,400 cards back. Preliminary look through cards indicate that about five to one recommended that there be additional days of still hunting. Mrs. Van Sickle added that a more detailed survey will be done this fall.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Bateman stated that there was a lengthy discussion at yesterday's meeting of possible options on how to handle the fee schedule. Resolution was prepared with two blanks in it on what the fee for sign up and fee for acre would be and Mr. Bateman asked for the Commission recommendation. The Commission chose Option 3, \$25 registration fee, \$.05 per acre consultation fee which will bring in approximately \$106 thousand dollars. It was Mr. Bateman's understanding from Mrs. Van Sickle that there would be some interest in him pursuing the idea of developing a position that would tend to this very important program on a full-time basis so with the Commission's approval he would like to proceed with this. Plans to call a meeting of the District Supervisors within next two weeks and would like to request that one member of the Commission, Mrs. Van Sickle attend the

meeting and discuss with those attending the proper way to proceed with some of the concerns they have about the program. Mrs. Van Sickle stated that going with the higher rate at \$.05 per acre it is real important that the sportsmen and the people that are participating see improvement. One way to guarantee this is to give Mr. Bateman a DMAP Coordinator. Mrs. Van Sickle commented that the program needed more staff support and she was committing to Mr. Bateman to help him with this. The cost for a DWAP Coordinator would be between \$40-\$50 thousand a year. If the program keeps the number of clubs that is expected then with Option 3 there will be enough funds to take care of this. Money will be going into the Conservation Fund and it will help enforcement of the program and do a better job of administering it. Mr. Jenkins made motion that Option 3-\$25 enrollment fee and \$.05 per acre be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Jones and was unanimously passed.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries established the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) in 1981, and

WHEREAS, this program provides technical assistance to cooperators and provides special tags to aid in the removal of antlerless deer to maintain proper sex ratios, and

WHEREAS, the popularity of the program has grown with sportsmen and landowners since its inception, and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 800 cooperators and 1.7 million acres enrolled, and

WHEREAS, expenditure by the Department for operation of the program has increased to more than \$141,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, in these austere times, governmental agencies must strive to offset operational cost to the extent possible, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Department to assess a \$25 registration fee and a .05 per acre consultation fee for each DMAP Cooperator.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COST
AND
PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULES

1987-88

Total Acreage Enrolled: 1,700,000 Acres
Total Enrollment: 833 Clubs

Tags Issued: 15,390

<u>District</u>	<u># Clubs</u>	<u>Biologist Man Days</u>	<u>Specialist Man Days</u>	<u>Secretary Man Days</u>
1	304	180	0	40
2	113	210	46	5
3	27	50	0	5
4	80	105	4	10
5	51	48	0	5
6	83	71	5	7
7	124	200	0	25
8	51	35	0	0
Study Leader	<u>---</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
	833	974	55	97

Personnel Expense:	Biologist	974 @ 125.00	\$121,750
	Specialist	55 @ 100.00	\$5,500
	Secretary	97 @ 75.00	\$7,275

Total Operational Costs:

Misc. Cost (postage, copies, telephone, etc.)	\$5,000
Cost of tags	<u>\$1,650</u>
TOTAL	\$141,175

Option 1

\$25.00 Enrollment Fee	833 clubs @ \$25.00/club	\$20,825
plus	1.7 million acres @	
0.01 per acre	0.01/acre	<u>\$17,000</u>
		\$37,825

Smallest club (500A) Cost - \$30
Largest club (20,000A) Cost - \$225

Option 2

\$25.00 Enrollment Fee	833 clubs @ \$25.00/club	\$20,825
plus	1.7 million acres @	
.03 per acre	.03/acre	<u>\$51,000</u>
		\$71,825

Smallest club (500A) Cost - \$40
Largest club (20,000A) Cost - \$625

Option 3

\$25.00 Enrollment Fee	833 clubs @ \$25.00/club	\$20,825
plus	1.7 million acres @	

.05 per acre
\$105,825

0.5/acre

\$85,000
\$105,825

Smallest club (500A) Cost - \$50
Largest club (20,000A) Cost - \$1,025

At Thursday's meeting Ms. Bettie Baker presented an airfleet evaluation and audit. Ms. Baker reported that she has received tremendous interest from lots of different sources as to the airfleet that belongs to Wildlife and Fisheries. The Commissioner of Administration has called, personnel from the Governor's Office have called as well as several of the Department's Commissioners investigating the appropriate use of the airfleet, do we have the right number of airplanes and if they are housed at the right place. Ms. Baker did a cursory survey looking at a six month sample of the use of the airplanes. The survey looks at usage utilization, passage utilization, number of trips and number of trips which had deadhead mileage on them which gives some indication if they are housed in the right place. Looking at eliminating one, two, possibly three aircraft depending on the out come out of the analysis. This is a trip usage analysis and does not have cost data, the next phase of the analysis will be cost data. Ms. Baker did talk to the pilots to get their input as to the character, nature of the planes they are flying and has also asked for input from each of the divisions as to justification for the number of aircraft they have and why they are located where they are located. Ms. Baker asked the Commissioners for their opinions on what is the appropriate use of the Department's airfleet and to please forward that to her. Concluding her report, Ms. Baker stated that she will get back next month with cost analysis and recommendations taking into consideration the information from the Department, from the Commission and from the pilots. Also looking at moving certain aircraft to different locations so that there would be a better disbursement across the state. Almost all the aircraft are now located in New Orleans at the Lakefront or in that vicinity. This has made sense from a law enforcement prospective but in terms of the actual usage of the planes there is so much deadhead time that it does not make sense. Discussion ensued among the Commissioners, Mrs. Van Sickle, Ms. Baker and Col. Vidrine on planes being housed in Slidell, replacement of Commander if it is to be disposed of, safety factor, and Enforcement Division's need for a plane and pilot.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Don Puckett presented a rule to ratify procedures for disposal of seized equipment. Concluding presentation Mr. Puckett asked for questions. Mr. Dale Vinet asked why if a boat is caught trawling during closed season in the three mile limit closure the contents of the boat cannot be seized because it is not considered a closure of season, it is considered a closed area. Mr. Puckett commented that he has not encountered this issue before. Mr. Vidrine stated that a law has just been passed, landing law, and this should take care of this problem. Mr. Puckett advised that he was not aware of this particular problem but generally on any violation it is a mandatory seizure of the shrimp, vessel, etc. The forfeiture is not

always warranted because the law does not authorize a forfeiture in every case but it does authorize a seizure in every case on any violation explained Mr. Puckett. Mr. Vinet asked if you are trawling in Louisiana waters with no license can the catch be seized that is on the boat. Mr. Puckett replied you can seize it and you have to go back to the penalty provisions to see what the violation is and if it is a violation for which there is a mandatory forfeiture. Col. Vidrine stated that this would not be a mandatory forfeiture, it is a Class 2 Violation, without a license. The Classes should be reviewed and revised stated Mr. Vinet. Mr. Puckett explained that the Department had a Legislative provision to govern seized animals, not nets and equipment, which passed and will provide for a forfeiture of any animal that was seized in violation of our laws. (Act 295 and has been signed by the Governor.)

At Friday's meeting Chairman Hines called for motion to suspend the rules to allow Mr. Don Puckett to bring two items that were not on the agenda before the Commission. Mr. Jenkins made motion and was seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Puckett explained that on the Seizure and Forfeiture Regulations there was one item that was covered in the body of the rules but not in the preamble, it was left out. Mr Puckett amended it verbally on the first page to include: game fish, and endangered and protected species. Chairman Hines called for motion on ratification of regulations on Seizure and Forfeiture with amendment. Mr. Jenkins made motion, seconded by Mr. McCall and unanimously approved.

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

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following regulations governing the seizure, forfeiture and disposition of quadrupeds birds, fish, nets and other equipment.

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHIEF OF THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Chief of the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall be responsible for the adherence to and implementation of these regulations and the rules of evidence relating to seizure and criminal prosecution.

In any investigation or arrest where objects (guns, nets, traps, boats, motors, or other evidence) are vital to the case and necessary for prosecution, they will be seized, and properly tagged. Receipts are to be issued for seized items. All seized equipment shall be turned in immediately to the Enforcement Division Regional Supervisor who shall be responsible for maintaining records and providing secure storage. However, the agent seizing any gun, net, boat, motor, or other evidence is responsible if the items seized are lost, stolen, or damaged while in his possession. All gear including, but not limited to boats,

motors, guns, nets, trawls, vehicles, lights, and traps when found abandoned or unattended and used in violation of law shall be seized and turned in to the Department immediately. Any game birds, game quadrupeds, game fish, commercial fish, non-game quadrupeds and endangered and protected species seized in connection with abandoned or unattended equipment shall be disposed of in accordance with the following procedures.

The Department, through the Enforcement Division, shall maintain records of all seizures, forfeitures, and releases and shall obtain an appropriate receipt from the possessor or owner of any quadruped, fish, bird, net, trap, gun, boat, light or other equipment, or the proceeds from the sale thereof, that is released by the Department.

Any release of the above based upon a withdrawal or nolle pros of the charges shall require a certified copy of the said withdrawal or nolle pros to be filed with the Chief of the Enforcement Division before the seized items can be released.

All proceeds from any sale of any quadruped, fish, bird, or equipment which is not ordered returned to the possessor or owner thereof shall be deposited in the Conservation fund unless otherwise provided by statute or Deed of Donation, subject to a reasonable administrative cost to be retained by the agency selling on behalf of the Department.

B. PERISHABLE EVIDENCE AND LIVE ANIMALS

1. PERISHABLE EVIDENCE

a. Game Quadrupeds, Game Birds, Outlaw Birds, Game Fish, and Commercial Fish Which Cannot Be Sold

(1) All game quadrupeds, game birds, outlaw birds, game fish and commercial fish which, because of illegal size or other factors, cannot be sold, which are seized by agents, officers or employees of the Department, or other peace officers of the state, shall be donated to charitable organizations, or persons receiving social welfare benefits (i.e., food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children). Donations to persons receiving social welfare benefits shall be subject to applicable laws and regulations governing possession limits. If donation is not possible, then the reasons therefor shall be reflected in the case report, and the seized animals shall be destroyed.

(2) The officer, agent, or employee donating game quadrupeds, game birds or game fish shall obtain a receipt (Form ED-16) which shall be attached to the offense report of the violation in which the quadrupeds or fish were seized. Additionally, where donations are made to persons receiving social welfare benefits, the

officer, agent or employee shall also attach documentary evidence of the person'(s) eligibility for said benefits.

b. **Commercial Fish and Non-Game Quadrupeds**

(1) All commercial fish of legal size and non-game quadrupeds, when seized by agents, officers or employees of the Department, or other peace officers of the state shall be sold, whenever possible, by the officer making the seizure.

The officer shall obtain three bids from licensed dealers, if and when possible, and shall sell to the highest bidder.

(2) The offense report of the violation in which the fish and non-game quadrupeds were seized shall reflect the names of the companies, the amounts of the bids and the names of the persons making the bids. The money recovered from such sale shall be delivered to the Chief of the Enforcement Division and kept in escrow by the Department until final disposition of the criminal charges. In the event the arresting and seizing officer cannot obtain a sale, the commercial fish and non-game quadrupeds will be donated in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph B.1.a. above, or held by the Department until it is no longer needed for prosecution, at which time it shall be destroyed or disposed of as the Secretary of the Department shall determine.

c. **Oysters and Menhaden**

Oysters and menhaden or other herring-like fishes shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:58 C. and D.

d. **Protected or endangered Species**

Protected or endangered species shall be retained, or an evidentiary sample in accordance with Paragraph B.1.e. below shall be retained, until the case is resolved and it is no longer needed for evidence, at which time it shall be donated for scientific or educational purposes as determined by the Secretary. If no such donation is possible, it shall be destroyed.

e. **Evidentiary Sample**

With regard to all perishable evidence upon which criminal charges are pending and which is to be donated or sold in

accordance with B.1.a., b. or c. above, the following procedure shall be employed prior to the sale or donation:

(1) Remove, tag, and keep an evidentiary sample to be destroyed or donated in accordance with Paragraph B.1.d. above upon disposition of case.

(2) Take pictures of entire lot of seizure.

f. Unfitness for Human Consumption

Should the seizing officers have reason to believe that the seized animal(s) is unfit for human consumption, then it shall not be sold or donated (except for scientific or educational purposes) and shall be destroyed.

2. LIVE ANIMALS

All live quadrupeds, live birds or live fish seized in connection with a violation shall be returned to its wild habitat or the waters of the State of Louisiana, if possible. If this is not possible or feasible for reasons as determined by the Chief of the Enforcement Division, or for biological reasons as determined by Department staff, the live quadrupeds, live birds and live fish confiscated and seized shall be donated by the Department to zoos or other appropriate educational and scientific research institutions, or at the discretion of the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of B.1.a.(1). If donation is not appropriate then said animals shall be destroyed.

C. NETS, TRAPS, GUNS, BOATS, LIGHTS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

All nets, traps, guns, boats lights and other equipment shall be held as evidence by the Department until there is a final disposition of the charges or until ordered released by the Court with jurisdiction of the violation. Said release or order shall be in writing and directed to the Secretary of the Department. All such equipment which has been forfeited, or which is unclaimed or unreleased for a period of three (3) years shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder; provided, however that if the equipment is of illegal specifications, or if the Chief of the Enforcement Division determines that sale is not economically feasible because of the value of the items, transportation costs or other factors, then said equipment shall be destroyed or shall be used in accordance with Paragraph 2, in the Secretary's discretion.

Equipment of illegal specifications is that which by design, size, length, mesh size, material composition or construction

cannot be lawfully used for the taking of quadrupeds, birds, fish or other resources in the State of Louisiana.

2. USE OF EQUIPMENT BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

All seized nets, traps, guns, boats, lights and other equipment which the Department has held for three (3) years, or which has been forfeited to the Department or the Commission, may be used by Department personnel as determined by the Secretary, including, but not limited to, enforcement, research and educational purposes such as displays and hunter's education. This disposition and use may be exercised in lieu of sale when the Secretary determines that it is in the best interest of the Department.

3. UNATTENDED NETS

All unattended nets which remain unclaimed for a period of thirty (30) days shall be sold, used or destroyed in accordance with the above provisions.

Mr. Puckett continued with the other item that had to do with a technical point concerning return of oysters to the waters of the State. In cases where the Enforcement Division makes illegal oyster cases (untagged, polluted area) they are required to return the oysters to the waters and it has been called to the attention of the Department by at least one District Attorney who met with some of the Enforcement people that frequently "return to the waters" involves quite a lot of manpower and expense and sometimes barges have to be hired to physically take the oysters back to the waters. The law provides that the Commission can require the oysters to be returned to the waters at the expense of the violator. Mr. Puckett advised that this was being proposed to the Commission today to formally designate that this be done. Mr. Puckett presented a resolution on returning of oysters to waters. Chairman Hines called for motion on resolution. Motion by Mr. McCall and seconded by Mr. Pol. Motion passed.

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

WHEREAS, it has been called to the Commission's attention that in illegal oyster cases where oysters are required to be returned to the waters, it has, in some instances, been necessary to do so at the expense of the Department; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:58C provides that the Commission may require the return of the oysters at the expense of the person from whom seized; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that the oysters be returned at the expense of the person from whom seized.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby state its intention to and does hereby officially require that all oysters which are required to be returned to the waters of the state shall henceforth be returned at the expense of the person from whom seized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary through the Enforcement Division is hereby directed to provide an information copy of this resolution to all appropriate District Attorneys and Judges.

Grand Chenier, Louisiana this 7th day of July, 1989.

At Thursday's meeting the last item brought to the attention of the Commission was the Inside Shrimp Closing by Mr. Dale Vinet. Mr. Vinet asked Mr. Phil Bowman if they had been getting ten percent of white shrimp in Zone 2, 3 or 1. Mr. Bowman reported with contingent to the size of shrimp populations throughout the year after the season opened we are now beginning to see first wave of juvenile moving into the estuaries. Looking at Zone 3, as a whole, we are approaching the ten percent criteria to initiate a closure action. At the meeting in May a resolution on the shrimp season was passed and the Secretary was authorized to take action and close the season when necessary to protect the white shrimp crop. A run was made yesterday and there are certain portions of the Zone 2 slightly above ten percent, and certain portions of Zone 2 that are below ten percent. In areas where it is slightly above the ten percent criteria, usually the white shrimp are located in one little area, so there is not an even distribution commented Mr. Bowman. We anticipate reaching the ten percent criteria early next week and the sampling crews are set to go out again on Monday and we will report to Mrs. Van Sickle Monday afternoon the result of the sampling. The commercial catches have also been monitored but we have not seen a whole lot of white shrimp, although we have encountered a few. Most of the ours that have been observed white shrimp are below the ten percent criteria. Hydrological environmental conditions have changed significantly since the season was set in April and it opened in May. Season in Zone 1 was delayed because of the increase recruitment and started off in good shape on June 5 when the season opened. The fishery east of the Mississippi River was primarily concentrated in Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain. Trawlers in Lake Pontchartrain are now catching around 200-250 pounds a night, small bay trawlers, 21-25 count brown shrimp. The last run the butterflys had in the Rigolets they did quite well, some catches were in the 500-700 pound range. May landings, made up of offshore and Zone 2, for this year were approaching 12 million pounds compared to 9.5 million last year. The only bleak spot is Zone 3, the Calcasieu System, in that system there has been quite a bit of fresh water input. Shrimp in Calcasieu Lake have not grown this year as anticipated and with the last rise in the river we are beginning to see a flushing of the system, salinities in Calcasieu Lake yesterday averaged one part per thousand. Second time this year that this system has been flushed with high water pointed out Mr. Bowman. If the season is closed a seventy-

two hour notice must be given stated Mr. Bowman. Mr. Vinet stated that every year the season is closed around the fourth of July, that is when most of the white shrimp start coming in, urges the Department to watch it as close as possible and close the season as soon as possible. Mr. Vinet also would like for the Commission to either close the three mile limit when the inside waters are closed or if there is a possibility the main passes where the white shrimp fluctuate back and forth where they can get some kind of relief from the nets. If Louisiana closes the three mile limit, Texas is opening up on the fifteenth of July allowing ninety five percent of Louisiana boats (beach and offshore) going to Texas to make the opening. Mr. Vinet is proposing closing the inside and the three mile limit or if it is not feasible, talk with Don Puckett and maybe close the main passes. Mrs. Van Sickle stated that she believed that with the Department's new legislation they can close any area whatever is reasonable based upon biological and technical data. Mr. Bowman pointed out the information for the month of July on data made available through National Marine Fisheries Service on catch statistics off of Louisiana that July is the third highest month for brown shrimp catch. Mr. Bowman commented that relative to white shrimp catches usually at this time they are in a posture of closing but this year it does appear slightly later in recruiting white shrimp and it appears that there are slightly reduced numbers. This is very preliminary and a lot could happen in August. Mr. Bowman just returned from Galveston, TX from a Shrimp Stocking Assessment Workshop with scientists from the across the Gulf and Eastern Seaboard looking at condition of brown, white and pink shrimp stocks in the Gulf of Mexico. The draft report is ready and when revisions are made Mr. Bowman will make a copy available to the Commissioners. First complete look at stocks of shrimp, in about four or five years, in the Gulf concluded Mr. Bowman.

At this point during the meeting the issue of whether or not Mrs. Van Sickle had the authority to close the shrimp season was cleared. She does have that authority and Mrs. Van Sickle informed everyone on the Commission that she will let them know when the decision to close shrimp season is being made so that they will be able to respond.

Mr. Bowman informed the Commission on the amount of oyster leases that the Department would be accepting. Need seventy five leases this year to maintain five hundred pool. Will proceed and take the next seventy five appointments for application off the existing list that is on file as the result of the court action.

At Friday's meeting Mrs. Van Sickle gave the Secretary's report to the Commission. Mrs. Van Sickle gave a briefing on the legislation that has been passed during the regular session. This legislation is now law and will affect the operation of the Commission and the Department. There were two disappointments; one being the bill that would have allowed the Secretary to commission Federal Agents to enforce state laws. Passed House, died on Senate Floor. Bill has resurfaced and is being discussed in Baton Rouge today. Other bill that Department lost

would have allowed the Department to charge a fee of \$35.00 for consumptive uses on wildlife management areas and refuges. Lost by three or four votes and it like most other fee bills from other agencies died. The Turkey Federation had come up with a bill to require a turkey license, \$10.50, which the Department supported but the bill died. The good part was that the Department got about twenty five pieces of legislation passed commented Mrs. Van Sickle. The first two bills, introduced by Hunt Downer at the request of the Department, Civil Service Commission, Wildlife Agents Association and the State Troopers Association, will take away the supplemental pay from the Legislature for the \$260 that agents get in their monthly paychecks. Reason for doing this is that the supplemental pay which has gotten the agent up to making a little over a \$1,000 a month, other wise they would be making \$800, was always awarded at the discretion of the Legislators. Herb Summral, Director of Civil Service the Agents and the State Troopers have always felt like this was not very much security and asked the Department for their help in having the law taken out and have the Constitution changed so that the supplemental pay would not be granted by the Legislature. Mr. Sumrall would get this incorporated into their base pay. The Civil Service Commission wrote a letter to the Department saying that they would do this the minute the bills passed. Both bills passed with no problems, 34-0 on Constitutional Amendment and 37-0 on the Additional Salary that would be incorporated in the base pay. Another bill that was introduced by Hunt Downer made it against the law to obstruct a Wildlife Enforcement Agent in the performance of his duties. Several bills were introduced by Representative Ralph Miller which were not Department bills. The crabbers decided that they were going to form an organization and would also like to have a task force. They organized themselves and came up with five pieces of legislation that will affect the crab industry. The Department did sit down with the crab industry and Representative Miller to work out these bills for law enforcement purposes. One bill was on the percentage of undersized crabs at ten percent, using grates that crabbers use to sort crabs, which is a more reasonable percentage than five percent. The Department will go along with this and if it does not cause a problem will continue to support it. Another bill was on increasing the penalty for taking undersized crabs, another one requires license number on crab trap; another bill makes it a Class 5 Violation for the theft of crab traps. Randy Roach passed a bill that regards the settings of shrimp seasons and zones which would require the Commission to state the reasons that the shrimp season is opened the way it is. The Department and Commission has always stated the reasons why the shrimp season is opened. Department had a bill that was introduced through Robert Adley that was a companion to what the Turkey Federation wanted to do on the extension of turkey season through May 15. The Department let the bill die because of another bill that passed in the Senate that took care of this issue for the Department.

Bills sponsored by the Department:

HB 1209 - Forfeiture of Game for Violations, has been signed, Act 235 can confiscate everything. Mandatory confiscation at a certain point. Class 4 violation and above.

HB 1212 - Allows the Department to sell two pieces of property in New Orleans. Two story Sheriff's Prescient building that was bought by the Department in 1957 with the 400 Royal Street Building and parking lot which fronts Conti Street. Passed with amendments but has not been signed by the Governor. New office space for New Orleans office is dependent upon selling of properties. Ms. Baker will report on this later on in the meeting. Will need concurrence from the Commission.

HB 1216 - Provides for vesting of Wildlife and Fisheries Officers in making burglary, thief and litter case. Introduced through Scogin. Department was accidentally omitted from original legislation that allowed the State Troopers to make litter cases and keep part of the fine. Will allow agents to go out and make \$100 litter case and \$96 will be returned to the Department. Has been signed by the Governor. Act 236.

HB 1217 - Increases the non-resident fishing license fees by roughly \$100. Doubles fees. Non-residents for the basic commercial fishing license only paid twice what residents paid. Every other type of gear license for non-resident and commercial license is four times, so this makes this license four times what the resident pays. Passed House 94-0, passed Senate 36-0.

HB 1218 - Allows the interest in the Natural Heritage Trust to stay in the trust as it is accrued rather than being deposited in the General Fund.

HB 1219 - Revocation of a oyster license. As a result of the Department's work with the oyster industry and task force and trying to get the people harvesting polluted oysters out of the water, this bill was introduced that would revoke their right to harvest oysters after the second violation. Heavily supported by industry and passed House and Senate.

HB 1220 - Operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol. Officers can now give a DWI on the water and pull driver's license.

HB 1222 - Originally introduced requiring that sharks be landed with the head and caudal fin attached to the shark. Basically would ruin the commercial shark fishing industry because urea builds up in the tissue of the shark if the head is left on after the shark is dead and the fin is on. Bill was amended with the Department's consent to allow for detailed reporting of shark landings by anybody who lands and sells sharks in the state.

HB 1223 - Allows distribution of licenses out of the Baton Rouge Office. Will directly be distributing licenses to K-Mart's, Fred Parnells', Steinberg, etc. in East Baton Rouge parish. Program will

start next year, May 1990. This bill will be saving the Department between \$50-60 thousand dollars.

HB 1387 - Saltwater trip license for non-residents. Introduced by Glover. Will allow a non-resident to purchase a \$8 trip (2 days only) license for saltwater fishing. Signed by the Governor. Act 246.

Several bills came from the Oyster Task Force and Department staff.

HB 1494 - Does not require the Department to issue permits for harvesting oysters on public seed grounds.

HB 1495 - Requires that oysters be culled on seed grounds so the oyster reef cannot be taken away.

HB 1590 - Requires that anyone working on an oyster boat actively harvesting oysters has to buy a oyster harvesting license. New license - this is aimed at getting the unprofessional people out of the water that are harvesting polluted oysters. Cost is \$100 a year - came from the oyster industry. Will generate enough money for the Department and the Health Department to upgrade what is being done with the oyster. Sixty percent of the funds raised from this will stay with wildlife and the rest will go to the Health Department. The Oyster Harvesting License is what will be revoked if a person is caught a second time harvesting polluted oysters.

HB 1499 - Changes the inside/outside line in Barataria Pass and Caminada Pass areas. Introduced by Steve Theriot. Changed to one point just like the rest of the coast. Inside/outside is the same whether you are in Plaquemine, Terrebonne, St. Bernard for law enforcement purposes. Shrimp Task Force supported bill.

HB 1497 - Mandates that the shrimp caught during open spring season white shrimp can be ten percent undersized white shrimp. The Federal government has been waiting for the state to pass this and Mr. Bowman drafted a letter transmitting act (Act 85) to the National Marine Fisheries Service. Upon receipt the Department is asking the Gulf Council to inform the Federal government that all the details have been taken care of so that they can enact a Federal regulation that states that shrimp caught in Federal waters must be landed consistent with state regulations.

Some of the Senate Bills are:

SB 274 - Allow the Agriculture Department to transfer to the Department part of the Woodworth property. Building will be renovated and a shooting range will be setup. Trading some Department land for this improved property. Sponsored by Joe McPherson.

SB 396 - Provides for monthly reporting of certain commercial fisheries date to the Department. Some trouble in House Committee but passed.

Major shrimp organization came out and supported and Department pushed hard. Sponsored by Kelly.

SB 398 - Eliminates reciprocal hunting license provisions for certain states. Introduced by Kelly. Last state having a reciprocal license provision and Louisiana sportsmen were getting the short end of the deal. Passed both House and Senate.

SB 399 - Repeals certain provisions relating to reciprocal fishing licenses. Introduced by Kelly. Eliminated the unconstitutional provision in the law.

Mrs. Van Sickle asked Kell McInnis to summarize the fish bills that gives more authority on fisheries.

Mr. McInnis summarized the following:

SB 392 - Introduced by Kelly. Most important bill. Allows the LWFC to set limits, etc. of certain fresh and saltwater finfish with exception of red drum and spotted bass.

SB 393 - Introduced by Kelly. Specific to freshwater game fish. Provides for daily limits for certain freshwater game and legal size of blue catfish. White Bass Task Force strongly supported this bill.

Another bill that Mr. McInnis brought to the attention of the Commission was:

SB 750 - Introduced by Kelly. Allows the Commission to really take complete control over all wildlife in the state. Directs Commission to promulgate rules and regulations to manage wildlife. This bill was the reason that the Department let the turkey bill die. The turkey issue can be taken care of with this bill.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners, Mrs. Van Sickle, Mr. McInnis and Mr. Don Puckett on redfish limits, three year expiration date, emergency powers, etc. Mrs. Van Sickle asked Mr. Jerry Clark to prepare a briefing on the red drum stock assessment for the Commissioners to be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Some other bills brought to the attention of the Commissioner by Mrs. Van Sickle were:

SB 662 - Introduced by Doland. Rockefeller Trust Fund. A bill was passed several year ago that required that the Rockefeller Trust Fund be increased from 20 million to 30 million dollars starting in 1989. When bill was established the Department was not in financial bind as they are not. This bill will unable the trust fund to reach the 30 million dollars a little slower, at five percent per year, and will free up over a millions in Rockefeller Trust Fund. From this bill six hundred thousand will be available for land acquisition (three hundred thousand for waterfowl type areas and another three hundred thousand

for upland game areas). Some other provisions of the bill are: Hundred thousand dollars to Fur and Alligator Council, and fifty thousand for a nature trail at Rockefeller for the public.

Chairman Hines asked about the bill that provided for twenty five percent of the license fee. The bill passed, was not an administration bill, but the Department did support it. Requires that the Department honor the dedication of license fees towards land acquisitions on a monthly basis. The Department has been done this and there is about seven hundred and fifty thousand already.

Mrs. Van Sickle continued with her report and informed the Commission that the State has been sued for back payment of shell dredging revenues ten percent. Could cost the State as much as four million dollars. Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana all set their shrimp season to open the same day. Vernon Beville, Director for Mississippi, has arranged the first Gulf Coast Fisheries Directors meeting in August. Mrs. Van Sickle and Mr. Jerry Clark will be attending this meeting in Mississippi. Twice a year the Gulf States Directors are going to try and get together to discuss shrimp seasons, size limits, etc. The Department is now in the process of developing an inventory of every scenic river in the State. The Parks Service, under a cooperative agreement, has sent two people that are working with the Department's people almost full time to develop this inventory, what is important about them fisheries wise, habitat wise, will have maps of all the scenic rivers, and developing management plans for all the scenic rivers in the State. The whole Scenic Rivers Program comes under the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries pointed out Mrs. Van Sickle and has been since 1964. Mrs. Van Sickle commented on the situation with the Office of Forestry over the easements of the Corps being acquired for the Atchafalaya Basin lands. At the last Forestry Commission Meeting Mrs. Van Sickle brought this issue up and the State Forester was asked to sit down with the Department and work out a feasible plan that would protect the quality of the basin, and the timber in the basin without totally prohibiting timber harvest which is what Congress mandated the Corps to do and by these easement would still allow the timber industry to survive but not to clearcut the resources. Problem is they say you cannot clearcut but yet one tree can be left standing and it would not be considered clearcut. Just saying no clearcutting does not get done what needs to be done pointed out Mrs. Van Sickle. An agreement has been worked out by Dave Soileau, Governor's Office, representative from the USFWS, and the State Forester and have all signed off on what the Corps should do. Mrs. Van Sickle concluded her report. Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Pol complimented her on her report and believes it is a good addition to the agenda.

Chairman Hines welcomed former Assistant Secretary Joe Herring to the meeting and called for the Law Enforcement Report

At Friday's meeting Mr. Winton Vidrine presented the law enforcement reports for April and May at Friday's meeting. Mr. Vidrine gave the case report for the month of May. Region One - Minden, total

of 219 cases; Region Two - Monroe, total of 128 cases; Region Three - Alexandria, total of 244 cases; Region Four - Ferriday, total of 47 cases; Region Five - Lake Charles, total of 273 cases; Region Six - Opelousas, total of 418 cases; Region Seven - Baton Rouge, total of 278 cases; and Region Eight - New Orleans, total of 978 cases. Total number of cases made in May 1989 was 2, 613 and in May 1988 there were 2,101 cases made. This is an increase of 512 cases pointed out Mr. Vidrine. The case report for the month of June was given next. Region One - Minden, total of 142 cases; Region Two - Monroe, total of 151 cases; Region Three - Alexandria, total of 136 cases; Region Four - Ferriday, of 82 cases; Region Five - Lake Charles, total of 182 cases; Region Six - Opelousas, total of 204 cases; Region Seven - Baton Rouge, total of 190 cases; and Region Eight - New Orleans, total of 574 cases. Mr. Jenkins questions the number of cases in Region Eight in June as compared to the number made made in May. Reason for the drop was that Shrimp Season opened. There are now twenty two agents in Region Eight. Total number of cases made in June 1989 was 1,852 and in June 1988 there were 1,672 cases made. Increase of 180 cases from last year. The new time and attendance report to be used by the Enforcement Division was explained and copies furnished to the Commissioners.

An Operation Game Thief update was given by Keith LaCaze. Mr. LaCaze reported that that there is still a problem with the 800 system with low percentage of arrest per rate of calls coming in and back in February it was decided to do a study to evaluate the study and get some answers and track the call that were coming through. During the months of March and April this study was carried out at Region Seven. Requested that all the complaints received on the 800 line be check out as soon as possible by the field officers and a written disposition provided on each complaint. The Supervisor of Region Seven kept tally of the calls received and recorded dispositions from the field officers. In the event that a complaint resulted in an arrest the number of citations issued and for what offense this was recorded. On no case calls the officers provided an opinion as to any reason why no violation was found and also provided confirmation, when possible, whether or not there was in fact a violation. At the end of the study period information was assembled that was obtained for the report. This also compares the cases made by 800 line complaint to cases that were by agents on assigned patrol. During the month of March, twenty nine complaints of violations on the 800 line in Region Seven. Twenty eight of those there were no cases made, one case was made which was hunting turkey over bait. There were 146 cases made by other means by agents on assigned patrol. Total cases made for month of March 146 cases were made. During the month of April there were twenty five complaints that came in on the 800 line for Region Seven. Twenty one of these calls were no case but there were four cases made. These were a live deer without permit; no hunting license and hunting with an unplugged gun; another was possession of untagged parts, transport alligator parts, selling or purchase game fish, transport game fish for sale, transport game fish for sale, transport seafood without permit, Lacy Act violation for transporting alligator meat across state lines without permission; and last case was another hunting turkey over bait.

Twelve citation given as a result of the 800 complaints and 350 cases made by patrolling agents during that time for a total of 362 for the the month of April. There were 509 total citations for Region Seven during the study period, 13 from 800 complaints and 496 made from scheduled patrol of agents. Very small fraction of the total cases made during the period which resulted from 800 calls, but should be noted that those cases are very substantial cases stated Mr. LaCaze and these cases may never have been detected if someone had not called in and informed on these particular violations. The Enforcement Division feels like the 800 call system is valuable and generally where these type of calls pay off is when someone calls in and tells you when something is going to happen. The only recommendation that Mr. LaCaze could make to improve the number of arrest made off of the 800 call complaints was to improve the communication system out in the field where there is radio communication with everybody statewide. The problem is that there are times you cannot contact the agents to give them the complaints. If the radio system could be improved to where there could be statewide communication and you could talk to a agent anywhere in the state this would help concluded Mr. LaCaze.

At Friday's meeting the property in New Orleans was discussed by Ms. Bettie Baker. Mr. Baker informed the Commission that HB 1212 did pass and presumed that the Governor will sign off on it. In 1957 the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission purchased three pieces of property in New Orleans. For 1.1 million dollars they obtained the 400 Royal Street property, a piece of property on Chartres Street and a piece of property on Conti Street. HB 1212 gives the Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to sell the two pieces of property on Chartres and Conti Streets across from 400 Royal. There are a couple of ways to dispose of property in the State. One is authorized by Act 887 of the 1987 Regular session Legislature which gives the departmental authority to declare property as surplus. It is turned over to the State Land Office and they sell it with the proceeds reverting back to the General Fund. Since the buildings were purchased with Conservation Fund monies the Department wanted the proceeds from the sale to come back to the Department so therefore HB 1212 was needed to enable this to be done. With 1212 passing this sets a good precedent for the Department in upholding the position that a clear title is held to the property therefore if any sale, transfer of any of the properties take place the Department should be properly compensated for that transfer of property. There has been quite a bit of controversy over the 400 Royal Street property and the rumors that are being heard are that the Supreme Court wants this property. They have Capital Outlay approval for 16 million dollars to renovate the building once Wildlife and Fisheries moves out. The one loophole that the Department sees in this is that the Department is not being compensated in any form or fashion for this transfer and nobody has ever talked with Mrs. Van Sickle or Ms. Baker about the Department moving out of the building. There has been no discussions on obtaining permission to get the building, no offers have been made for compensation of any sort for these properties stated Ms. Baker. The Department is of the opinion that if our 400 Royal Street property is taken away that there should be some sort of

compensation to the Department since Wildlife and Fisheries actually owns the 400 Royal Street property concluded Ms. Baker. Mr. Jenkins stated that he had asked that this issue be put on the agenda because he has heard the something that everyone has been hearing about who was going to get the building and what was to be done with it. Mr. Jenkins believes it is in the Department's best interest and duty if the property is to be disposed of to dispose of it at fair market value.

Chairman Hines (providing HB 1212 is signed by Governor) brought before the Commission that authorization be given to the Secretary to sell or lease the two certain New Orleans properties located at 410, 412, and 413 Chartres Street and 529 Conti Street in the City of New Orleans in accordance with HB 1212 which requires that it be sold or leased in accordance with the public bid law. Mr. Pol moved that the Commission give Mrs. Van Sickle the authority to proceed. Seconded by Mr. McCall. Discussion called for by Chairman Hines.

Ms. Baker commented that she has been working very closely with the people at the State Land Office and at the Property Department with the State and they both support the Department's opinion and position. They have been very helpful. There has been a bit of conflict within the Division of Administration over the property itself, but the Department has received concurrence to have a public auction for these two properties and has gotten a lot of interested bidders. Ms. Baker believes that a very healthy price can be obtained from these two properties. The Department should end up with a very favorable position as a result of this stated Ms. Baker.

Chairman Hines asked for further comments concerning the two pieces of property; there being none he called for vote. Passed unanimously.

On the 400 Royal Street property, Mr. Pol asked Ms. Baker if there has been a MAI appraisal on the property. Ms. Baker answered that there has not but the State Land Office did an analysis, as they did with the other two properties, on the Royal Street property. The analysis was so low that Ms. Baker stated that she would not even present them to the Commission as legitimate appraisals. Mr. Jenkins proposed a resolution on the 400 Royal Street property.

Resolution moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. McCall. Chairman Hines called for discussion. Mrs. Van Sickle pointed out that Legislative approval has to be obtained to be able to sell the building and not have the money go into the General Fund and this was the reason for HB 1212. Commission does not have authority to sell the building and have money deposited in the Conservation Fund unless there is legislation passed that will allow this. Discussion ensued between the Commissioners and those attending the meeting on the resolution and restrictions on expenditures of monies received from the 400 Royal Street property. Mr. Pol made substitute motion to Mr. Jenkins' motion that in the second paragraph "WHEREAS, It is now the belief of this Commission...." to delete "being dedicated to acquisition of

appropriate wildlife habitat in this state, and" and insert "being deposited in a trust fund until the Commission decides further disposition of the money within sixty days of deposit ." Seconded by Mr. McCall. Chairman Hines called for vote on Mr. Pol's motion on resolution. Motion passed. Ms. Baker stressed that it was very important that the Department solicit the support of the sportsmen. The only way that things can be turned around is to get the people of the State of Louisiana to write their legislator and let them know how concerned they are about an issue. It is important that they feel that the purpose that these funds are dedicate toward are in the sportsmen's best interest. The Department needs to be creditable in the uses of monies, when and if the Department is allowed to do this. Mr. Jenkins stated that is what we would not be doing if the resolution is passed. Mr. McCall made a motion that the the motion for disposal of the property be reconsidered, seconded by Mr. Jenkins. Insert in the resolution "with the primary purpose being dedicated to the acquisition of appropriate wildlife and fish habitat in this State and the establishment of a fish hatchery." Mr. Bert Jones made motion to accept new wording in resolution, seconded by Mr. Pol. Mr. Pol withdrew his motion. Chairman Hines called for vote on motion. Motion passed.

(The full text of this resolution is
made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, This Commission acquired the buildings and property located at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, in 1957 at a price of \$1,100,000.00, which price was paid from Conservation Fund monies and which price included the properties at 410, 412 aand 414 Chartres Stree and 529 Conti Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, It is now the belief of this Commission that it is in the best interest of the State and the Department to dispose of this property at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, and to do so only by sale, and at the highest possible price. It is also the belief of this Commission that the proceeds from the sale of this property at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, should go to the Conservation Fund and that these proceedss should primary be dedicated to the acquisition of appropriate wildlife and fish habitat and the establishment of a fish hatchery in the State of Louisiana under the direction of the Department, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby state its intention to sell the building and property located at 400 Royal Street after appraisal and in such a manner as to seek and obtain the highest possible price for said property, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does not intend, nor will it consent to any other disposition of said property, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby direct the Secretary and Department staff to obtain an appraisal of said property at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and to immediately begin all proceedings necessary to accomplish this sale in accordance with this resolution with the proceeds from such sale being primarily dedicated to the acquisition of appropriate wildlife and fish habitat and the establishment of a fish hatchery in the State of Louisiana under the direction of the Department.

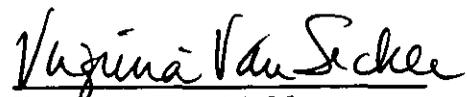
Grand Chenier, Louisiana this 7th day of July, 1989.

The September meeting date was set for Thursday and Friday, September 7-8, 1989 in Baton Rouge.

Chairman Hines, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Norman and Joyce McCall for an outstanding evening and the Rockefeller staff for their help.

Mrs. Van Sickle stated if the Commission sends somebody to the Washington, D.C. meeting (waterfowl) they should have some strict instructions from the Commission to what they are suppose to talk about. Chairman Hines explained that the number one priority is the half hour before sunrise shooting time and second would be to ask for a three day teal season for the following year for the simple reason that the number of birds killed is going to be inconsequential to the total outcome of the bird population but the advantages are habitat improvement, hunting license sales, fund raising by Ducks Unlimited, etc. Advantages outweigh disadvantages. Mr. Pol stated that he plans to go with Mr. Bateman and asked that they be able to speak and try to get the best they can get. It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners by Mr. Hugh Bateman that there was a conflict with the date of the hearing in Washington, D.C. and the Commission meeting in August and it was decided that Mr. Bert Jones would go to Washington, D.C. in Mr. Pol's place.

Since there was no other business or public comments Mr. McCall made motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Jenkins and passed unanimously.


Virginia Van Sickle

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, This Commission acquired the buildings and property located at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, in 1957 at a price of \$1,100,000.00, which price was paid from Conservation Fund monies and which price included the properties at 410, 412 and 414 Chartres Street and 529 Conti Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, It is now the belief of this Commission that it is in the best interest of the State and the Department to dispose of this property at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, and to do so only by sale, and at the highest possible price. It is also the belief of this Commission that the proceeds from the sale of this property at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, should go to the Conservation fund, and that these proceeds should primarily be dedicated to the acquisition of appropriate wildlife and fish habitat and the establishment of a fish hatchery in the State of Louisiana, under the direction of the Department.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby state its intention to sell the building and property located at 400 Royal Street after appraisal and in such a manner as to seek and obtain the highest possible price for said property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does not intend, nor will it consent to any other disposition of said property.

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Grand Chenier, Louisiana this 7th day of July, 1989.



Donald Hines, Chairman



Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1989

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT ROCKEFELLER REFUGE IN GRAND CHENIER, JULY 7, 1989.

WHEREAS, it is the constitution responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and requests from sportsmen of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Commission proposed these regulations on May 4, 1989 as a Notice of Intent, received no adverse comments, and met the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, now

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



Don Hines, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

Rule
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the May 1988 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby adopts regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period October 1, 1989-April 30, 1990. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115(A) of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Game Division, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

SUMMARY OF 1989-90
HUNTING SEASON REGULATIONS

Quail: Nov. 23-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 10, possession 20.
Rabbit: Oct. 7-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.
Squirrel: Oct. 7-Jan. 14. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.
Deer: One per day. 6 per season.

Area 1 - 56 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
40 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 17

Area 2 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
26 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 3 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
26 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 4 - 46 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
30 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 7

Area 5 - 16 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

Turkey: One per day. 3 per season

Area A - 30 days. Mar. 31-Apr. 29

Area B - 37 days. Mar. 17-Apr. 22

Area C - 9 days. Apr. 21-29

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1989

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT ROCKEFELLER REFUGE IN GRAND CHENIER, JULY 7, 1989.

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, attended meetings in Washington, D.C. on June 21, 1989 on upland migratory birds and teal, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing these migratory game birds were discussed at this meeting, and

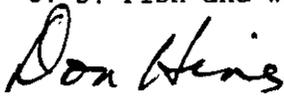
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Biologists have discussed tentative season dates for upland migratory birds, and

WHEREAS, final adoption of season dates for upland migratory birds cannot be established until requirements of the Federal Register process are met in August, and

WHEREAS, no changes in regulations framework from last year are anticipated, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby propose tentative dates for dove, snipe and woodcock for the 1989-90 hunting season as recommended by the staff of the Louisiana Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these season dates will be adopted at the August meeting as an emergency rule so long as no changes are mandated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Don Hines, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

1989-90 Tentative Season Dates
For
Dove, Snipe and Woodcock

Species	Season Dates	Days	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Dove	Sept. 2-10	9	12	24
	Oct. 14-Nov. 12	30	12	24
	Dec. 9-Jan. 8	<u>31</u>	12	24
		70 total		
Snipe	Nov. 11-Feb. 25	107	8	16
Woodcock	Dec. 9-Feb. 11	65	5	10

Shooting Hours

Dove: Noon to Sunset, Sept. 2-3, Oct. 14-15, and Dec. 9-10, the remainder of the season 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Snipe and Woodcock: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

NOTE: Rail and Gallinule season dates will be set at the August 1989 meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Season dates for these species are tied to waterfowl dates, so no tentative dates will be set at this time.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND
FISHERIES COMMISSION AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD IN
GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA
FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority under State and Federal Statute to establish an alligator season, and

WHEREAS, The alligator population in Louisiana has been determined by biologists of the Department to be capable of sustaining an annual harvest of surplus animals; and

WHEREAS, The removal of the surplus animals is considered to be a wise use of this natural resource of the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules, regulations, and guidelines for administering the 1989 alligator season.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the excerpt of the minutes of the meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in Grand Chenier, Louisiana on Friday, July 7, 1989.



Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries



Donald Hines, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT ROCKEFELLER REFUGE IN GRAND CHENIER, JULY 7, 1989.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries established the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) in 1981, and

WHEREAS, this program provides technical assistance to cooperators and provides special tags to aid in the removal of antlerless deer to maintain proper sex ratios, and

WHEREAS, the popularity of the program has grown with sportsmen and landowners since its inception, and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 800 cooperators and 1.7 million acres enrolled, and

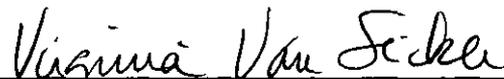
WHEREAS, expenditure by the Department for operation of the program has increased to more than \$141,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, in these austere times, governmental agencies must strive to offset operational cost to the extent possible, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Department to assess a _____ registration fee and a _____ per acre consultation fee for each DMAP Cooperator.



Don Hines, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COST
AND
PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULES

1987-88

Total Acreage Enrolled: 1,700,000 Acres
Total Enrollment: 833 Clubs
Tags Issued: 15,390

<u>District</u>	<u># Clubs</u>	<u>Biologist Man Days</u>	<u>Specialist Man Days</u>	<u>Secretary Man Days</u>
1	304	180	0	40
2	113	210	46	5
3	27	50	0	5
4	80	105	4	10
5	51	48	0	5
6	83	71	5	7
7	124	200	0	25
8	51	35	0	0
Study Leader	<u>---</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
	833	974	55	97

Personnel Expense:	Biologist	974 @ 125.00	\$121,750
	Specialist	55 @ 100.00	\$5,500
	Secretary	97 @ 75.00	\$7,275

Total Operational Costs:

Misc. Cost (postage, copies, telephone, etc.)	\$5,000
Cost of tags	<u>\$1,650</u>
TOTAL	\$141,175

Option 1

\$25.00 Enrollment Fee	833 clubs @ \$25.00/club	\$20,825
plus	1.7 million acres @	
0.01 per acre	0.01/acre	<u>\$17,000</u>
		\$37,825
Smallest club (500A) Cost - \$30		
Largest club (20,000A) Cost - \$225		

Option 2

\$25.00 Enrollment Fee	833 clubs @ \$25.00/club	\$20,825
plus	1.7 million acres @	
.03 per acre	.03/acre	<u>\$51,000</u>
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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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WHEREAS, expenditure by the Department for operation of the program has increased to more than \$141,000 annually, and

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Don Hines, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

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AND
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1987-88

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5	51	48	0	5
6	83	71	5	7
7	124	200	0	25
8	51	35	0	0
Study Leader	<u>---</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
	833	974	55	97

Personnel Expense:	Biologist	974 @ 125.00	\$121,750
	Specialist	55 @ 100.00	\$5,500
	Secretary	97 @ 75.00	\$7,275

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Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
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Largest club (20,000A) Cost - \$1,025		1,025
	1,050	

* Different Regions have different approaches
in information gathering

From The Desk of:

Don Puckett

To : Sharon

This is original
resolution to be
filed w/ Comm-
minutes and records.





Oysters
+ opinions

VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
POST OFFICE BOX 98000
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PHONE (504) 765-2800

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

July 11, 1989

TO: Winton Vidrine

FROM: Donald E. Puckett

RE: Cost of Returning Oysters to the Waters

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Puckett", written over the "FROM:" line of the memo.

The Commission's resolution of July 7, 1989 relative to the above subject is attached hereto and is self-explanatory. In accordance with the Commission's mandate, please distribute copies of this resolution to all Judges and District Attorneys in those parishes which are involved with oyster cases.

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been called to the Commission's attention that in illegal oyster cases where oysters are required to be returned to the waters, it has, in some instances, been necessary to do so at the expense of the Department; and

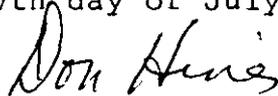
WHEREAS, R.S. 56:58C provides that the Commission may require the return of the oysters at the expense of the person from whom seized; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that the oysters be returned at the expense of the person from whom seized.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby state its intention to and does hereby officially require that all oysters which are required to be returned to the waters of the state shall henceforth be returned at the expense of the persons from whom seized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary through the Enforcement Division is hereby directed to provide an informational copy of this resolution to all appropriate District Attorneys and Judges.

Grand Chenier, Louisiana this 7th day of July, 1989.



Don Hines, Chairman



Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

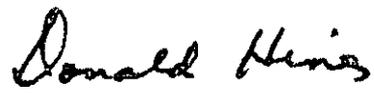
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND
FISHERIES COMMISSION AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD IN
GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA
FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989

- WHEREAS, The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority under State and Federal Statute to establish an alligator season, and
- WHEREAS, The alligator population in Louisiana has been determined by biologists of the Department to be capable of sustaining an annual harvest of surplus animals; and
- WHEREAS, The removal of the surplus animals is considered to be a wise use of this natural resource of the state of Louisiana.
- WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules, regulations, and guidelines for administering the 1989 alligator season.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the excerpt of the minutes of the meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in Grand Chenier, Louisiana on Friday, July 7, 1989.



Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries



Donald Hines, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

ALLIGATOR REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA ON FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries recommends that an alligator season be hereby established in accordance with the following regulations: No exceptions of these procedures will be permitted, and anyone taking alligators contrary to these regulations will be charged in accordance with Title 56 of the Louisiana Laws pertaining to Wildlife and Fisheries, appropriate federal laws and regulations, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission regulations, and/or Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regulations.

1. Open Area - Alligator habitat in the state of Louisiana. Harvest quotas will be rigidly controlled according to alligator population estimates within all of the State's wetland habitat types.
2. Harvest season - The open season shall run for a 30 day period beginning on September 9, 1989 and continue through October 8, 1989. It is legal to take, possess, or sell alligators or their skins under 4 feet in length as provided for by rules and regulations of the Commission. A special Department permit shall be issued to alligator hide dealers, farmers, ranchers and hunters in order to ship alligator skins below 4 feet in length.
3. Harvest methods - Alligators may be taken only during daylight hours, between official sunrise and official sunset. If a licensed hunter is cited for hunting alligators out of season, at night or on property other than that for which tags were assigned, all tags and skins for the current season will be confiscated in addition to revocation of the alligator hunting license.

Special instructions will be issued to the holders of alligator hunter licenses shortly before the opening of the season describing detailed methods regarding the skinning of alligators. Skins processed contrary to the specific requirements of the Department will be considered illegal and will be confiscated by Department personnel. Pole hunting is prohibited to protect the nesting female population. Hooks and lines may be set no more than one day prior to the season opening. No hook and line shall remain set after the closing day of the alligator season. All alligator hooks and lines must be checked daily and all hooks and lines must be removed when a hunter's tag quota is reached. Alligators cannot be cut loose from hooks and lines for purposes of selecting larger alligators.

4. Licenses - An alligator hunter must have in possession a valid commercial alligator hunter license to take or sell alligators or their skins or other alligator parts. The fee for the resident license is \$25.00 per year and for the non-resident \$150.00. These licenses are non-transferable. In order to obtain a resident license, the hunter must have established bona fide residence in the state.

A hunter must complete application forms provided by the Department and furnish proof that he owns the land or has an agreement with the landowner or another authorized hunter to hunt alligators on the specified property. Information as to the location and acreage of the property must be provided (all land descriptions must include parish, township, range, and section delineation figures).

Applications must be submitted beginning August 1, 1989. Property ownership and description requirements do not apply to public lake hunters. The alligator hunter license will be issued only after the hunter has satisfactorily complied with the above requirements. Commercial alligator hunter licenses will not be issued after September 18, 1989. Alligator sport hunter licenses may be issued throughout the season. Non-resident hunters and resident sport hunters must coordinate their hunt through landowners and licensed resident hunters. A non-resident hunter may take no more than 3 alligators per season.

A fur buyer license or fur dealer license is required for purchasing and handling raw alligator skins in Louisiana. An alligator parts dealer license is required of any person who deals in alligator parts other than hides and who: (a) Buys from an alligator hunter or farmer for the purpose of resale; or (b) Manufactures within the state, alligator parts into a finished product; or (c) Purchases, cans, processes, or distributes alligator meat for wholesale or retail.

A retailer selling canned alligator parts or a retailer purchasing alligator parts from an alligator parts dealer or restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall not be classified as an alligator parts dealer. The fee for the parts dealer license is \$50.00 per year.

Persons or firms entering alligators, alligator eggs, or alligator skins and/or parts in interstate/foreign commerce in the course of a commercial activity must be licensed in accordance with state and federal regulations. Persons shipping alligators, alligator eggs, or alligator skins and/or parts to another state or country must do so in accordance with the regulations of that state or country.

Each retailer selling canned alligator parts or purchasing alligator parts and each restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall secure a license from the Department before commencing business. The license shall be secured annually and shall be furnished upon the payment of five dollars.

5. Disposition, Validation, Tagging and Labeling - All alligators killed within the State including those killed on farms and ranches shall have an official \$4.00 harvest tag attached. All shipments of eggs and alligators transported or otherwise disposed of out-of-state shall have an official alligator/egg shipping label attached prior to transport or shipment out-of-state. A \$4.00 fee will be charged for each egg or alligator contained within the shipment.

In addition to a valid commercial alligator hunting license, the hunter must also obtain from the Department, and have in his possession while hunting, official harvest tags which must be firmly attached to each alligator immediately upon taking. Numbered tags will only be issued in the name of license holders. Alligator tags will not be issued after September 18, 1989.

Harvest tags will be issued throughout the year to alligator farmers and ranchers and will only be issued to holders of valid Nongame Quadruped Breeders Licenses. All alligator tags issued to farmers and ranchers will only be issued from Rockefeller Refuge. Tags must be attached and locked in the last six (6) inches of the tail. The tags must remain attached to the skin until final processing by the fabricator.

It shall be illegal to possess dead alligators or alligator skins in Louisiana without valid official tags or labels attached. Failure to properly tag or label an alligator or skin will result in confiscation of both the alligator or skin and tag. Alligator farmers and ranchers may hold dead farm raised alligators which may have died from disease in freezers until officially checked by a Department biologist. Rockefeller Refuge must be notified within 30 days of any such deaths.

Official alligator tags will be issued to alligator hunters who have authorized applications. Each official tag will bear a serial number, and the tag issued to each hunter will be recorded. The number of tags will be issued on the basis of the quantity and quality of the habitat, and the rate per acre will be fixed based on extensive population estimates. Tags will be issued for alligator habitat only, based on final decision of Department biologists.

Hunters, farmers and ranchers will be held accountable for all alligator tags issued to them. Unused tags must be returned by the hunter to the Department no later than 15 days following the close of the season. Violation of this requirement shall result in the revocation of the alligator hunting license and no alligator tags will be issued for one year.

Department personnel must be notified, within 15 days following the season, of any alligator hides not sold to a commercial buyer or dealer on official Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries forms provided. Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced but must be reported within 15 days of close of season. Tags can be used only on the lands applied for and approved on the application.

Tags furnished by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Color: Blue) must be attached to all unprocessed alligator meat/parts upon transfer by a hunter or farmer.

Each shipment or transport of eggs or alligators out of the jurisdictional boundaries of Louisiana shall have affixed an official numbered alligator/egg shipping label which will be available upon request from the Department. This label will contain the numbers of eggs and/or alligators being shipped/transported, the name and license number of the shipper and the destination address. Each label will be validated by a Department employee. Shipment of eggs or alligators being used for Department sanctioned research shall be exempt from the label fee but shall be accompanied by a permit issued by the Department.

6. Alligator Farmers and Breeders - Licensed alligator farmers and ranchers must have Department authorization to kill and skin their alligators but must follow the same rules and regulations which apply to wild alligators (except farm/ranchered alligators can be harvested during closed season with Department approval). Alligator farmers and ranchers must have written Department authorization to sell or transfer live alligators or alligator eggs. All such requests shall be forwarded to Rockefeller Refuge. All alligator farmers and ranchers shall adhere to all requirements contained in their state Alligator Farming/Ranching Permit.
7. Sale of Alligator Skins - All alligator skins taken during the alligator season must be validated by personnel of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries prior to the hides leaving the state. Special skinning instructions will be verified, and skins not prepared according to instructions issued in advance of season will be considered illegal. Buyers/dealers must abide by special skinning instructions or be subject to forfeiture of improperly skinned hides.

8. Buyer/Dealer Hide Records - All buyers and dealers making purchases of alligator hides shall maintain a complete set of records of all purchases and sales. Such records will include names and addresses of buyers and/or sellers, alligator hide tag number and length, and date purchased. Dealers will submit reports as required by the Department for all hides purchased/sold. Every buyer or dealer having raw alligator hides in his possession shall file with the Department within sixty days after the close of the alligator season, or prior to shipping out-of-state, a complete report as specified on forms provided by the Department.
9. Shipment - All interstate shipments of raw alligator skins must be tagged with official out-of-state shipping tags provided by the Department. All shipments of skins within the State must be tagged with official Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in-state shipping tags. A severance tax of 25 cents per hide must be paid on all out-of-state shipments at the time skins are transported or shipped.
10. Sale of Meat and Parts - Meat and other parts from lawfully taken alligators can only be sold according to Louisiana and federal laws, including Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regulations, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regulations, and federal regulations.

Alligator meat sold for human food must be processed in a licensed facility approved by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. If a person or firm is cited for buying or selling alligator meat that was not processed through a licensed alligator processing plant, all alligator meat in possession will be confiscated.

Alligator hunters, farmers, and parts dealers shall maintain records of all transactions, purchases and sales on forms provided by the Department. These forms shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days following the close of the season and thereafter at 60-day intervals until all parts are sold. All alligator meat and parts, excluding hides, shall be tagged with an official alligator parts tag (Color: Blue) to be furnished by the Department. The alligator parts tag must remain attached until processing by properly licensed individuals or firms.

Hunters, farmers, and alligator parts dealers shall furnish a bill of sale to all retailers and restaurants purchasing alligator parts. This bill of sale shall be maintained for a period of six months.

11. Alligator Nuisance Control Program - This program is incorporated into the Alligator Harvest Program to remove problem alligators occurring within the confines of communities which cannot be harvested under the tag allotment program. This program will allow the taking of problem alligators within the confines of municipal, ward, parish, or state responsibility where there are alligator-people conflicts. The program depends upon close cooperation of state, parish and local authorities.

The primary objective of the Alligator Nuisance Control Program is to reduce the number of human - alligator contacts, yet utilize a valuable natural resource. Alligators taken under this program must be taken in accordance with state regulations and local regulations/ordinances. Skinning instructions issued by the Department will be valid for one year, until the next year's skinning instructions are issued.

The selection of nuisance alligator hunters shall be coordinated through local governing bodies such as Police Juries or Parish and City Administrators. The final selection of nuisance alligator hunters rests with the Department with appropriate background checks of all applicants. Alligator harvest tags may be issued by the Department to an approved resident commercial licensed hunter who has been officially designated by the local governing body with concurrence of the Department. The number of tags issued will be based on the number of legitimate complaints received the quantity and quality of alligator habitat involved and with approval of Department personnel. Numbered tags will only be issued in the name of the nuisance license holder for a sum of \$4.00 per tag.

Disposition of skins, meat and parts taken in this program will comply with existing federal and state statutes, Commission rules and regulations, and regulations adopted by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

12. Hunting On Public Lakes - The Department may select public lakes for an experimental alligator hunting program. The harvest will be controlled by a tag allotment for each lake as determined by population surveys by Department personnel. An alligator hunter can receive tags for and hunt on only one public lake each season. The tag quota for a public lake is 5 per hunter. Alligator tags issued on public lakes are non-transferable.

Applicants for public lake hunting must be 16 years of age or older. Applications for public lake hunting must be received at least 10 days prior to the season opening date. In the event that the number of applicants for any particular public lake exceeds the number of allowable hunters, a public drawing will be held to select hunters. Only the applicants whose names are drawn will be eligible to hunt public lakes.

13. Harvest Rates - Harvest rates are presently being calculated and will be determined by biologists of the Fur and Refuge Division. Aerial nest counts and night count surveys will be completed on July 15, 1989. This data will be analyzed, harvest rates calculated, and alligator tag allotments will be presented to Department/Commission administrators for their consideration.
14. The Department Secretary shall be authorized to close, extend or reopen the alligator season as biologically justifiable; harvest rates will be approved when available by the Department Secretary.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the excerpt of the meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in Grand Chenier, Louisiana on July 7, 1989.



Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries



Donald Hines, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The alligator industry of Louisiana represents a renewable resource, valuable to the economy providing income to in excess of 1,000 participants for the 30-day harvesting season (September 9, through October 8, 1989). The annual harvest of surplus and nuisance animals is in keeping with wise wildlife management techniques based upon scientific research and resulting management.

The regulations governing the taking, tagging, tag allotment, sale and shipment of alligators and products for the 1989 season may be viewed at the Quail Drive Office off Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, phone: (504) 765-2811.

The Department Secretary shall be authorized to close or extend the alligator season as biologically justifiable.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Johnnie W. Tarver, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898.


Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Person Preparing Statement:	<u>Johnnie W. Tarver</u>	Dept:	<u>Wildlife and Fisheries</u>
Phone:	<u>(504)765-2811</u>	Office:	<u>Wildlife</u>
Return Address:	<u>P.O. Box 98000</u>	Rule Title:	<u>1989-90 Annual Alligator</u>
	<u>Baton Rouge, LA</u>		<u>Program Harvest</u>
	<u>70898</u>	Date Rule Takes Effect:	<u>September 9, 1989</u>

SUMMARY

(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. The following summary statements, based on the attached worksheets, will be published in the Louisiana Register with the proposed agency rule.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
(Summary)

Annual cost of implementation is approximately \$1,000 for tags and forms in compliance with CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) and Federal Export Regulations. This cost will be the same in 1989 as it was in 1988.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
(Summary)

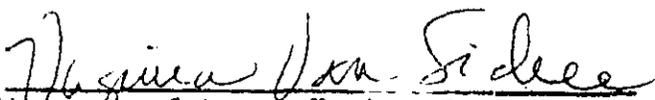
Severance tax (\$.25/skin) is collected by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on each hide exported (\$.25 x 75,000 = \$18,750). A tag fee of \$4.00 per tag has been established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (\$4.00 x 75,000 tags issued = \$300,000), to replace the \$2.00 fee charged each hunter for all tags used during the 1988 season.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Annual harvest of alligators at the basic level is approximately \$7.9 million and is projected to increase as the harvesting allotment figures are adjusted to allow maximum utilization. Additionally, the farmer income is anticipated at \$15,750,000 for 50,000,000 skins. This income may be multiplied as the skins move through commerce from the harvester landowner, fur buyer, fur dealer, tannery, fabricator, dresser, wholesaler and finally the retailer.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The alligator harvest program stimulates employment in the entire state especially in areas of largest harvest, i.e., coastal parishes. Approximately 75,000 hides and 750,000 pounds of meat enter commerce as a result of the Alligator Harvest Program. Temporary employment far in excess of 2,000 persons will result.


Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Typed Name and Title of Agency Head or Designee

July 5, 1989
Date of Signature

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

Date of Signature

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberations on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

To establish an Alligator Harvest Program (AHP) including pen raised and wild populations statewide, and to establish a fee of \$4.00 per tag for each alligator harvested in 1988.

- B. Summarize the circumstances which require this action. If the action is required by federal regulations, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

Alligator populations have expanded through a total prohibited take, cooperative court systems, landowners, local law enforcement authorities and public interest in protecting the species. The increases have resulted in continuing conflicts between land uses, man and other activities (Trapping, hunting, fishing and other forms of outdoor recreation) that can be resolved by harvesting the surplus animals. The new fee (\$4.00) in place of the \$2.00 fee will generate revenues to cover a portion of the Department's cost to manage and enforce the alligator harvesting program.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

(1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) _____ No. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 88-89	FY 89-90	FY 90-91
PERSONAL SERVICES			
OPERATING EXPENSES			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
OTHER CHARGES			
EQUIPMENT			
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-

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POSITIONS(#)

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A.1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

There would be no cost or savings as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. The workload falls within the realm of a regular workday.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 88-89	FY 89-90	FY 90-91
STATE GENERAL FUND			
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED			
DEDICATED			
FEDERAL FUNDS			
OTHER (Specify)			
TOTAL	-0-	0	-0-

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Funds are currently available to implement the proposed action.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide a narrative of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

Not applicable.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit which will be affected by these costs or savings.

Not applicable.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 88-89	FY 89-90	FY 90-91
STATE GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$ 78,750	\$300,000	\$400,000
RESTRICTED FUNDS*	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-
LOCAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	\$ 78,750	\$300,000	\$400,000

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

Prior to 1989 the Department charged each alligator hunter a \$2.00 fee for alligator tags. In 1989 the Department proposes to charge a \$4.00 fee for each alligator tag used. This revenue estimate assumes that there will be the same number of alligator hunters in 1989 as in 1988 but the numbers of tags issued will increase because of the additional farming effort.

1988:	35,000 alligators x \$2.00/skin =	\$ 70,000	Tag fee
	35,000 skins x \$.25/skin =	8,750	Severance tax
		\$ 78,750	
1989:	75,000 alligators x \$4.00/skin =	\$ 300,000	Tag fee
	75,000 skins x \$.25/skin =	18,750	Severance tax
		\$ 318,750	

\$318,750 : 1989

78,750 : 1988

\$240,000 -- projected increase

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

1. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

Increased alligator hunters, fur dealers, fur buyers and landowners will be affected by the proposed action. The AHP will benefit all of these groups with a minimum expense for license fees, severance tax, transportation costs and gear.

2. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

In 1988, 1,535 hunters took 23,526 alligators off 3.9 million acres of habitat averaging \$48.00 per foot, 7'0" in length worth about \$336.00 per skin (valued at \$7.9 million). The 1988 alligator farmed raised alligators resulted in \$3,360,000 worth of skins at the producer level. Additionally, alligator meat sales were valued at approximately \$3,000,000 in 1988.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The establishment of the AHP will stimulate employment in a natural resource area and may attract the establishment of manufacturing and further processing. This resource is renewable and annual removal of surplus animals assures a sustainable yield. The State of Louisiana leads the nation and the world in the production of alligators.

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION REGULATIONS
ON SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following regulations governing the seizure, forfeiture and disposition of quadrupeds, birds, fish, nets and other equipment.

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHIEF OF THE ENFORCEMENT
DIVISION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The Chief of the Enforcement Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall be responsible for the adherence to and implementation of these regulations and the rules of evidence relating to seizures and criminal prosecution.

In any investigation or arrest where objects (guns, nets, traps, boats, motors, or other evidence) are vital to the case and necessary for prosecution, they will be seized, and properly tagged. Receipts are to be issued for seized items. All seized equipment shall be turned in immediately to the Enforcement Division Regional Supervisor who shall be responsible for maintaining records and providing secure storage. However, the agent seizing any gun, net, boat, motor, or other evidence is responsible if the items seized are lost, stolen, or damaged while in his possession. All gear including, but not limited to boats, motors, guns, nets, trawls, vehicles, lights, and traps when found abandoned or unattended and used in violation of law shall be seized and turned in to the Department immediately. Any game birds, game quadrupeds, game fish, commercial fish, non-game quadrupeds, and endangered and protected species seized in connection with abandoned or unattended equipment shall be disposed of in accordance with the following procedures.

The Department, through the Enforcement Division, shall maintain records of all seizures, forfeitures, and releases and shall obtain an appropriate receipt from the possessor or owner of any quadruped, fish, bird, net, trap, gun, boat, light or other equipment, or the proceeds from the sale thereof, that is released by the Department.

Any release of the above based upon a withdrawal or nolle pros of the charges shall require a certified copy of the said withdrawal or nolle pros to be filed with the Chief of the Enforcement Division before the seized items can be released.

All proceeds from any sale of any quadruped, fish, bird, or equipment which is not ordered returned to the possessor or owner thereof shall be deposited in the Conservation fund unless otherwise provided by statute or Deed of Donation, subject to a reasonable administrative cost to be retained by the agency selling on behalf of the Department.

B. PERISHABLE EVIDENCE AND LIVE ANIMALS

1. PERISHABLE EVIDENCE

a. Game Quadrupeds, Game Birds, Outlaw Birds, Game Fish, and Commercial Fish Which Cannot Be Sold

(1) All game quadrupeds, game birds, outlaw birds, game fish and commercial fish which, because of illegal size or other factors, cannot be sold, which are seized by agents, officers or employees of the Department, or other peace officers of the state, shall be donated to charitable organizations, or persons receiving social welfare benefits (i.e., food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children). Donations to persons receiving social welfare benefits shall be subject to applicable laws and regulations governing possession limits. If donation is not possible, then the reasons therefor shall be reflected in the case report, and the seized animals shall be destroyed.

(2) The officer, agent, or employee donating game quadrupeds, game birds or game fish shall obtain a receipt (Form ED-16) which shall be attached to the offense report of the violation in which the quadrupeds or fish were seized. Additionally, where donations are made to persons receiving

social welfare benefits, the officer, agent or employee shall also attach documentary evidence of the person'(s) eligibility for said benefits.

b. Commercial Fish and Non-Game Quadrupeds

(1) All commercial fish of legal size and non-game quadrupeds, when seized by agents, officers or employees of the Department, or other peace officers of the state shall be sold, whenever possible, by the officer making the seizure.

The officer shall obtain three bids from licensed dealers, if and when possible, and shall sell to the highest bidder.

(2) The offense report of the violation in which the fish and non-game quadrupeds were seized shall reflect the names of the companies, the amounts of the bids and the names of the persons making the bids. The money recovered from such sale shall be delivered to the Chief of the Enforcement Division and kept in escrow by the Department until final disposition of the criminal charges. In the event the arresting and seizing officer cannot obtain a sale, the commercial fish and non-game quadrupeds will be donated in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph B.1.a. above, or held by the Department until it is no longer needed for prosecution, at which time it shall be destroyed or disposed of as the Secretary of the Department shall determine.

c. Oysters and Menhaden

Oysters and menhaden or other herring-like fishes shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:58 C. and D.

d. Protected or Endangered Species

Protected or endangered species shall be retained, or an evidentiary sample in accordance with Paragraph

B.1.e. below shall be retained, until the case is resolved and it is no longer needed for evidence, at which time it shall be donated for scientific or educational purposes as determined by the Secretary. If no such donation is possible, it shall be destroyed.

e. Evidentiary Sample

With regard to all perishable evidence upon which criminal charges are pending and which is to be donated or sold in accordance with B.1.a., b. or c. above, the following procedure shall be employed prior to the sale or donation:

(1) Remove, tag, and keep an evidentiary sample to be destroyed or donated in accordance with Paragraph B.1.d. above upon disposition of case.

(2) Take pictures of entire lot of seizure.

f. Unfitness for Human Consumption

Should the seizing officers have reason to believe that the seized animal(s) is unfit for human consumption, then it shall not be sold or donated (except for scientific or educational purposes) and shall be destroyed.

2. LIVE ANIMALS

All live quadrupeds, live birds or live fish seized in connection with a violation shall be returned to its wild habitat or the waters of the State of Louisiana, if possible. If this is not possible or feasible for reasons as determined by the Chief of the Enforcement Division, or for biological reasons as determined by Department staff, the live quadrupeds, live birds and live fish confiscated and seized shall be donated by the Department to zoos or other appropriate educational and scientific research institutions, or at the discretion of the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of B.1.a.(1). If donation is not appropriate then said animals shall be destroyed.

C. NETS, TRAPS, GUNS, BOATS, LIGHTS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

All nets, traps, guns, boats, lights and other equipment shall be held as evidence by the Department until there is a final disposition of the charges or until ordered released by the Court with jurisdiction of the violation. Said release or order shall be in writing and directed to the Secretary of the Department. All such equipment which has been forfeited, or which is unclaimed or unreleased for a period of three (3) years shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder; provided, however that if the equipment is of illegal specifications, or if the Chief of the Enforcement Division determines that sale is not economically feasible because of the value of the items, transportation costs or other factors, then said equipment shall be destroyed or shall be used in accordance with Paragraph 2, in the Secretary's discretion.

Equipment of illegal specifications is that which by design, size, length, mesh size, material composition or construction cannot be lawfully used for the taking of quadrupeds, birds, fish or other resources in the State of Louisiana.

2. USE OF EQUIPMENT BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

All seized nets, traps, guns, boats, lights and other equipment which the Department has held for three (3) years, or which has been forfeited to the Department or the Commission, may be used by Department personnel as determined by the Secretary, including, but not limited to, enforcement, research and educational purposes such as displays and hunter's education. This disposition and use may be exercised in lieu of sale when the Secretary determines that it is in the best interest of the Department.

3. UNATTENDED NETS

All unattended nets which remain unclaimed for a period of thirty (30) days shall be sold, used or destroyed in accordance with the above provisions.

State of Louisiana



DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
SECRETARY

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

July 24, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Division Chiefs

FROM: Virginia Van Sickle *VVS*

SUBJECT: Commission Minutes, July 6-7, 1989

Attached are the Commission Minutes for the July meeting. Review and if there are corrections make them. Please have back to us by Thursday, July 27. Thank you.

VVS:sb

C: Kell McInnis
Bettsie Baker

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
July 6-7, 1989

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of June 1-2, 1989
3. Ratification of Lake Bistineau Netting Prohibition
4. Report of Muskrat and Nutria Problem
5. Notice of Intent - 1989 Alligator Harvest Season-Statewide
6. Ratify 1989-90 Resident Game Hunting Season Dates
7. Propose Hunting Season Dates for Migratory Game Birds (Except Waterfowl)
8. Propose Fee Schedule for Deer Management Assistance Program
9. Airfleet Evaluation and Audit
10. Ratify Procedures for Disposal of Seized Equipment
11. Law Enforcement Report
12. Secretary's Report to the Commission
13. New Orleans Building
14. Set September Meeting Date

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

From The Desk of:

Don Puckett

Paula - this is
for your
minutes file

Don

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been called to the Commission's attention that in illegal oyster cases where oysters are required to be returned to the waters, it has, in some instances, been necessary to do so at the expense of the Department; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:58C provides that the Commission may require the return of the oysters at the expense of the person from whom seized; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that the oysters be returned at the expense of the person from whom seized.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby state its intention to and does hereby officially require that all oysters which are required to be returned to the waters of the state shall henceforth be returned at the expense of the persons from whom seized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary through the Enforcement Division is hereby directed to provide an informational copy of this resolution to all appropriate District Attorneys and Judges.

Grand Chenier, Louisiana this 7th day of July, 1989.

Don Hines, Chairman

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, This Commission acquired the buildings and property located at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, in 1957 at a price of \$1,100,000.00, which price was paid from Conservation Fund monies and which price included the properties at 410, 412 and 414 Chartres Street and 529 Conti Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, It is now the belief of this Commission that it is in the best interest of the State and the Department to dispose of this property at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, and to do so only by sale, and at the highest possible price. It is also the belief of this Commission that the proceeds from the sale of this property at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, should go to the Conservation fund, and that these proceeds should primarily be dedicated to the acquisition of appropriate wildlife and fish habitat and the establishment of a fish hatchery in the State of Louisiana, under the direction of the Department.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby state its intention to sell the building and property located at 400 Royal Street after appraisal and in such a manner as to seek and obtain the highest possible price for said property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does not intend, nor will it consent to any other disposition of said property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby direct the Secretary and Department staff to obtain an appraisal of said property at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and to immediately begin all proceedings necessary to accomplish this sale in accordance with this resolution with the proceeds from such sale being primarily dedicated to the acquisition of appropriate wildlife and fish habitat and the establishment of a fish hatchery in the State of Louisiana, under the direction of the Department.

Grand Chenier, Louisiana this 7th day of July, 1989.

Donald Hines, Chairman

Virginia Van Sickle
Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, This Commission acquired the building and property located at 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, in 1952 at a price of \$400,000.00, which price was paid from Conservation Fund monies; and

WHEREAS, It is now the belief of this Commission that it is in the best interest of the State and the Department to dispose of this property, and to do so only by sale, and at the highest possible price, with the proceeds from such sale going to the Conservation Fund, and ~~being dedicated to acquisition of appropriate wildlife habitat in this state.~~

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with the primary purpose being dedicated to acquisition of appropriate wildlife and fish habitat in this state and the establishment of a fish hatchery

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby state its intention to sell the building and property located at 400 Royal Street after appraisal and in such a manner as to seek and obtain the highest possible price for said property

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does not intend, nor will it consent to any other disposition of said property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby direct

the Secretary and Department staff to obtain an appraisal of

said property and to immediately begin all proceedings

necessary to accomplish this sale in accordance with this

resolution, with said proceeds ^{being} dedicated to ^{the} Conservation

Fund ~~for~~ the primary purpose ~~of~~ being dedicated to

^{with} the acquisition of appropriate wildlife and bird habitat in this State and the establishment of a bird hatchery

Grand Chenier, Louisiana this 7th day of July, 1989.

Donald Hines, Chairman

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

Enforcement Committee

April 24, 1989

Everyone engaged in the harvesting of oysters shall possess a permit called (Harvestors Permit) from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and shall abide by the rules and programs set forth by the Department.

- 1.) All persons shall sign in person for permit.
- 2.) Permit shall be revoked upon conviction of harvesting oysters in closed areas.
1st. offense -----6 mo.
2nd. offense -----1 yr.
3rd. offense -----3 yrs.
- 3.) Revenues dedicated to Enforcement section dealing with oyster enforcement.
- 4.) Violation of this section, this will constitute a Class 2 violation.
- 5.) Cost for this permit ----- \$10.00.

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

CASE REPORT

MAY, 1989

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

MAY' 1989

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-219

ENFORCEMENT-219

OTHER - 0

144-Boating

30-Angling W/O A License

28-Fish Without Resident Pole License

4-Take Undersize Black Bass

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

2-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds, Wild Birds W/O Permit (Except Deer)

2-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear

1-Possessing F.B.A. Without License

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

4-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

2 live cougars, 1 Yamaha jetski, 2 screech owl mounts, 1 great blue heron mount, 1 pileate woodpecker mount, 1 set owl wings, 1 comorant mount, 1 spotted fawn mount, 1 frozen spotted fawn, 1 frozen grey fox.

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-128

ENFORCEMENT-128

OTHER - 0

45-Boating

25-Angling W/O A License

51-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way

1-Possession of O/L Deer or Bear *****SEE TOMMY FOR EXPLANATION

2-Hunt Turkey Closed Area

1-DWI

2-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

None

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-244

ENFORCEMENT-243

OTHER - 1

117-Boating

99-Angling W/O A License

18-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Take Undersize Black Bass

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Fail To Maintain Records

2-Blocking Passage Of Fish

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REGION 3 CONT'D.

1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

None

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-47

ENFORCEMENT-47

OTHER - 0

15-Boating

8-Angling W/O A License

18-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Taking And/Or Possessing Over Limit Of Game Fish

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

CONFISCATIONS:

14 hybrid bass (8 released, 6 kept for evidence) 3 hoop nets w/leads, 225 yards

2 inch gill net, 150 yards 3 1/2 inch trammel net, 50 yards 3 inch trammel net.

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-273

ENFORCEMENT-273

OTHER - 0

195-Boating

28-Angling W/O A License

2-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License

REGION 5 CONT'D.

- 1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
- 5-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License
- 3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 3-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without a Vessel License
- 1-Fail To Maintain Records
- 1-Transport W/O Required License
- 1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish Shipping Regs, Tags, & Identification
- 2-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
- 6-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish
- 2-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-License Fisherman
- 8-Trawling In Closed Season
- 2-Butterflying In Closed Season
- 2-Possession Of Untagged Oysters
- 1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Without Permit
- 1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
- 1-Possession Of Outboard Motor Or Motorboat With Serial Number Missing Or
Removed.
- 1-Resisting Arrest
- 2-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

1 deer, 1 alligator, 100 lbs. shrimp, 1-11 foot test trawl.

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REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-418

ENFORCEMENT-385

OTHER - 33

280-Boating

90-Angling W/O A License

16-Fish Without Resident Pole License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

2-Possess O/L Of Spotted Sea Trout Or Red Drum

3-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

7-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without a Vessel License

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

1-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

1-Trawling In Closed Season

1-Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins

1-Fail To Comply With Alligator Parts Tagging Required

CONFISCATIONS:

1 outboard motor, 11 red drum, 1 alligator, 8 alligator feet, 3,850 lbs.
alligator meat.

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REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-278

ENFORCEMENT-274

OTHER - 4

97-Boating

118-Angling W/O A License

31-Fish Without Resident Pole License

9-Angling W/O Saltwater License

3-Take Game Fish Illegally

4-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Trawling In Closed Season

2-Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins

1-DWI

2-Fishing Untagged Gill Nets

3-Failure To Comply Closure Order/Speckled Trout

CONFISCATIONS:

2400 foot gill net, 1 shrimp trawl.

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-978

ENFORCEMENT-937

OTHER - 41

NOTE: There were 29 agents in the N.O. region along with 7 non-enforcement personnel during the month of May, 1989.

187-Boating

160-Angling W/O A License

22-Fish Without Resident Pole License

78-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Take Game Fish Illegally

5-Fail To Have Fish Intact

20-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum or Spotted Sea Trout

16-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

40-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

36-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

37-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

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

2-Transport W/O Required License

2-Use Illegal Nets

3-Illegal Use Of Monofilament

11-Leave Nets Unattended

46-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

8-Blocking Passage Of Fish

4-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 2-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Floats
- 3-Allow Another To Use Commercial License
- 11-Fail To Comply With Closure Order
- 125-Trawling In Closed Season
 - 6-Trawling Inside Waters W/Double Rig
- 24-Use Oversize Trawls
- 48-Butterflying In Closed Season
 - 6-Use Illegal Beam Trawl/Chopsticks
 - 2-Use Illegal Mesh Trawl, Butterfly Nets Or Seines
 - 5-Failure To Have Written Permission
 - 2-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
- 14-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
 - 1-Using Illegal Gear For Taking Oysters On Public Grounds
 - 1-Take Oysters Illegal Hours
 - 2-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly
 - 4-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters
 - 4-Lake Ponchartrain Sanctuary
 - 3-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
 - 1-Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins
 - 6-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
 - 3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
 - 3-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds
 - 3-Possess Firearm While Frogging
 - 1-Simple Assault On An Officer

REGION 8 CONT'D.

4-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

1-Use Oversize Test Trawls

1-DWI

1-Public Intimidation

1-Littering

5-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries

1-Resisting Arrest

CONFISCATIONS:

94 speckled trout, 100 lbs. garfish, 21 sacks of oysters, 1,888 lbs. crabs plus 44 boxes, plus 400 small crabs, 29 berry crabs, 10 redfish plus 1100 lbs., 5 black drum, 5 flounder, 19,408 lbs. shrimp, 1 alligator, 240 lbs. catfish, 1 non-game bird, 60 boats seized on seizure form, 2 boats physically seized, 7,225 feet of gill net, 80 trawls, 25 sets butterfly nets, 1 oyster dredge, 6 oyster tags, 46 oyster sacks, 5 crab traps, 8 shrimp baskets, 2 commercial fishing licenses, 1 commercial vessel license, 5 ice chests, 1980 Chevrolet Pickup, 1 Oldsmobile 98, 1 outboard motor, 2 knives, 1 pistol, 1-22 rifle, 1 fish scale.

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S.W.E.P.

DELTA TIDE

RUNNING HOURS: 102

TOTAL CASES: 24

29 BOATS CHECKED

20-Trawling In Closed Season

2-Oversize Trawls In Inside Waters

1-Taking Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Fish License

1-Failure To Observe Closure Order (Speckled Trout)

CONFISCATIONS:

11 trawls, 1 test trawl, 2,958 lbs. shrimp (sold for \$1,438.70), 52 speckled trout (given to Covert Operations), 4,200 feet of gill net.

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-2510

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. - 24

TOTAL CASES OTHER - 79

GRAND TOTAL -2613

1-800 LINES EVALUATION

During the months of March and April 1989 a study of 1-800 calls was conducted by the Enforcement Division. Region VII was selected for study. This region has upland habitat, freshwater, saltwater, and in general a cross section of all enforcement problems and land areas. March and April were months in which a hunting season and fishing and boating activity were underway. We felt that these months would provide a satisfactory sampling of complaints of both hunting and fishing violations.

It was mandated that all complaints received via the 800 lines would be checked as soon as possible and a written disposition provided on each assigned complaint. The Region VII Supervisor kept a tally of the calls and received and recorded dispositions from his field officers. In the event that the complaint resulted in arrest, the number of citations issued and for what offenses was recorded. On "no case" calls the officers provided an opinion as to validity or any other reason why no violation was found. They also provided confirmation, when possible, of whether there was a violation.

At the end of the study period the information was assembled. This information is shown in brief below. It is also compared to the cases made in Region VII during the same period by enforcement agents on assigned scheduled patrols.

For the month of March;

29 calls on 800 line

28 no case

1 case made: Hunt Turkey over bait-1 citation

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146 cases made other than by 800 line complaints

147 TOTAL

For the month of April:

25 calls on 800 Line

21 no case

4 cases made: 1) Live deer w/o permit - 1 citation
2) No hunting license - 2 citations
Hunting With Unplugged Gun - 2 citations
3) Possess untagged alligator parts - 1 citation
Transport alligator parts - 1 citation
Sell and/or purchase game fish - 1 citation
Transport game fish for sale - 1 citation
Transport seafood w/o permit - 1 citation
Lacey Act violation transport alligator meat
across state lines w/o permit - 1 citation
4) Hunt turkey over bait - 1 citation

12 citations

12 citations 800 Line Complaints

350 cases made other than by 800 line complaints

362 Total

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509 Total Citations for Region VII for March and April. Thirteen (13) from 800 complaints and 496 by agents on scheduled patrol.

As one can see, cases resulting from 800 line complaints were only a small fraction of the total cases made in the two month period. It should be noted that while few in number the cases were on substantial violations. It is also highly probable that were not for the 800 calls the violations would not have been detected. We hesitate to draw any definite conclusions from such a limited study. It does seem to bear out a generally accepted view that the 800 call lines are of definite benefit to the department. They are, however, not the total answer to conservation law enforcement problems, only a portion of a sound overall enforcement effort.

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

CASE REPORT

JUNE 1989

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

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REGION I

TOTAL CASES-142

ENFORCEMENT-142

OTHER - 0

81-Boating

30-Angling W/O A License

19-Fish Without Resident Pole License

3-Take Undersize Black Bass

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

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

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

1-Possession Of Live Alligators Without Permit

2-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

1 Evinrude motor.

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-151

ENFORCEMENT-151

OTHER 0

88-Boating

11-Angling W/O A License

21-Fish Without Resident Pole License

2-DWI

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REGION 2 CONT'D.

1-Littering

8-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

2-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

None

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-136

ENFORCEMENT-131

OTHER - 5

51-Boating

39-Angling W/O A License

14-Fish Without Resident Pole License

15-Take Undersize Black Bass

4-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

1-Sell Fish W/O License

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

8-Criminal Trespass

1-Criminal Damage Of State Property

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

27 lbs. of blue gill brem, 31 black bass undersize (return to water), 2 rod and reels.

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-82

ENFORCEMENT-81

OTHER - 1

39-Boating

17-Angling W/O A License

18-Fish Without Resident Pole License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

2-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Use Illegal Nets

CONFISCATIONS:

100 yards 2 inch gill net.

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-182

ENFORCEMENT-164

OTHER - 18

62-Boating

28-Angling W/O A License

1-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

6-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Take Game Fish Illegally

1-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum Or Spotted Sea Trout

19-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

8-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

9-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

REGION 5 CONT'D.

- 3-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
- 1-Fail To Maintain Records
- 6-Transport W/O Required License
- 1-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish-Shipping Regs, Tags & Identification
- 1-Use Illegal Nets
- 1-Possession Of Red Drum And Spotted Sea Trout Illegally
- 2-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish
- 2-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-License Fisherman
- 3-Fail To Have Commercial Fish Intact
- 1-Fail To Mark Crab Containers
- 4-Buying And/Or Selling Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds
- 1-Possession Of Live Wild Quadrupeds, Wild Birds W/O Permit
- 2-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear
- 1-Possession Of Untagged Deer Or Bear
- 4-Take Alligators Without License
- 5-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season
- 4-Possessing Undersize Alligators
- 1-Resisting Arrest
- 1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

1 alligator, 6 redfish, 7 wahoo fish, 5 yellow-fin tuna, 364 lbs. shrimp, 1 hoop net, 1 Evinrude motor.

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-204

ENFORCEMENT-194

OTHER - 10

116-Boating

43-Angling W/O A License

13-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

1-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

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

1-Transport W/O Required License

4-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

3-Buying And/Or Selling Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds

2-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way

1-Possession Of Live Alligators Without Permit

2-Taking Ibis-No Season

2-Taking Herons-NO Season

1-Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

10 Ibis, 2 Herring.

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REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-190

ENFORCEMENT-190

OTHER - 0

62-Boating

71-Angling W/O A License

19-Fish Without Resident Pole License

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

10-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

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

2-Possession Of Red Drum And Spotted Sea Trout Illegally

3-Theft Of Pond Raised Crawfish

1-Use Oversize Trawls

1-Use Illegal Beam Trawl/Chopsticks

1-Take Shrimp Illegal Methods

1-Bogue Chitto River (Illegal Fishing)

1-Lake Ponchartrain (Closed Or Restricted Area)

4-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way

1-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries

3-Criminal Trespass On Crawfish Ponds

CONFISCATIONS:

1 untagged gill net.

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-575

ENFORCEMENT-488

OTHER - 87

93-Boating

42-Angling W/O A License

5-Fish Without Resident Pole License

7-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

23-Angling W/O Saltwater License

3-Take Game Fish Illegally

3-Taking And/Or Possessing Over Limit Of Game Fish

5-Possess O/L Of Spotted Sea Trout Or Red Drum

11-Fail To Have Fish Intact

25-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum Or Spotted Sea Trout

8-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

43-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License

35-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

40-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

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

1-Transport W/O Required License

5-Use Illegal Nets

1-Leave Nets Unattended

61-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

2-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

4-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-License Fisherman

3-Blocking Passage Of Fish

2-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

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REGION 8 CONT'D.

2-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents

1-Take Eel W/O Proper License

2-Fail To Have Commercial Fish Intact

74-Trawling In Closed Season

24-Trawling Inside Waters W/Double Rig (Over 50')

2-Use More Than Four Trawls (Dept. Reg.) (Outside Waters)

2-Butterflying In Closed Season

1-Use Illegal Beam Trawl/Chopsticks

9-Use Illegal Mesh Trawl, Butterfly Nets Or Seines

4-Use Oversize Butterfly Nets

1-Take Shrimp Illegal Methods

8-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms

4-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area

4-Unlawful Removal Of Signs From Leased Areas

1-Unlawful Taking Of Wild Birds

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

1-Possession Over Limit Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds

1-Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Without Permit

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

1-Trapping Non-Game Migratory Birds

1-Resisting Arrest

1-Interfering With An Officer

1-Littering

2-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries

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REGION 8 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

105 redfish, 44 speckled trout, 110 boxes crabs (100 lbs. each box), 1,216 lbs. catfish, 13,521 lbs. shrimp, 5 berry crabs, 9 sacks oysters, 1 squirrel, 18 boats, 1 oyster dredge, 8 sets butterfly nets, 1 Royal Tern (bird), 9 Painted Bunnings (bird), 56 lbs. filet dolphin, 109 lbs. Wahoo and 2 whole wahoo, 1 sheephead, 1 white trout, 1 mariculture permit, 1 gill net-50 feet, 98 trawls-3,910 feet.

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S.W.E.P.

130 HOURS RUNNING TIME

121 BOATS CHECKED

63 CITATIONS ISSUED

47-Trawling in Closed Season

13-Four Rigging Inside Waters

1-No Commercial License

1-No Gear License

1-No Vessel License

56 trawls seized, 14 boats seized.

TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT-1668

TOTAL CASES SWEP - 63

TOTAL CASES OTHER - 121

GRAND TOTAL - 1852

RULE

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Pursuant to the authority granted under Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 56, Section 22, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of fish nets (gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, fish seines) in Lake Bistineau, Bienville, Bossier, and Webster Parishes, Louisiana. The net ban will become effective August 1, 1989.

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ALLIGATOR REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA ON FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries recommends that an alligator season be hereby established in accordance with the following regulations: No exceptions of these procedures will be permitted, and anyone taking alligators contrary to these regulations will be charged in accordance with Title 56 of the Louisiana Laws pertaining to Wildlife and Fisheries, appropriate federal laws and regulations, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission regulations, and/or Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regulations.

1. Open Area - Alligator habitat in the state of Louisiana. Harvest quotas will be rigidly controlled according to alligator population estimates within all of the State's wetland habitat types.
2. Harvest season - The open season shall run for a 30 day period beginning on September 9, 1989 and continue through October 8, 1989. It is legal to take, possess, or sell alligators or their skins under 4 feet in length as provided for by rules and regulations of the Commission. A special Department permit shall be issued to alligator hide dealers, farmers, ranchers and hunters in order to ship alligator skins below 4 feet in length.
3. Harvest methods - Alligators may be taken only during daylight hours, between official sunrise and official sunset. If a licensed hunter is cited for hunting alligators out of season, at night or on property other than that for which tags were assigned, all tags and skins for the current season will be confiscated in addition to revocation of the alligator hunting license.

Special instructions will be issued to the holders of alligator hunter licenses shortly before the opening of the season describing detailed methods regarding the skinning of alligators. Skins processed contrary to the specific requirements of the Department will be considered illegal and will be confiscated by Department personnel. Pole hunting is prohibited to protect the nesting female population. Hooks and lines may be set no more than one day prior to the season opening. No hook and line shall remain set after the closing day of the alligator season. All alligator hooks and lines must be checked daily and all hooks and lines must be removed when a hunter's tag quota is reached. Alligators cannot be cut loose from hooks and lines for purposes of selecting larger alligators.

4. Licenses - An alligator hunter must have in possession a valid commercial alligator hunter license to take or sell alligators or their skins or other alligator parts. The fee for the resident license is \$25.00 per year and for the non-resident \$150.00. These licenses are non-transferable. In order to obtain a resident license, the hunter must have established bona fide residence in the state.

A hunter must complete application forms provided by the Department and furnish proof that he owns the land or has an agreement with the landowner or another authorized hunter to hunt alligators on the specified property. Information as to the location and acreage of the property must be provided (all land descriptions must include parish, township, range, and section delineation figures).

Applications must be submitted beginning August 1, 1989. Property ownership and description requirements do not apply to public lake hunters. The alligator hunter license will be issued only after the hunter has satisfactorily complied with the above requirements. Commercial alligator hunter licenses will not be issued after September 18, 1989. Alligator sport hunter licenses may be issued throughout the season. Non-resident hunters and resident sport hunters must coordinate their hunt through landowners and licensed resident hunters. A non-resident hunter may take no more than 3 alligators per season.

A fur buyer license or fur dealer license is required for purchasing and handling raw alligator skins in Louisiana. An alligator parts dealer license is required of any person who deals in alligator parts other than hides and who: (a) Buys from an alligator hunter or farmer for the purpose of resale; or (b) Manufactures within the state, alligator parts into a finished product; or (c) Purchases, cans, processes, or distributes alligator meat for wholesale or retail.

A retailer selling canned alligator parts or a retailer purchasing alligator parts from an alligator parts dealer or restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall not be classified as an alligator parts dealer. The fee for the parts dealer license is \$50.00 per year.

Persons or firms entering alligators, alligator eggs, or alligator skins and/or parts in interstate/foreign commerce in the course of a commercial activity must be licensed in accordance with state and federal regulations. Persons shipping alligators, alligator eggs, or alligator skins and/or parts to another state or country must do so in accordance with the regulations of that state or country.

Each retailer selling canned alligator parts or purchasing alligator parts and each restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall secure a license from the Department before commencing business. The license shall be secured annually and shall be furnished upon the payment of five dollars.

5. Disposition, Validation, Tagging and Labeling - All alligators killed within the State including those killed on farms and ranches shall have an official \$4.00 harvest tag attached. All shipments of eggs and alligators transported or otherwise disposed of out-of-state shall have an official alligator/egg shipping label attached prior to transport or shipment out-of-state. A \$4.00 fee will be charged for each egg or alligator contained within the shipment.

In addition to a valid commercial alligator hunting license, the hunter must also obtain from the Department, and have in his possession while hunting, official harvest tags which must be firmly attached to each alligator immediately upon taking. Numbered tags will only be issued in the name of license holders. Alligator tags will not be issued after September 18, 1989.

Harvest tags will be issued throughout the year to alligator farmers and ranchers and will only be issued to holders of valid Nongame Quadruped Breeders Licenses. All alligator tags issued to farmers and ranchers will only be issued from Rockefeller Refuge. Tags must be attached and locked in the last six (6) inches of the tail. The tags must remain attached to the skin until final processing by the fabricator.

It shall be illegal to possess dead alligators or alligator skins in Louisiana without valid official tags or labels attached. Failure to properly tag or label an alligator or skin will result in confiscation of both the alligator or skin and tag. Alligator farmers and ranchers may hold dead farm raised alligators which may have died from disease in freezers until officially checked by a Department biologist. Rockefeller Refuge must be notified within 30 days of any such deaths.

Official alligator tags will be issued to alligator hunters who have authorized applications. Each official tag will bear a serial number, and the tag issued to each hunter will be recorded. The number of tags will be issued on the basis of the quantity and quality of the habitat, and the rate per acre will be fixed based on extensive population estimates. Tags will be issued for alligator habitat only, based on final decision of Department biologists.

Hunters, farmers and ranchers will be held accountable for all alligator tags issued to them. Unused tags must be returned by the hunter to the Department no later than 15 days following the close of the season. Violation of this requirement shall result in the revocation of the alligator hunting license and no alligator tags will be issued for one year.

Department personnel must be notified, within 15 days following the season, of any alligator hides not sold to a commercial buyer or dealer on official Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries forms provided. Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced but must be reported within 15 days of close of season. Tags can be used only on the lands applied for and approved on the application.

Tags furnished by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Color: Blue) must be attached to all unprocessed alligator meat/parts upon transfer by a hunter or farmer.

Each shipment or transport of eggs or alligators out of the jurisdictional boundaries of Louisiana shall have affixed an official numbered alligator/egg shipping label which will be available upon request from the Department. This label will contain the numbers of eggs and/or alligators being shipped/transported, the name and license number of the shipper and the destination address. Each label will be validated by a Department employee. Shipment of eggs or alligators being used for Department sanctioned research shall be exempt from the label fee but shall be accompanied by a permit issued by the Department.

6. Alligator Farmers and Breeders - Licensed alligator farmers and ranchers must have Department authorization to kill and skin their alligators but must follow the same rules and regulations which apply to wild alligators (except farm/rancher alligators can be harvested during closed season with Department approval). Alligator farmers and ranchers must have written Department authorization to sell or transfer live alligators or alligator eggs. All such requests shall be forwarded to Rockefeller Refuge. All alligator farmers and ranchers shall adhere to all requirements contained in their state Alligator Farming/Ranching Permit.
7. Sale of Alligator Skins - All alligator skins taken during the alligator season must be validated by personnel of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries prior to the hides leaving the state. Special skinning instructions will be verified, and skins not prepared according to instructions issued in advance of season will be considered illegal. Buyers/dealers must abide by special skinning instructions or be subject to forfeiture of improperly skinned hides.

8. **Buyer/Dealer Hide Records** - All buyers and dealers making purchases of alligator hides shall maintain a complete set of records of all purchases and sales. Such records will include names and addresses of buyers and/or sellers, alligator hide tag number and length, and date purchased. Dealers will submit reports as required by the Department for all hides purchased/sold. Every buyer or dealer having raw alligator hides in his possession shall file with the Department within sixty days after the close of the alligator season, or prior to shipping out-of-state, a complete report as specified on forms provided by the Department.
9. **Shipment** - All interstate shipments of raw alligator skins must be tagged with official out-of-state shipping tags provided by the Department. All shipments of skins within the State must be tagged with official Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in-state shipping tags. A severance tax of 25 cents per hide must be paid on all out-of-state shipments at the time skins are transported or shipped.
10. **Sale of Meat and Parts** - Meat and other parts from lawfully taken alligators can only be sold according to Louisiana and federal laws, including Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regulations, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regulations, and federal regulations.

Alligator meat sold for human food must be processed in a licensed facility approved by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. If a person or firm is cited for buying or selling alligator meat that was not processed through a licensed alligator processing plant, all alligator meat in possession will be confiscated.

Alligator hunters, farmers, and parts dealers shall maintain records of all transactions, purchases and sales on forms provided by the Department. These forms shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days following the close of the season and thereafter at 60-day intervals until all parts are sold. All alligator meat and parts, excluding hides, shall be tagged with an official alligator parts tag (Color: Blue) to be furnished by the Department. The alligator parts tag must remain attached until processing by properly licensed individuals or firms.

Hunters, farmers, and alligator parts dealers shall furnish a bill of sale to all retailers and restaurants purchasing alligator parts. This bill of sale shall be maintained for a period of six months.

11. Alligator Nuisance Control Program - This program is incorporated into the Alligator Harvest Program to remove problem alligators occurring within the confines of communities which cannot be harvested under the tag allotment program. This program will allow the taking of problem alligators within the confines of municipal, ward, parish, or state responsibility where there are alligator-people conflicts. The program depends upon close cooperation of state, parish and local authorities.

The primary objective of the Alligator Nuisance Control Program is to reduce the number of human - alligator contacts, yet utilize a valuable natural resource. Alligators taken under this program must be taken in accordance with state regulations and local regulations/ordinances. Skinning instructions issued by the Department will be valid for one year, until the next year's skinning instructions are issued.

The selection of nuisance alligator hunters shall be coordinated through local governing bodies such as Police Juries or Parish and City Administrators. The final selection of nuisance alligator hunters rests with the Department with appropriate background checks of all applicants. Alligator harvest tags may be issued by the Department to an approved resident commercial licensed hunter who has been officially designated by the local governing body with concurrence of the Department. The number of tags issued will be based on the number of legitimate complaints received the quantity and quality of alligator habitat involved and with approval of Department personnel. Numbered tags will only be issued in the name of the nuisance license holder for a sum of \$4.00 per tag.

Disposition of skins, meat and parts taken in this program will comply with existing federal and state statutes, Commission rules and regulations, and regulations adopted by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

12. Hunting On Public Lakes - The Department may select public lakes for an experimental alligator hunting program. The harvest will be controlled by a tag allotment for each lake as determined by population surveys by Department personnel. An alligator hunter can receive tags for and hunt on only one public lake each season. The tag quota for a public lake is 5 per hunter. Alligator tags issued on public lakes are non-transferable.

Applicants for public lake hunting must be 16 years of age or older. Applications for public lake hunting must be received at least 10 days prior to the season opening date. In the event that the number of applicants for any particular public lake exceeds the number of allowable hunters, a public drawing will be held to select hunters. Only the applicants whose names are drawn will be eligible to hunt public lakes.

13. Harvest Rates - Harvest rates are presently being calculated and will be determined by biologists of the Fur and Refuge Division. Aerial nest counts and night count surveys will be completed on July 15, 1989. This data will be analyzed, harvest rates calculated, and alligator tag allotments will be presented to Department/Commission administrators for their consideration.
14. The Department Secretary shall be authorized to close, extend or reopen the alligator season as biologically justifiable; harvest rates will be approved when available by the Department Secretary.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the excerpt of the meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in Grand Chenier, Louisiana on July 7, 1989.

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Donald Hines, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

Rule
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the May, 1988 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby adopts regulation on open hunting season dates, bag limit, methods of taking, and rules and regulation on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period October 1, 1989-April 30, 1990. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115(A) of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulation is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Game Division, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

SUMMARY OF 1989-90
HUNTING SEASON REGULATIONS

Quail: Nov. 23-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 10, possession 20.
Rabbit: October 7-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.
Squirrel: Oct. 7-Jan. 14. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.
Deer: One per day. 6 per season

Area 1 - 56 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
40 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 17

Area 2 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
26 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 3 - 56 days

23 days still hunt only: Nov. 4-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
26 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

Area 4 - 46 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
30 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 7

Area 5 - 16 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

Turkey: One per day. 3 per season

Area A - 30 days. Mar. 31-Apr. 29

Area B - 37 days. Mar. 17-Apr. 22

Area C - 9 days. Apr. 21-29

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1989

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT ROCKEFELLER REFUGE IN GRAND CHENIER, JULY 7, 1989.

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, attended meetings in Washington, D.C. on June 21, 1989 on upland migratory birds and teal, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing these migratory game birds were discussed at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Biologists have discussed tentative season dates for upland migratory birds, and

WHEREAS, final adoption of season dates for upland migratory birds cannot be established until requirements of the Federal Register process are met in August, and

WHEREAS, no changes in regulations framework from last year are anticipated, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby propose tentative dates for dove, snipe and woodcock for the 1989-90 hunting season as recommended by the staff of the Louisiana Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these season dates will be adopted at the August meeting as an emergency rule so long as no changes are mandated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Don Hines, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

1989-90 Tentative Season Dates
For
Dove, Snipe and Woodcock

Species	Season Dates	Days	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Dove	Sept. 2-10	9	12	24
	Oct. 14-Nov. 12	30	12	24
	Dec. 9-Jan. 8	<u>31</u>	12	24
		70 total		
Snipe	Nov. 11-Feb. 25	107	8	16
Woodcock	Dec. 9-Feb. 11	65	5	10

Shooting Hours

Dove: Noon to Sunset, Sept. 2-3, Oct. 14-15, and Dec. 9-10, the remainder of the season 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Snipe and Woodcock: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

NOTE: Rail and Gallinule season dates will be set at the August 1989 meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Season dates for these species are tied to waterfowl dates, so no tentative dates will be set at this time.

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

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT ROCKEFELLER REFUGE IN GRAND CHENIER, JULY 7, 1989.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries established the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) in 1981, and

WHEREAS, this program provides technical assistance to cooperators and provides special tags to aid in the removal of antlerless deer to maintain proper sex ratios, and

WHEREAS, the popularity of the program has grown with sportsmen and landowners since its inception, and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 800 cooperators and 1.7 million acres enrolled, and

WHEREAS, expenditure by the Department for operation of the program has increased to more than \$141,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, in these austere times, governmental agencies must strive to offset operational cost to the extent possible, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Department to assess a ____ registration fee and a ___ per acre consultation fee for each DMAP Cooperator.

Don Hines, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COST
AND
PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULES

1987-88

Total Acreage Enrolled: 1,700,000 Acres
Total Enrollment: 833 Clubs
Tags Issued: 15,390

<u>District</u>	<u># Clubs</u>	<u>Biologist Man Days</u>	<u>Specialist Man Days</u>	<u>Secretary Man Days</u>
1	304	180	0	40
2	113	210	46	5
3	27	50	0	5
4	80	105	4	10
5	51	48	0	5
6	83	71	5	7
7	124	200	0	25
8	51	35	0	0
Study Leader	<u>---</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
	833	974	55	97

Personnel Expense:	Biologist	974 @ 125.00	\$121,750
	Specialist	55 @ 100.00	\$5,500
	Secretary	97 @ 75.00	\$7,275

Total Operational Costs:

Misc. Cost (postage, copies, telephone, etc.)	\$5,000
Cost of tags	<u>\$1,650</u>
TOTAL	\$141,175

Option 1

\$25.00 Enrollment Fee	833 clubs @ \$25.00/club	\$20,825
plus	1.7 million acres @	
0.01 per acre	0.01/acre	<u>\$17,000</u>
		\$37,825

Smallest club (500A) Cost - \$30
Largest club (20,000A) Cost - \$225

Option 2

\$25.00 Enrollment Fee	833 clubs @ \$25.00/club	\$20,825
plus	1.7 million acres @	
.03 per acre	.03/acre	<u>\$51,000</u>
		\$71,825

Smallest club (500A) Cost - \$40
Largest club (20,000A) Cost - \$625

Option 3

\$25.00 Enrollment Fee	833 clubs @ \$25.00/club	\$20,825
plus	1.7 million acres @	
.05 per acre	0.5/acre	<u>\$85,000</u>
		\$105,825

Smallest club (500A) Cost - \$50
Largest club (20,000A) Cost - \$1,025

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VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

To: Virginia Van Sickle
Secretary

From: *Bettsie Baker*
Undersecretary

As a result of inquiries from several different sources (Division of Administration, DWF Commissioners) I conducted a survey of our airplane fleet and its utilization.

Two questions that must be answered are:

Do we have the proper number of planes? (evaluate utilization, maximum overlap flight days, etc.)

Are they stored at the most economically efficient location? (evaluate deadhead time.)

Since we are on a restricted budget the proper number of planes to meet our needs is a critical issue. A view of the Department's usage of our fleet can be gleaned by evaluating individual utilization, flight time, and days of multiple airplane usage. Another indicator used by industry to determine airplane justification is annual flight hours with the minimum justification level 600 flight hours.

Evaluating the data for a six month period of time points out directions that should be taken to make our air fleet more economically efficient and improve utilization.

The following table presents the relevant utilization data evaluated for each of our airplanes.

TABLE I
AIRPLANE DATA

Plane	6 Month Actual Usage	12 Month Estimated Usage	Percent of 80% Capacity	Total # Trips	Total # Dead Head Trips	Deadhead As a % Actual
1. N44232 - Piper Cub Rockefeller Pilot - G. Perry	64.4	129	7.74	32	1	3.1
2. N2576K Cessna 180 (float) Westwego Airport Pilot - M. Windham	151.2	303	18.17	58	0	0
3. N57266 - Aero Commander Slideell/Hammond Pilot - Leo Rodriguez Gene Rackle	72.7	146	8.73	36	33	91.7
4. N223MS - Partenavia Baton Rouge Pilot - Bruce Stamey	155.8	312	18.7	38	5	13.15
5. N61092 Cessna 185-Amphib N.O. Lakefront Pilot - Gene Rackle	165.0	330	19.8	53	12	22.6
6. N9467Y Cessna - 210 Hammond/Slideell Pilot - Gene Rackle	149.8	300	18.0	56	28	50.0
7. 70365 Cessna 185 * (2 mo only)	71.4	428	25.7	24	-	-

In addition, a key to isolating the optimum number of planes to have is indicated by days with multiple planes flying.

Our "overlap" utilization is as follows (out of possible days):

One	Plane used	40 days	=	21.74 % of days
Two	Planes used	40 days	=	21.74 % of days
Three	Planes used	28 days	=	15.22 % of days
Four	Planes used	11 days	=	5.98 % of days
Five	Planes used	<u>5 days</u>	=	2.70 % of days
	TOTAL	124 days/184		

The data indicates certain things.

First, none of our airplanes fall into the "justification" category used by industry (where 600 annual hours of usage is required for break even). However, this is not the only justification when evaluating our airplane fleet our special enforcement needs dictate a need to fly over certain areas for efficiency. Four planes do fly in the 300 to 400 hour usage range.

Secondly, because of the high percentage of trips that include deadhead (i.e. empty passage) time, I would recommend that the Aero Commander and the Cessna 210 both be relocated to Baton Rouge. This move would eliminate significant lost time, flight cost, and also reduce hangar cost because of the favorable hangar rates in Baton Rouge.

Lastly, I think that there is justification to eliminate 1 to 2 airplanes in our fleet.

I would like to look into this matter further to evaluate the planes on a cost/usage/depreciation basis to identify which planes would be the most likely candidates for elimination.

BB/mag

DEER HUNTER OPINION SURVEY

1. Please select the one type of deer hunting which you did most often during the past deer hunting season:

- a. I still hunted most of the time.
- b. I hunted with dogs most of the time.
- c. I did not deer hunt.

2. Please name the parish where you did most of your deer hunting during the past season: _____

3. Please select the one option which you would prefer to see in future deer hunting regulations for the area where you hunt:

- a. I prefer more still hunting days and less dog hunting days.
- b. I prefer more dog hunting days and less still hunting days.
- c. I prefer to continue with the current regulations for still and dog hunting.

Comments: _____



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GOVERNOR

June 28, 1989

Dear Deer Hunter:

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is conducting a survey of deer hunters to determine their views on the issue of still hunting and hunting deer with the use of dogs. You were selected at random from our records of big game license sales to participate in the survey.

Please complete the enclosed self-addressed card questionnaire and return it to us as soon as possible. Your opinion will help guide us in developing future deer hunting regulations.

We urge that you return the questionnaire promptly to insure that your views are included. No postage stamps are necessary.

We appreciate your participation in this survey.

Sincerely,

Virginia Van Sickle
Secretary

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BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

June 27, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

FROM: Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Game Division *HAB*

SUBJECT: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Meeting, Washington, D.C.

The FWS staff is proposing no changes in migratory bird hunting regulations for doves, woodcock and snipe, rails and gallinules that will affect Louisiana for the coming fall and winter. Game Division staff will recommend the attached season dates for doves, snipe and woodcock at the July Commission meeting at Rockefeller. Rail and gallinule season dates will be set at the August meeting at the same time waterfowl season dates are selected. These dates are basically the same as last year's adjusted for calendar changes. They should be provided to the Commission members by memo for review prior to the July 6 and 7 meeting.

The attached FWS News Release outlines current habitat conditions for breeding ducks in the northern U.S. and Canada. They forecast only a slight improvement in water conditions from last year. Overall conditions for duck production are below average again this summer.

Key to this duck dilemma is that Canadian agriculture continues to take every advantage of drought to continue it's efforts in draining and filling small prairie and parkland marshes. This is very disturbing in that slow progress is being made at the Provincial or National level in Canada to curb this permanent loss of critical breeding habitat for ducks that migrate through and winter in the mid-continent.

In spite of the programs of DU, Inc., the Canadian and Provincial governments and the NAWMP, a great net loss in small wetlands is occurring throughout prairie Canada on an annual basis. In short the Canadian agriculture situation appears to be one that indicates a dismal current and long-term condition for prairie nesting ducks.

As expected our arguments for allowing a reduced blue-wing teal season fell on deaf ears again. Both the Central and Mississippi Flyway consultants urged consideration of a reduced 3 or 5 day, 3 bird bag September teal season. Poor habitat conditions and the fact that breeding population estimates decreased 12% for blue-wing teal (3.76M to 3.2M) in 1989, no September teal season was offered by the FWS. There was virtually NO hunting mortality on BWT in 1988-89, yet the breeding population estimate decreased by 400,000 birds. That certainly illustrates that habitat problems are the principle cause for declining BWT populations and emphasizes the need for correcting our wetlands losses. The big mistake was made last year by a complete closure. Now a continued cessation of September teal hunting "props-up" last year's decision.

The possibility of shooting hours for ducks returning to the traditional 1/2 hour before sunrise holds some promise. Opposition to last years sunrise shooting regulation was near unanimous on a nationwide basis. This has lead the FWS to back away from their proposal to move shooting hours for most migratory birds to sunrise. This change leaves the door open for having a 1/2 hour before sunrise shooting time for ducks during the 1989-90 hunting season.

The FWS provided a listing of preliminary duck stamp sales information by flyway and state. Louisiana lost over 28,000 waterfowl hunters last year as stamp sales fell from 95,000 to 66,000, the lowest since 1962. More information on breeding populations, harvest in 1988 and production surveys will be forthcoming in early July.

HAB:sd

cc: Kell McInnis
Larry Soileau
Robert Helm

DUCK STAMP SALES, 1987-88 COMPARED TO 1988-89

	1987-88	1988-89	Percent Change
Atlantic Flyway	367,049	315,610	-14
Central Flyway	302,335	231,491	-23
Pacific Flyway	241,053	200,227	-16
Mississippi Flyway	621,666	491,420	-21

TOP TEN STATES

1. Minnesota (Miss. Flyway)	125,831	93,695	-25.5
2. Texas (Central Flyway)	96,949	75,970	-21.6
3. California (Pac. Flyway)	91,524	72,631	-20.6
4. Wisconsin (Miss. Flyway)	85,589	70,843	-17.6
5. Louisiana (Miss. Flyway)	95,063	66,614	-29.9
6. Pennsylvania (Atl. Flyway)	56,278	49,562	-11.9
7. New York (Atl. Flyway)	60,192	48,812	-18.9
8. Michigan (Miss. Flyway)	54,715	47,729	-12.8
9. Illinois (Atl. Flyway)	54,327	42,137	-22.4
10. Maryland (Atl. Flyway)	42,685	36,616	-14.2

Louisiana lost 28,449 stamp buyers in 1988; smallest sales number since 1962.

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
SECRETARY

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

June 30, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
FROM: Johnnie Tarver, Administrator, Fur & Refuge Division
SUBJECT: Alligator Harvest Program Regulations

Reference is made to the draft alligator regulations for the next year. The changes have been highlighted for your convenience. The document was reviewed by enforcement and legal interjecting their suggestions. The major change is a \$4 tag fee as recommended by the ATF and a \$4 label fee for eggs and/or whole alligators shipped out of state. The remainder of the changes primarily deal with the enforcement suggestions.

Please review and comment as appropriate. However, at this late date and with the holidays next week it is necessary to mail to the LWFC today. I apologize for the rush but we have worked very hard to satisfy legal and the enforcement concerns thus delaying an otherwise simple retyping of the document.

If you concur please let me know before COB today and thanks for your immediate attention.

JWT/tbw
CC: James Manning
Ted Joanen
Greg Linscombe
Mike Windham
LWFC Members

ALLIGATOR REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA ON FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries recommends that an alligator season be hereby established in accordance with the following regulations: No exceptions of these procedures will be permitted, and anyone taking alligators contrary to these regulations will be charged in accordance with Title 56 of the Louisiana Laws pertaining to Wildlife and Fisheries, appropriate federal laws and regulations, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission regulations, and/or Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regulations.

1. Open Area - Alligator habitat in the state of Louisiana. Harvest quotas will be rigidly controlled according to alligator population estimates within all of the State's wetland habitat types.
2. Harvest season - The open season shall run for a 30 day period beginning on September 9, 1989 and continue through October 8, 1989. It is legal to take, possess, or sell alligators or their skins under 4 feet in length as provided for by rules and regulations of the Commission. A special Department permit shall be issued to alligator hide dealers, farmers, ranchers and hunters in order to ship alligator skins below 4 feet in length.
3. Harvest methods - Alligators may be taken only during daylight hours, between official sunrise and official sunset. If a licensed hunter is cited for hunting alligators out of season, at night or on property other than that for which tags were assigned, all tags and skins for the current season will be confiscated in addition to revocation of the alligator hunting license.

Special instructions will be issued to the holders of alligator hunter licenses shortly before the opening of the season describing detailed methods regarding the skinning of alligators. Skins processed contrary to the specific requirements of the Department will be considered illegal and will be confiscated by Department personnel. Pole hunting is prohibited to protect the nesting female population. Hooks and lines may be set no more than one day prior to the season opening. No hook and line shall remain set after the closing day of the alligator season. All alligator hooks and lines must be checked daily and all hooks and lines must be removed when a hunter's tag quota is reached. Alligators cannot be cut loose from hooks and lines for purposes of selecting larger alligators.

4. Licenses - An alligator hunter must have in possession a valid commercial alligator hunter license to take or sell alligators or their skins or other alligator parts. The fee for the resident license is \$25.00 per year and for the non-resident \$150.00. These licenses are non-transferable. In order to obtain a resident license, the hunter must have established bona fide residence in the state.

A hunter must complete application forms provided by the Department and furnish proof that he owns the land or has an agreement with the landowner or another authorized hunter to hunt alligators on the specified property. Information as to the location and acreage of the property must be provided (all land descriptions must include parish, township, range, and section delineation figures).

Applications must be submitted beginning August 1, 1989. Property ownership and description requirements do not apply to public lake hunters. The alligator hunter license will be issued only after the hunter has satisfactorily complied with the above requirements. Commercial alligator hunter licenses will not be issued after September 18, 1989. Alligator sport hunter licenses may be issued throughout the season. Non-resident hunters and resident sport hunters must coordinate their hunt through landowners and licensed resident hunters. A non-resident hunter may take no more than 3 alligators per season.

A fur buyer license or fur dealer license is required for purchasing and handling raw alligator skins in Louisiana. An alligator parts dealer license is required of any person who deals in alligator parts other than hides and who: (a) Buys from an alligator hunter or farmer for the purpose of resale; or (b) Manufactures within the state, alligator parts into a finished product; or (c) Purchases, cans, processes, or distributes alligator meat for wholesale or retail.

A retailer selling canned alligator parts or a retailer purchasing alligator parts from an alligator parts dealer or restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall not be classified as an alligator parts dealer. The fee for the parts dealer license is \$50.00 per year.

Persons or firms entering alligators, alligator eggs, or alligator skins and/or parts in interstate/foreign commerce in the course of a commercial activity must be licensed in accordance with state and federal regulations. Persons shipping alligators, alligator eggs, or alligator skins and/or parts to another state or country must do so in accordance with the regulations of that state or country.

Each retailer selling canned alligator parts or purchasing alligator parts and each restaurant selling prepared alligator meat for human consumption shall secure a license from the Department before commencing business. The license shall be secured annually and shall be furnished upon the payment of five dollars.

5. Disposition, Validation, Tagging and Labeling - All alligators killed within the State including those killed on farms and ranches shall have an official \$4.00 harvest tag attached. All shipments of eggs and alligators transported or otherwise disposed of out-of-state shall have an official alligator/egg shipping label attached prior to transport or shipment out-of-state. A \$4.00 fee will be charged for each egg or alligator contained within the shipment.

In addition to a valid commercial alligator hunting license, the hunter must also obtain from the Department, and have in his possession while hunting, official harvest tags which must be firmly attached to each alligator immediately upon taking. Numbered tags will only be issued in the name of license holders. Alligator tags will not be issued after September 18, 1989.

Harvest tags will be issued throughout the year to alligator farmers and ranchers and will only be issued to holders of valid Nongame Quadruped Breeders Licenses. All alligator tags issued to farmers and ranchers will only be issued from Rockefeller Refuge. Tags must be attached and locked in the last six (6) inches of the tail. The tags must remain attached to the skin until final processing by the fabricator.

It shall be illegal to possess dead alligators or alligator skins in Louisiana without valid official tags or labels attached. Failure to properly tag or label an alligator or skin will result in confiscation of both the alligator or skin and tag. Alligator farmers and ranchers may hold dead farm raised alligators which may have died from disease in freezers until officially checked by a Department biologist. Rockefeller Refuge must be notified within 30 days of any such deaths.

Official alligator tags will be issued to alligator hunters who have authorized applications. Each official tag will bear a serial number, and the tag issued to each hunter will be recorded. The number of tags will be issued on the basis of the quantity and quality of the habitat, and the rate per acre will be fixed based on extensive population estimates. Tags will be issued for alligator habitat only, based on final decision of Department biologists.

Hunters, farmers and ranchers will be held accountable for all alligator tags issued to them. Unused tags must be returned by the hunter to the Department no later than 15 days following the close of the season. Violation of this requirement shall result in the revocation of the alligator hunting license and no alligator tags will be issued for one year.

Department personnel must be notified, within 15 days following the season, of any alligator hides not sold to a commercial buyer or dealer on official Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries forms provided. Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced but must be reported within 15 days of close of season. Tags can be used only on the lands applied for and approved on the application.

Tags furnished by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Color: Blue) must be attached to all unprocessed alligator meat/parts upon transfer by a hunter or farmer.

Each shipment or transport of eggs or alligators out of the jurisdictional boundaries of Louisiana shall have affixed an official numbered alligator/egg shipping label which will be available upon request from the Department. This label will contain the numbers of eggs and/or alligators being shipped/transported, the name and license number of the shipper and the destination address. Each label will be validated by a Department employee. Shipment of eggs or alligators being used for Department sanctioned research shall be exempt from the label fee but shall be accompanied by a permit issued by the Department.

6. Alligator Farmers and Breeders - Licensed alligator farmers and ranchers must have Department authorization to kill and skin their alligators but must follow the same rules and regulations which apply to wild alligators (except farm/ranchered alligators can be harvested during closed season with Department approval). Alligator farmers and ranchers must have written Department authorization to sell or transfer live alligators or alligator eggs. All such requests shall be forwarded to Rockefeller Refuge. All alligator farmers and ranchers shall adhere to all requirements contained in their state Alligator Farming/Ranching Permit.
7. Sale of Alligator Skins - All alligator skins taken during the alligator season must be validated by personnel of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries prior to the hides leaving the state. Special skinning instructions will be verified, and skins not prepared according to instructions issued in advance of season will be considered illegal. Buyers/dealers must abide by special skinning instructions or be subject to forfeiture of improperly skinned hides.

8. Buyer/Dealer Hide Records - All buyers and dealers making purchases of alligator hides shall maintain a complete set of records of all purchases and sales. Such records will include names and addresses of buyers and/or sellers, alligator hide tag number and length, and date purchased. Dealers will submit reports as required by the Department for all hides purchased/sold. Every buyer or dealer having raw alligator hides in his possession shall file with the Department within sixty days after the close of the alligator season, or prior to shipping out-of-state, a complete report as specified on forms provided by the Department.
9. Shipment - All interstate shipments of raw alligator skins must be tagged with official out-of-state shipping tags provided by the Department. All shipments of skins within the State must be tagged with official Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in-state shipping tags. A severance tax of 25 cents per hide must be paid on all out-of-state shipments at the time skins are transported or shipped.
10. Sale of Meat and Parts - Meat and other parts from lawfully taken alligators can only be sold according to Louisiana and federal laws, including Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals regulations, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regulations, and federal regulations.

Alligator meat sold for human food must be processed in a licensed facility approved by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. If a person or firm is cited for buying or selling alligator meat that was not processed through a licensed alligator processing plant, all alligator meat in possession will be confiscated.

Alligator hunters, farmers, and parts dealers shall maintain records of all transactions, purchases and sales on forms provided by the Department. These forms shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days following the close of the season and thereafter at 60-day intervals until all parts are sold. All alligator meat and parts, excluding hides, shall be tagged with an official alligator parts tag (Color: Blue) to be furnished by the Department. The alligator parts tag must remain attached until processing by properly licensed individuals or firms.

Hunters, farmers, and alligator parts dealers shall furnish a bill of sale to all retailers and restaurants purchasing alligator parts. This bill of sale shall be maintained for a period of six months.

11. Alligator Nuisance Control Program - This program is incorporated into the Alligator Harvest Program to remove problem alligators occurring within the confines of communities which cannot be harvested under the tag allotment program. This program will allow the taking of problem alligators within the confines of municipal, ward, parish, or state responsibility where there are alligator-people conflicts. The program depends upon close cooperation of state, parish and local authorities.

The primary objective of the Alligator Nuisance Control Program is to reduce the number of human - alligator contacts, yet utilize a valuable natural resource. Alligators taken under this program must be taken in accordance with state regulations and local regulations/ordinances. Skinning instructions issued by the Department will be valid for one year, until the next year's skinning instructions are issued.

The selection of nuisance alligator hunters shall be coordinated through local governing bodies such as Police Juries or Parish and City Administrators. The final selection of nuisance alligator hunters rests with the Department with appropriate background checks of all applicants. Alligator harvest tags may be issued by the Department to an approved resident commercial licensed hunter who has been officially designated by the local governing body with concurrence of the Department. The number of tags issued will be based on the number of legitimate complaints received the quantity and quality of alligator habitat involved and with approval of Department personnel. Numbered tags will only be issued in the name of the nuisance license holder for a sum of \$4.00 per tag.

Disposition of skins, meat and parts taken in this program will comply with existing federal and state statutes, Commission rules and regulations, and regulations adopted by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

12. Hunting On Public Lakes - The Department may select public lakes for an experimental alligator hunting program. The harvest will be controlled by a tag allotment for each lake as determined by population surveys by Department personnel. An alligator hunter can receive tags for and hunt on only one public lake each season. The tag quota for a public lake is 5 per hunter. Alligator tags issued on public lakes are non-transferable.

Applicants for public lake hunting must be 16 years of age or older. Applications for public lake hunting must be received at least 10 days prior to the season opening date. In the event that the number of applicants for any particular public lake exceeds the number of allowable hunters, a public drawing will be held to select hunters. Only the applicants whose names are drawn will be eligible to hunt public lakes.

13. Harvest Rates - Harvest rates are presently being calculated and will be determined by biologists of the Fur and Refuge Division. Aerial nest counts and night count surveys will be completed on July 15, 1989. This data will be analyzed, harvest rates calculated, and alligator tag allotments will be presented to Department/Commission administrators for their consideration.
14. The Department Secretary shall be authorized to close, extend or reopen the alligator season as biologically justifiable; harvest rates will be approved when available by the Department Secretary.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the excerpt of the meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in Grand Chenier, Louisiana on July 7, 1989.

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Donald Hines, Chairman
La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 6, 1989

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD AT ROCKEFELLER REFUGE IN GRAND CHENIER, JULY 7, 1989.

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator of the Game Division, attended meetings in Washington, D.C. on June 21, 1989 on upland migratory birds and teal, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing these migratory game birds were discussed at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Biologists have discussed tentative season dates for upland migratory birds, and

WHEREAS, final adoption of season dates for upland migratory birds cannot be established until requirements of the Federal Register process are met in August, and

WHEREAS, no changes in regulations framework from last year are anticipated, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby propose tentative dates for dove, snipe and woodcock for the 1989-90 hunting season as recommended by the staff of the Louisiana Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these season dates will be adopted at the August meeting as an emergency rule so long as no changes are mandated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Don Hines, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries

1989-90 Tentative Season Dates
For
Dove, Snipe and Woodcock

Species	Season Dates	Days	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Dove	Sept. 2-10	9	12	24
	Oct. 14-Nov. 12	30	12	24
	Dec. 9-Jan. 8	<u>31</u>	12	24
		70 total		
Snipe	Nov. 11-Feb. 25	107	8	16
Woodcock	Dec. 9-Feb. 11	65	5	10

Shooting Hours

Dove: Noon to Sunset, Sept. 2-3, Oct. 14-15, and Dec. 9-10, the remainder of the season 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Snipe and Woodcock: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

NOTE: Rail and Gallinule season dates will be set at the August 1989 meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Season dates for these species are tied to waterfowl dates, so no tentative dates will be set at this time.



DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

news release

Fish and Wildlife Service

For Release June 21, 1989

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HABITAT CONDITIONS FOR NESTING DUCKS REMAIN POOR

Millions of ducks are once again trying to nest across northern prairies where nesting failed almost completely in last year's drought, but U.S. and Canadian wildlife biologists say the ducks are facing long odds in their effort to replenish their numbers.

Despite an increase in winter snow and spring rains in some areas, early results of waterfowl surveys indicate that habitat conditions for ducks remain poor across large portions of the continent's most important duck breeding region--the prairie potholes of the north-central United States and southern Canada.

Overall, the areas where habitat conditions remain poor are so large that they offset the areas where conditions have improved, and the outlook for duck production this year is not optimistic.

"There is still reason to be concerned about our waterfowl populations," said Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan. "The ducks need help to come back. That is why I will press for creation of a special trust fund to acquire and restore wetlands under the public/private partnerships of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan."

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Duck numbers in surveyed areas hit a record low in 1985, improved slightly, then plunged again last year. The decline in their numbers has been tied to drought, which afflicted much of the continent's prime duck nesting region during most of the 1980's. The drought's effects have been compounded by the continuing conversion of many prairie wetlands to agriculture.

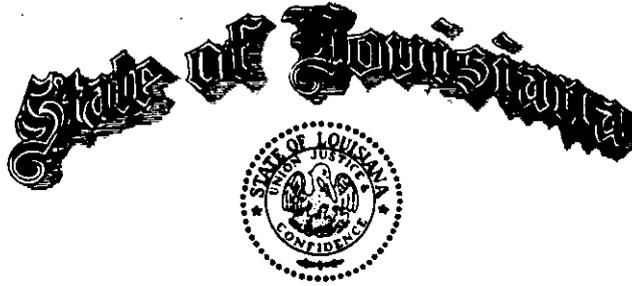
This year, according to survey reports from U.S. and Canadian wildlife biologists, habitat conditions are spotty, with some areas improved, particularly South Dakota, Montana, and parts of southern Alberta, while others continue to show the effects of drought. Conditions across large portions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba are poor, and north-central North Dakota is extremely dry. Ducks are more widely distributed than last year, when many congregated around the few remaining larger bodies of water or simply overflowed the parched prairies for more northerly areas.

Because the soil continues to be dry and water tables are low, this year's rain and snow simply sank into the ground in many regions, leaving ponds empty or only partially filled. Without additional rains, many small ponds appear likely to dry up before the nesting season is over and many big wetlands needed for ducks to raise their broods are not full.

There is a shortage of cover for duck broods and other wildlife around many wetlands because little vegetation grew last year, and places that were grazed have no stubble left to harbor birds.

Increasingly, biologists report seeing ponds that have been plowed right to the very edge, leaving no natural vegetation for wildlife. "It makes you wonder how a duck is going to find a place to nest or hide her brood from predators," one biologist observed.

Estimates of duck breeding populations are being compiled now and will be available within a few weeks. Results of production surveys and the annual outlook for the fall flight of waterfowl will be completed at the end of July.



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BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

June 30, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Hugh Bateman, Administrator, Game Division *HOB*

SUBJECT: Fee Assessment for Deer Management Assistance Program

Attached are some options regarding a range of fees we could charge for the Deer Management Assistance Program. This item is on the agenda for the Commission meeting at Rockefeller and is provided for your information.

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Attachment

cc: Virginia Van Sickle ✓
Kell McInnis
Game Division Staff

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
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AND
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1987-88

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Buddy Roemer
GOVERNOR

June 27, 1989

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: Virginia Van Sickle *VVS*
RE: July Board Meeting

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JERRY CLARK

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JOHNNIE TARVER

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4. Discussion of 1989 Alligator Harvest Program-Statewide

HUGH BATEMAN

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WINTON VIDRINE

8. Law Enforcement Report-May and June and OGT Time Sheets

BETTSIE BAKER

9. Airfleet Evaluation and Audit

KELL MCINNIS

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VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE

11. Secretary's Report to the Commission

JIMMY JENKINS

12. New Orleans Building

OTHER BUSINESS

13. Set September Meeting Date

PUBLIC COMMENTS

VVS/pc

cc: Don Puckett
Kell McInnis
Bettsie Baker
John Medica
Division Chiefs

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*2- Alligator Harvest Season 1989
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Secretary's Report
Jim Jenkins
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Office of Fisheries
Routing Slip

Out: 6/21
Due: _____
In: _____

Marine Fisheries Division:

To:		From:
—	Clark	—
—	Perret	—
—	Bowman	—
—	Boudreaux	—
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—	Roussell	—
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Inland Fisheries Division:

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Action:

For your information

Take appropriate action

No further contact with me is necessary

Advise verbally as to results by _____

Provide copy of your response by _____

Develop appropriate response; contact me by _____
before initiating action

Prepare options for my consideration by _____

Note:

*Please note attached item requested
for the agenda of the July Commission Meeting.*

Response:

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Phone 504/765-2800

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

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Jerry:
Phil & I checked with staff -
nothing for this Commission to do
Cory *Perret*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Paula Callais

FROM: James Manning

SUBJECT: July Commission Meeting

The Commission requested a report be presented at the July Commission Meeting regarding the muskrat and nutria problems as they relate to coastal deterioration. Please place this item on the agenda to be presented by Greg Linscombe.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James", is written over a horizontal line.

JHM/tbw

CC: Johnnie Tarver
Greg Linscombe

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Gary Lester

for Next Staff Mtg

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NORMAN M^ECALL HOME OLD BRICK OAK & PINE TREES IN FRONT & BACKYARD

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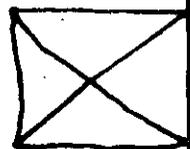
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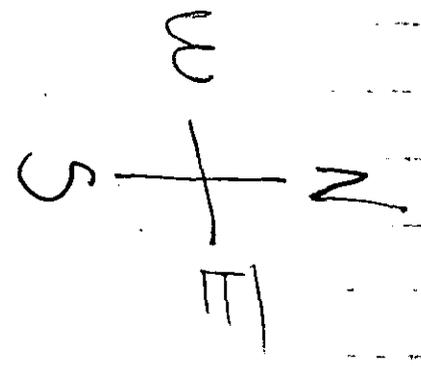
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby propose tentative dates for dove, snipe and woodcock for the 1989-90 hunting season as recommended by the staff of the Louisiana Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these season dates will be adopted at the August meeting as an emergency rule so long as no changes are mandated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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1989-90 Tentative Season Dates
For
Dove, Snipe and Woodcock

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		70 total		
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Shooting Hours

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

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information and requests from sportsmen of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Commission proposed these regulations on May 4, 1989 as a Notice of Intent, received no adverse comments, and met the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, now

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

Don Hines, Chairman
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Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

SUMMARY OF 1989-90
HUNTING SEASON REGULATIONS

Quail: Nov. 23-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 10, possession 20.
Rabbit: Oct. 7-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.
Squirrel: Oct. 7-Jan. 14. Daily bag limit 8, possession 16.
Deer: One per day. 6 per season.

Area 1 - 56 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunt only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
40 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 17

Area 2 - 56 days

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26 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

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Area 4 - 46 days

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30 days still hunt only: Dec. 9-Jan. 7

Area 5 - 16 days

9 days still hunt only: Nov. 18-26
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Turkey: One per day. 3 per season

Area A - 30 days. Mar. 31-Apr. 29

Area B - 37 days. Mar. 17-Apr. 22

Area C - 9 days. Apr. 21-29

Rule
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

In accordance with the Notice of Intent published in the May 1988 Louisiana Register, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at its regular monthly meeting in July hereby adopts regulations on open hunting season dates, bag limits, methods of taking, and rules and regulations on Department operated wildlife management areas for the period October 1, 1989-April 30, 1990. Authority to establish regulation is vested in the Commission by Section 115(A) of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

For those interested, a more detailed copy of the rules and regulations is available upon request to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Game Division, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

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New holdup on building swap

The sorry story of the state's neglect of the old court building on Royal Street has gone into a second and new chapter. While the building remains one of the city's most prominent eyesores, sitting in the heart of the French Quarter, there's another holdup in the plans to renovate the building as a combination court and office building.

The state Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, which owns the building at Royal and Conti, is now concerned that it is being asked to give away a valuable asset at a time when its own finances are strained.

Supreme Court judges had assumed the building would be theirs when they got money to begin the renovations. After all, two governors, former Gov. Edwin W. Edwards and incumbent Buddy Roemer, promised it to them.

Edwards backed a \$16 million bond issue to pay for the renovation. The court has already taken bids on the first \$2.9 million contract to restore the exterior of the building and remove asbestos from its walls.

But Wildlife and Fisheries is having second thoughts about turning the building over to the courts, and the commission has legal title to the building.

It's easy to see the commission's side of it. The commission had to take a 15 percent cut in its budget last year. It laid off employees to make the payroll.

"I'm not sure we're in a position to give anything away right now," says Dr. Donald Hines of Funkie, chairman of the commission.

Hines also says no one from the Supreme Court has ever contacted the commission about acquiring the building, although



WLF building — snag in plan to give to Supreme Court

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the commission has owned the building since 1957, when federal courts moved out.

Meanwhile, the 86-year-old building is falling apart. About 80 Wildlife and Fisheries employees work on the first floor, but the building has no heat, the roof leaks, windows are boarded up and marble blocks have fallen off the exterior. It is a slum in the midst of the city's prime tourist area.

Arguments over the building flared up recently when the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission pushed legislation to allow it to sell two buildings near the court building. These are the old 3rd police precinct building at 410 Chartres and another building around the corner on Conti.

The commission hoped to make as much as \$1 million on the sale and use that money to

relocate its employees now in the Royal Street building and beef up its enforcement activities.

A bill authorizing the sale and earmarking the money for Wildlife and Fisheries' conservation fund was sailing through the Legislature until last week, when it hit a snag. Somebody said those buildings are needed to provide parking for the judges when they get into the old court building.

Supreme Court Chief Justice James Dennis says the court had no part in this, although it would be nice to have the parking spaces. Judicial administrator Hugh Collins said they would provide only 16 parking spaces anyway. He said he'd done nothing to block the bill.

There are even rumors around that people interested in turning the court building into a casino are involved, but Department of

Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Virginia Van Sickle says she hasn't heard that one and she's been working for the bill. It may have been just the Capitol's rumor of the day.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is expected to discuss the entire problem when it meets July 6-7 in Cameron Parish. This should clear up some of the confusion over the properties.

Put your money on the Supreme Court's getting the old court building "The Supremes," as legislators call them, seem to have a way with governors and legislators.

The plan is for the Supreme Court, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeal and the attorney general's New Orleans office to move into the renovated Royal Street building. The appellate court has signed a lease to move into the 5th and 7th floors of the office building at 1515 Poydras, but that lease can be canceled after three years. It may take that long for the renovation to be completed, once it gets started.

Justice Dennis is waiting impatiently for the Wildlife and Fisheries employees to move out of the court building so the renovation can begin.

Van Sickle says her agency wants to get out of the crumbling building, too, but she adds, "We can't get our people out until we find a place to put them. I know the people in the French Quarter are fed up with it and I don't blame them."

Collins is philosophic about the latest potential scuffle over the court building. "If there are problems, we'll just have to rely on the governor to work them out," he says.

Like I said, put your money on the Supremes.

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RE: 529 Conti St., N.O.
GARAGE-AIR RIGHTS ACQUISITION

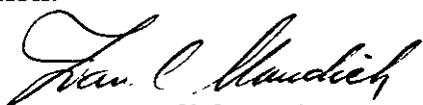
Dear Mr. Angelle:

Recently I saw an information pertaining to the property I wrote you about (see enclosed letter). My client would like to have an opportunity to bid on this project if you decide to dispose of the property. I understand that the court will need to use 16 spaces in the subject garage but that the renovation of the W.L. & F. building would benefit from an extra source of the money. This might be a chance to reconsider my previous offer.

Please let me know if you are willing to proceed with my request.

My telephone is 504/ 522-9292.

Appreciate your cooperation.


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RE: 529 Conti St. -Garage
Air-right acquisition

Dear Mr. Angelle:

Pursuant to our conversation of Apr.29,87 here is the proposal for the acquisition of the subject property.

My associates and clients are willing to enter in negotiations to purchase the air-rights above the existing garage on Conti St. for the sum that shall be agreed later on with your agency.

The purpose of the acquisition is to develop a small commercial facility that will consist of the two story superstructure, constructed above the garage in conformance with the Vieux Care requirements. We shall also provide the open space as a second floor courtyard, properly landscaped and embellished with the water fountains.

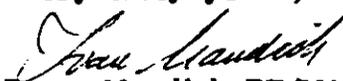
The construction of the reinforced deck above garage shall be of the sufficient strength to support the future superstructure and at the same time shall be the new ceiling/roof for the continuous usage of your garage. We would require also the permission to predrill foundation piles through the garage floor, and to construct columns above it, providing that the column spacing shall not interfere with your existing car parking arrangement. A small section of approximately 4 ft. wide will be required for the two stairs leading from the first floor to the second level.

The area under stairs shall remain as a parking space. We shall design an architecturally pleasing structure that will be approved by your agency as well as by the Vieux Carre Commission.

The commercial usage of the space will be specified in detail at a later date. At this time we are considering a European coffee shop in combination with a small restaurant, bookstore and small office units. This use shall be compatible with the required use in the area, and considering the need for the new jobs in the city benefits of this enterprise should be welcomed by all parties involved.

We respectfully request your immediate action on this matter and your recommendation for the date for our future meeting.

Very truly yours,


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c.c. Mr. J.C.Walsh

7-10-89 ✓

1989-90 HUNTING SEASONS

The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are considered to be in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS
(Shooting hours - one-half hour
before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset)

Also consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on W.M.A.'s or specific localities.

QUAIL: Nov. 23-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 10, Possession 20.

RABBIT: Oct. 7-Feb. 28. Daily bag limit 8, Possession 16.

SQUIRREL: Oct. 7-Jan. 14. Daily bag limit 8, Possession 16.

DEER: One per day. 6 per season (See Schedule and map)

ARCHERY SEASON: Oct. 1-Jan. 20.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON: Dec. 2-8.

TURKEY: One per day. 3 per season (See Schedule and map)

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM: No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire rifle. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire or shotgun during daylight hours during the open squirrel season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license.

CROWS AND BLACKBIRDS: Considered crop depredators in Louisiana and may be taken year round during legal shooting hours; no limit.

COMMERCIAL HUNTING PRESERVE: Oct. 1-Apr. 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM UNITS: Full season; The entire open deer season within each respective area. Cooperators failing to comply with specific requirements will be denied opportunity to participate the following year. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken with bow and arrow)

through the ear or hock in a manner that it cannot be removed, before deer is moved from the site of the kill.

HUNTING - GENERAL PROVISIONS

A basic resident or non-resident license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped.

A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey.

TAKING GAME QUADRUPEDS OR BIRDS from aircraft, automobiles or other moving vehicles is prohibited.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS - Baiting and live decoys are prohibited. Duck and goose hunters 16 years and older must have a signed federal waterfowl stamp available from any U. S. Post Office and a Louisiana Duck Stamp available from license outlets. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells are prohibited. Plugs used in guns must be incapable of being removed without disassembling gun. No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird and include it in the daily bag limit. Shooting waterfowl and other migratory game birds from a moving motorboat is prohibited. A craft under power, however, may be used to retrieve dead or crippled birds. See Migratory Game Bird Pamphlet for further information.

METHODS OF TAKING RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS - Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow and a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle, and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. During closed deer season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while hunting.

Still hunting is defined as hunting without the use of dogs.

Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

UNREGULATED BIRDS - Crows, red-winged blackbirds (rice birds), English sparrows, starlings, grackles and other species of blackbirds.

NUISANCE ANIMALS - Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means and EXCEPT that nutria and beaver can not be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required during open trapping season to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES - Louisiana Pearlshell (mussel), Sea Turtles, Gopher Tortoise, Ringed Sawback Turtle, Brown Pelican, Bald Eagle, Peregrin Falcon, Whooping Crane, Eskimo Curlew, Piping Plover, Interior Least Tern, Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Warbler, West Indian Manatee, Florida Panther. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of federal law.

UNREGULATED QUADRUPEDS - Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season.

FOXES AND BOBCATS are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" permitted by licensed hunters.

HUNTING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS - Hunting and/or discharging firearms across or from public roads, highways or road rights-of-way is prohibited. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the center line of such roads or highways is prohibited. Spotlighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law.

TAGS - Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. Deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the ear or the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow and arrow) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before deer is moved from the site of the kill.

1989-90 DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

GENERAL

- A. Bag, one legal deer per day. Six per season.
- B. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing doe deer is prohibited except where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise permitted.
- D. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. The taking of spotted fawns is prohibited.
- E. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- F. Still hunting is defined as hunting without the use of dogs. Pursuing, driving or hunting of deer with dogs during the still hunting season is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during gun still hunting season. Deer hunting with dogs is permitted in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is expressly prohibited in still hunting areas.
- G. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.
- H. Muzzleloader Season: Still hunt only; Dec. 2-8 in all deer hunting areas. Specified WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for hunters 16 years of age and older and under 60 years of age. Either sex deer may be taken Dec. 2 and 3 in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT as specified on WMAs and EXCEPT in West Carroll Parish.

Legal Muzzleloader Firearms: Single barrel rifles; .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, either of which must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or approved substitute only, take single ball or slug only, have exposed percussion cap or flintlock, and be fitted only with iron sights. Muzzleloaders may be used for all game species in season, however, muzzleloading

rifles are prohibited for hunting wild turkey.

- I. Archery Season: Still hunting only; Oct. 1-Jan. 20 in all deer hunting areas, including WMAs. Archery license required for bow hunters 16 and over and under 60 years of age.
- (See schedule). Either-sex deer may ^Abe taken in all areas open for deer hunting including WMAs. Either sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Where a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations. Also, archery season restricted on Salvador, Pass-a-Loutre and Point-au-Chien WMAs.

BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

1. To carry a gun including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season. EXCEPT, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).
 2. To have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held, or released by mechanical means except as specified by law.
 3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.
- J. HUNTER ORANGE: Deer hunters (except on property privately owned and legally posted) must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" material on the head or chest and/or back. Archers are not required to wear "Hunter Orange" if no gun season for deer is in progress.

WARNING: Deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "Hunter Orange".

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

AREA 1 - 56 days

9 days still hunting only:	Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunting only:	Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
40 days with or without dogs:	Dec. 9-Jan. 17

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension	Orleans	Tangipahoa
Assumption	Plaquemines	Tensas
Concordia	Pointe Coupee	Terrebonne
East Baton Rouge	St. Charles	Washington
Franklin	St. Helena	West Baton Rouge
Iberville	St. James	West Feliciana
Jefferson	St. John	
Lafourche	St. Martin	
Livingston	St. Mary	
Madison	St. Tammany	

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Avoyelles - South of Red River.

Catahoula - East of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers. South and east of La. 8.
from Ouachita River west.

East Carroll - South of La. 877 and 580 and west of U.S. 65.

East Feliciana - ALL EXCEPT south of La. 10 from the Amite River
westward to the jct. of La. 67 in Clinton, east of La. 67 from La. 10 jct.
southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line eastward to Amite River,
west of Amite River from Parish Line northward to La. 10.

Evangeline - East of I-49

Iberia - East of U.S. 90 and south of La. 14.

Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

LaSalle - East of Whitehall lying north of U.S. 84 and south of La. 8
Also the area south of La. 28 and east of Saline Bayou.

Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U. S. Hwy. 167 to
the jct. of U. S. 167 with I-49, east of I-49 from jct. of U. S.
167 to Cocodrie Bayou.

St. Bernard - That portion east of the New Canal (that canal immediately west
of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet) from Bayou Bienvenue south - eastward to
Bayou LaLoutre at Yscloskey, east and north of Bayou LaLoutre to the
Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO), east of MRGO from Bayou LaLoutre
southeastward to Breton Sound.

St. Landry - North and east of I-49.

West Carroll - South of La. 877.

EXCEPT STILL HUNTING ONLY IN ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES:

Avoyelles - That portion surrounding Pomme de Terre WMA, bounded on the
north, east, and south by La. 451 and on the west by the Big Bend levee from
its junction at the Bayou des Glaises structure east of Bordelonville,
southward to its junction with La. 451.

Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, West of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi line. South of Mississippi line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to parish line, south of parish line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67.

Franklin - ALL.

Orleans - ALL.

Plaquemines - ALL.

St. Bernard - That portion west of the New Canal (that canal immediately west of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet) from Bayou Bienvenue southeastward to Bayou LaLoutre at Yscloskey, west and south of Bayou LaLoutre to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO), west of MRGO from Bayou LaLoutre southwestward to Breton South.

St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier, westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, West of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103, shall be open Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 23-Jan. 14.

Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River

Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi line, south of the Mississippi line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also that portion of St. Tammany Parish north of La. 22 from U.S. 190 to La. 1077, east of La. 1077 northward to U.S. 190, south and west of U.S. 190 from La. 1077 to La. 22.

West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the jct. of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

EITHER SEX HUNTING

ASCENSION:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10 west of Mississippi River.

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24 east of Mississippi River.

ASSUMPTION, CONCORDIA, JEFFERSON, LAFOURCHE, MADISON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, POINTE COUPEE, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, ST. JAMES, ST. JOHN, ST. MARY, TENSAS, TERREBONNE, WEST BATON ROUGE, AND WEST FELICIANA (including Raccourci and Turnbull Islands):

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25, and Dec. 9-10.

AVOYELLES:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24 in that portion within Area 1.

EAST BATON ROUGE, LIVINGSTON, ST. TAMMANY, ST. HELENA, TANGIPAHOA, AND WASHINGTON:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24.

EAST CARROLL:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, south of La. 877 and 580 and west of U.S. 65.

EAST FELICIANA:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10 in that portion within Area I.

EVANGELINE:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, east of I-49.

FRANKLIN:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, east of La. 17, south of Martin Road 5530, west of Bayou Macon, and Cut-Off No. 3, north of Parish Road 5504 (Bakers Road).

IBERIA, IBERVILLE and ST. MARTIN (lower):

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, in that portion of Iberville west of Mississippi River and in all of Iberia and St. Martin (lower).

EXCEPT 2 days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24 in those portions of Iberia, Iberville and St. Martin (lower) Parishes bounded on the north by Bayou Sorrel from the east guide levee to Atchafalaya River, on the west by Atchafalaya River southward to the Texaco pipeline then southward by the eastern boundary of Attakapas WMA to its junction with Bayou Boutte, then by the east bank of Bayou Boutte to its junction with the "twenty-one inch pipeline", and on the south by the "twenty-one inch pipeline" to the east guide levee at Belle River AND including Iberville east of the Mississippi River.

RAPIDES:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, South of Alexandria between Red River and U. S. Hwy. 167 to the jct. of U. S. 167 with I-49, east of I-49 from jct. to U. S. 167 to Cocodrie Bayou.

ST. LANDRY:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, in all the parish EXCEPT that portion surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA as described below and those portions of the parish west of I-49.

One day, Nov. 24, in that portion surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10 and south by La. 103.

ST. MARTIN (Upper):

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, in all of Upper St. Martin east of West Atchafalaya Floodway Levee.

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, bounded on the west by Atchafalaya River, on the north by Bayou Sorrel and east by the Iberville line, and on the south by the Iberia line. Also that portion bounded on the north by I-10, on the west by Missouri Pacific Railroad, on the south by La. 96, and on the east by West Atchafalaya Protection Levee.

Area 2 - 56 days

23 days still hunting only:	Nov. 4-26
7 days still hunting only:	Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

26 days with or without dogs: Dec. 9-Jan. 3

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Bienville	DeSoto	Red River
Bossier	Grant	Sabine
Caddo	Jackson	Union
Caldwell	Lincoln	Webster
Claiborne	Natchitoches	Winn

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - North of U.S. 190.

Avoyelles - North of Red River.

Beauregard - North of U.S. 190 east of Ragley and east of U.S. 171-190 from Ragley to Longville, south of Longville Gravel Pit Road to La. 113, east of La. 113 and north of La. 394 to U.S. 171-190. East of U.S. 171-190 to jct. of La. 112. South and East of La. 112 and 113.

ALSO, west of La. 27 northward to DeRidder and south and east of U. S. 190 west of DeRidder to Texas line.

Calcasieu - West of La. 27 north of Sulphur and north of U. S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

Catahoula - West of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers, and north and west of La. 8 from Ouachita River west.

East Feliciana - South of La. 10 from the Amite River westward to the jct. of La. 67 in Clinton, east of La. 67 from La. 10 jct. southward to Parish line, north of Parish Line eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River from Parish Line northward to La. 10.

Evangeline - ALL EXCEPT east of I-49.

Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

LaSalle - ALL EXCEPT east of Whitehall lying north of U.S. 84 and south of La. 8. Also EXCEPT that portion south of La. 28 and east of Saline Bayou.

Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to jct. of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to jct. of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to jct. of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Ouachita - ALL EXCEPT south of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to jct. of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

Rapides - North of La. 465, to junction of La. 121, east of La. 121 and

La. 112 to Union Hill and all south of La. 113 from Union Hill

to Vernon line EXCEPT that portion lying south of Alexandria, between Red

River and U. S. 167 to jct. of U. S. 167 with I-49, east of I-49 from jct. of U. S. 167 to Cocodrie Bayou.

St. Landry - West of I-49 and north of U.S. 190.

Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

EXCEPT STILL HUNTING ONLY within the Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest in Claiborne Parish and within the Caney tract of Kisatchie National Forest in Webster Parish and; East Feliciana east of La. 67 from Parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to La. 67.

EITHER SEX HUNTING

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

Eight days, Nov. 18-19, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 9-10, and Dec. 16-17.

GRANT, JACKSON, LINCOLN, NATCHITOCHEs, RAPIDES, SABINE, UNION, VERNON, AND WINN:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10.

ALLEN:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, north of U.S. 190.

AVOYELLES:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, in that portion within Area 2.

BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU, EAST FELICIANA:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, in that portion within Area 2.

CALDWELL:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, west of Ouachita River.

CATAHOULA:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, west of Ouachita River and north and west of La. 8 from Ouachita River west to LaSalle line.

EVANGELINE:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, west of La. 29 from I-49 to U. S. 190.

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, east of La. 29 from I-49 to U. S. 190.

JEFFERSON DAVIS:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, north of U.S. 190.

LASALLE, MOREHOUSE:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, in those portions within Area 2.

OUACHITA:

Five days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, west of the Ouachita River.

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, east of the Ouachita River.

ST. LANDRY

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, west of I-49 and north of U. S. 190.

Area 3 - 56 days

23 days still hunting only:	Nov. 4-26
7 days still hunting only:	Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
26 days still hunting only:	Dec. 9-Jan. 3

ALL OF ACADIA, CAMERON AND VERMILION PARISHES ARE OPEN.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - South of U.S. 190.

Beauregard - South of U.S. 190 east of Ragley and west of U.S. 171-190

from Ragley to Longville, north of Longville Gravel Pit Road to La. 113, west of La. 113 and south of La. 394 to U.S. 171-190. West of U.S. 171-190 to the jct. of La. 112. North and west of La. 112 and 113.

ALSO east of La. 27 northward to DeRidder and north and west of U.S. 190, west of DeRidder to Texas line.

Calcasieu - East of La. 27 north of Sulphur and south of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas line.

Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

Jefferson Davis - South of U.S. 190.

Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

Rapides - South of La. 465 to jct. of La. 121, west of La. 121 and

La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon line.

St. Landry - West of I-49 and south of U.S. 190.

Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117

from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas line.

EITHER SEX HUNTING

ACADIA and CAMERON:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24.

VERMILION:

Five days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, south of La. 14.

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, north of La. 14.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

ALLEN, BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU, JEFFERSON DAVIS, RAPIDES, and VERNON:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10.

Area 4 - 46 days

9 days still hunting only:	Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunting only:	Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)
30 days still hunting only:	Dec. 9-Jan. 7

ALL OF RICHLAND PARISH IS OPEN.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

East Carroll - All north of La. 877 and La. 580 and east of U.S. 65.

Morehouse - East of U. S. 165 (from Arkansas line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to jct. of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 to jct. of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to jct. of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line.

Ouachita - South of U. S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to jct. of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line.

EITHER SEX HUNTING

EAST CARROLL:

Five days, Nov. 18, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, east of mainline Mississippi River levee.

MOREHOUSE, and OUACHITA:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, in that portion within Area 4.

RICHLAND:

Two days, Nov. 18 and Nov. 24.

Area 5 - 16 days (EXPERIMENTAL)

9 days still hunting only: Nov. 18-26
7 days still hunting only: Dec. 2-8 (muzzleloader only)

ALL OF WEST CARROLL PARISH IS OPEN.

All deer hunting, including muzzleloading hunting, shall be for bucks-only.

1990 TURKEY SEASON SCHEDULE
GENERAL

Daily limit one gobbler, three per season. Still hunting only. Dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys are illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns using shot not larger than BB size and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from moving or stationary vehicles is prohibited.

Turkey baiting is hereby defined as the placing or distributing of harvested grain such as, but not limited to, corn, wheat or milo in such a manner so as to constitute a lure or attraction to any area where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

A person shall be deemed to be hunting over bait if he is in the act of hunting (calling or in a blind) within 100 yards of a baited site. A baited site is only and specifically that immediate area where bait is deposited.

Any area where a hunter or hunters are found hunting or attempting to take turkeys over bait during the open turkey hunting season shall be immediately closed to hunting by posting signs circumscribing the bait site by a distance of 100 yards in all directions from the bait site. The signs shall read "Posted--Baited Area--Closed to Hunting." The area shall remain closed until all bait has been removed and for fifteen (15) days afterward.

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

TURKEY SEASON
Open Only in the Following Areas

Area A - 30 days. Mar. 31-Apr. 29.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

BEAUREGARD, BIENVILLE, GRANT, RAPIDES, VERNON, WINN

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE ALSO OPEN:

Allen - North of La. 10 east of Oakdale, west of U.S. 165 from Oakdale to Kinder and north and west of La. 383 from Kinder south.

Bossier - North of I-20 and east of La. 3 to Benton, south and west of La. 162 and 157 from Benton to Bellevue to I-20. ALSO, south of I-20 EXCEPT that portion south of La. 527 from Koran west to La. 157, west of La. 157 to Oakland, south of La. 612 from Oakland to Red River, east of Red River south to McDade, north of La. 157 and 154 from McDade to jct. of Koran-Fairview Point road, east of Koran-Fairview Point road to Koran.

Caddo - South of I-20.

Calcasieu - North of I-10.

Caldwell - West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula line, east and north of La. 126 and south and west of La. 127.

Catahoula - West of Ouachita River southward to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, north of La. 559 to La. 124, south and west of La. 124 from Duty Ferry to La. Hwy. 8 at Harrisonburg and north of La. 8 to La. 126, north and east of La. 126. ALSO that portion of Catahoula listed below.

Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Madison, Richland and Tensas - South of U. S. 80 from Mississippi River to La. 17, east of La. 17 and La. 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U. S. 65 from Clayton to jct. of La. 128, north of La. 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of La. 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands in Tensas and Madison Parishes lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Claiborne - All east of U.S. 79, EXCEPT that area bounded on the north by La. 2, on the west by La. 518, and on the south by La. 146, and EXCEPT south of Arkansas line from Junction City westward to La. 161, east of La. 161 and La. 520 from Arkansas line to Colquitt, north of La. Alt. 2 from Colquitt eastward to Bernice.

DeSoto - ALL EXCEPT east of U.S. 171 from Stonewall south to Mansfield, north of La. 509 from Mansfield to Bayou Pierre, west of Bayou Pierre from La. 509 north to La. 175, south of La. 175 south and west to Frierson, south of Parish Road 16 from Frierson west to Stonewall.

AND EXCEPT east of La. 175 from Sabine line (Pleasant Hill) north to La. 346, south of La. 346 to La. 177, east of La. 177 north to Red River line, and north of La. 174 (in southeast corner) from Sabine line east to Natchitoches line.

East Carroll and Madison - East of U.S. 65 from the Arkansas line to U.S. 80, INCLUDING those areas east of the main channel of the Mississippi River known as Willow Point, Henderson Island, Newman Towhead and Duncanby Towhead.

Evangeline - North and west of La. 115, north of La. 106 from St. Landry to Beaver and north of La. 10 from Beaver to Oakdale.

Jefferson Davis - West of La. 383.

LaSalle - East of Little River and Castor Creek, west of La. 127 to the Caldwell line, ALSO east of La. 126 from Catahoula line to Rosefield to Holum.

Lincoln - South of I-20, west of U.S. 167.

Madison - See East Carroll

Natchitoches - ALL EXCEPT that portion north of La. 174 from DeSoto line east to Red River line.

Red River - ALL EXCEPT south of La. 507 and La. 514 from Black Lake Bayou west to La. 71, east of La. 71 from Crossroads south to Coushatta, north of La. 71 from Coushatta to Natchitoches line over to Black Lake, west of Black Lake from Natchitoches line north along Black Lake Bayou to La. 507.

Sabine - ALL EXCEPT east of La. 175 southward from DeSoto line to Pleasant Hill. North of La. 174 east to DeSoto line.

Webster - East of U.S. 79 to I-20, all south of I-20.

Area B - 37 days. Mar. 17-Apr. 22.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

EAST BATON ROUGE, EAST FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON, ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY, TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON, WEST FELICIANA (including Raccourci Island).

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN:

Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, West Baton Rouge

North of La. 70 from La. 1 to the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of east protection levee northward to I-10, south of I-10 from its jct. with the east protection levee at Ramah to La. 1, south and west of La. 1 from I-10 to La. 70. Also, that portion of Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes lying north of I-10 and east of the East Atchafalaya Protection Levee. NOTE: There is no turkey season east of the Mississippi River in Iberville and Ascension Parish.

Point Coupee - ALL EXCEPT closed on Sherburne WMA, all federal property and

private inholdings lying within the boundaries of state or federally owned properties.

St. Landry, Upper St. Martin and Iberville - Those portions bounded on the north by U. S. 190; on the south by I-10; on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee; and on the east by the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. EXCEPT closed on Sherburne WMA, all federal property and private inholdings lying within the boundaries of state or federally owned properties.

Area C - 9 days. Apr. 21-Apr. 29.

Within Ouachita and Richland lying east of U. S. 165, south of La. 15, west of La. 133 and north of Bosco Lane.

1989-90

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

GENERAL

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

Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

Lands within WMA boundaries will have same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated.

Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs except in designated locations is prohibited.

Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

Requests for information on regulations may be directed to any district office: P.O. Box 915, Minden, 71055, Phone (318) 371-3050; P.O. Box 4004, Monroe, 71211, Phone (318) 343-4044; P.O. Box 278, Tioga, 71477, Phone (318) 487-5885; P.O. Box 426, Ferriday, 71334, Phone (318) 757-4571; 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, 70601, Phone (318) 491-2575; P.O. Box 585,

Opelousas, 70571-0585, Phone (318) 948-0255; P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, 70898-9000, Phone (504) 765-2360; or 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, 70130, Phone (504) 568-5612.

PERMITS

DAILY: When required, may be obtained at the permit stations on or near each WMA. Hunters must check out daily one-half hour after the end of legal shooting time.

SEASON: Basic resident and non-resident hunting licenses serve as season permits on WMAs when required, EXCEPT additional permits required on Fort Polk and Peason Ridge WMAs. Persons under 16 and those 60 or over need no season permits EXCEPT on Peason Ridge WMA and Fort Polk WMA. When permits are required, hunters may enter an area one (1) hour before legal shooting time and must be off the area one-half (1/2) hour after legal shooting time EXCEPT when daily permits are required and otherwise specified. Archery license required for all bow hunters over 16 and under 60 years of age. Muzzleloader license required for muzzleloader hunters over 16 and under 60 years of age.

YOUTH HUNT: Only youths under 16 years of age may hunt. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older, and the adult may not possess a firearm while accompanying the youth. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting.

A daily permit is required. Contact the appropriate district office for special check station locations. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs during the dates specified: Oct. 28-29 on Bodcau, Boise-Vernon, Georgia-Pacific, Jackson-Bienville, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Salvador and West Bay. Nov. 11-12 on Bens Creek, Boeuf, Pearl River, Red River, Russell Sage, Saline, Sherburne, Spring Bayou, and Thistlethwaite. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves will have a Youth Hunt on Oct. 28-29.

SPECIAL

SEASON: For handicapped hunters only, Dec. 2-3. Sherburne WMA shall be open exclusively to handicapped persons who have applied for and received in advance from any District office.

TRAPPING: Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at district

offices. Other special trapping exceptions are listed under respective WMA season schedules. Unless otherwise noted, WMA trapping seasons are the same as outside seasons. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. Each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the district office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8:00 am-4:30 pm on normal working days at district offices.

RACCOON HUNTING: NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL-Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the district office where their permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges on WMAs. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person, during daylight hours only, during the open squirrel season on WMAs EXCEPT Pass-a-Loutre, Point-au-Chien, and Salvador. Raccoon bag limit one per person per night for raccoon hunters on WMAs. Permits are required and may be obtained at district offices only between hours of 8:00 am-4:30 pm on normal working days.

COMMERCIAL FISHING: Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pearl River, Pomme de Terre, and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines permitted on Saline WMA north of La. 28 in diversion canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl season on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador and Pointe-Au-Chien WMAs. EXCEPT shrimping allowed on Pointe-Au-Chien only in Cut Off Canal during daytime and nighttime; and trawling allowed in Wonder Lake during daytime only. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges.

SPORT-FISHING: Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are permitted on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT nighttime frogging prohibited on Salvador and Point-Au-Chien.

FIREARMS

Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder, or clip when attached to firearms, are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under

power, motorcycles, ATVs and ATCs on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.

Firearms, bows and arrows are not permitted on WMAs during closed seasons, EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges. Bows and broadhead arrows are not permitted on WMAs EXCEPT during regular archery season or EXCEPT as permitted for bowfishing.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists (see respective WMA season schedule for specific regulations).

Loaded firearms are not permitted near WMA check stations.

Rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot, cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during deer season.

Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Discharging of firearms on or hunting from improved roads or their rights-of-way is prohibited.

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

Organized drivers and standers making use of noises or noisemaking devices are not permitted on WMAs.

Baiting is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on certain WMAs only during prescribed seasons and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting the game species for which the area is open at the time.

Hunters who kill deer on WMAs where daily permits are required must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill.

Still hunting is defined as hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing driving or hunting game animals with dogs when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

Construction of and hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be

destroyed.

A permanent blind or stand is defined as any structure and/or material, including vegetation, used for concealment while hunting, that is not completely dismantled or removed from the wildlife management area daily.

Tree climbing spurs are also prohibited.

All waterfowl hunters must dismantle blind and remove decoys within 30 minutes after close of shooting hours on each respective area. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

Hunters shall not hunt, take, or pursue game birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA.

Spotlighting (shining) from vehicles, is prohibited on all WMA's.

The use of horses and mules is prohibited for hunting or trapping on WMAs, EXCEPT for quail hunting or EXCEPT as otherwise specified. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during gun seasons for deer.

All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" during open gun season for deer. ALSO all non-hunters afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER: The entire archery season is open to either-sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season, restricted on Pointe-au-Chien and Salvador WMAs, and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth, muzzleloader or handicapped hunters are in progress.

Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

MUZZLELOADER SEASON FOR DEER: See specific WMA schedules.

CAMPING

Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreation vehicles, and tents is permitted only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on streambanks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas.

On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre WMA, camp boats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the waterfowl season. At all other times of the year mooring period limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for overnight mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Areas. Permits may be obtained from headquarters on respective WMAs.

No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats while vessel is within the WMA boundary.

Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations.

Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation.

Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorns, pecans etc.) and wild plants on WMAs without prior approval is prohibited.

Swimming prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

RESTRICTED AREAS

For your safety ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations, and storage facilities) are off limits.

Refer to WMA schedule for additional restricted areas.

DOGS

EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, all use of dogs on WMA's is EXPERIMENTAL as required by state law. EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, and bird dog training when allowed, having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are permitted for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

VEHICLES

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground), are prohibited on specified WMAs.

Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2, and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

Airboats, aircraft, and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs.

Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles including ATVs, ATCs, and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and trails as shown on WMA maps which are available at all District Offices. (See page _____ for addresses.) Bicycles are permitted.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas.

CAUTION: Many Department maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

1989-90 SEASON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS HUNTING SCHEDULE

1. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner--Office of Forestry-DNR-7,875 Acres):

- Deer: Nov. 4-5 and 24-26, bucks only, Season Permit.
- Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Dec. 4-8, bucks-only, Season Permit.
- Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only.
- Quail Woodcock & Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Vehicles restricted to paved and gravel (improved) roads.

2. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner-State of Louisiana-125,375 Acres):

- Migratory Game Bird Hunting: Same as outside.
- Rabbit: May be taken with beagles same as outside EXCEPT no beagles during duck season.

No hunting in restricted areas.

3. ATTAKAPAS (Owner-State of Louisiana-25,500 Acres):

- Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex, Season Permit.
Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.
- Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.
- Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28, in that area bounded on the north by the D.O.E. Pipeline, on the west by the Atchafalaya River, on the south and east by Thibodaux Chute.
- Woodcock: Same as outside.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
- Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly licensed hunters.
- Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT permit required from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office.

Free ranging livestock prohibited.

4. BENS CREEK (Owner-Cavenham Forest Industries, Inc.-13,500 acres):

- Youth Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either sex. Daily Permit.
- Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Nov. 25-26, Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.
- Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.
- Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex

Rabbit: gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only.
Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28.

Turkey: Same as outside.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT permit required from Baton Rouge District Office.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Refer to WMA map for location of designated roads.

No hunting in restricted area. (See Wildlife Management Area map).

5. BIG LAKE (Department Owned-19,221 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Nov. 26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Dec. 4-8, bucks only, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT Still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28.

Woodcock: Same as outside.

Turkey: Mar. 31-Apr. 22.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunt for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Trapping: Dec. 1-Jan. 12, Permit from Ferriday District Office required.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, taking permitted. Permit required from Ferriday District Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly licensed hunters EXCEPT during turkey season. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the area by the most direct route, provided no other route exists.

6. BILOXI (Owner--Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation-39,583 Acres):

Deer: Dec. 9, either-sex, Season Permit.
Dec. 10-17, bucks only, Season Permit.

Rabbit: Oct. 7-Jan. 7, still hunt only.

Waterfowl & All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

7. BODCAU (Owner--U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-32,471 Acres):

- Youth Hunt: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit
- Deer: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only, Season Permit.
- All Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 15-28, permit required from Minden District Office.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
- Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, permit required from Minden District Office.
- Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly licensed hunters.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited. No vehicles allowed on slopes of dams and levees.

8. BOEUF (Department Owned-38,403 Acres)

- Youth Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit.
- Deer: Nov. 24-25 either-sex, Daily Permit. Nov. 26 and Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only, Season Permit.
- Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Daily Permit. Dec. 4-8, bucks only, Season Permit.
- Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT waterfowl season closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
- Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.
- Turkey: Mar. 31-Apr. 15.
- Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, taking permitted. Permit required from Ferriday District Office.
- Trapping: Dec. 1-Jan. 12. Permit required from Ferriday District Office.
- Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly licensed hunters. EXCEPT during turkey season. Free-ranging livestock prohibited in fenced areas.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the area by the most direct route, provided that no other route exists.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to

the ground) are prohibited.

No hunting allowed in research area.

9. BOHEMIA (Owner--Orleans Levee District-33,000 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 9-10, either-sex, Season Permit.
Jan. 6-14, bucks only. Season Permit.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only.

Rabbit: Oct. 7-Feb. 28, EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts
for deer. Beagles permitted Jan. 15-28.

Snipe & Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT closed north of Bayou Lamoque
during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Crawfish: No more than 100 pounds per person per day.

10. BOISE-VERNON (Owner--Boise--Cascade Company-54,269 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 4-22, bucks only, Season Permit.
Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Season Permit. All deer must be
checked and tagged at weigh station immediately following kill.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only.

Quail,
Woodcock,
& Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
hunts for deer.

Turkey: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m.
prohibited.

11. FORT POLK (Owner--U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service-109,855 Acres):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. All hunting except
either-sex deer hunting available by self clearing permit system.

Registration for use of self clearing permit required once per year at
Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone (318) 535-5715 or (318) 535-
5255. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit
stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use self
clearing system.

Deer: Nov. 4-22, bucks only, Season Permit.
Nov. 24-26, either sex, Daily Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Special Permit,
Building #7803. A selected portion of the area to
be open.

Special archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at

Building #7803. Either-sex deer legal Oct. 1-Jan. 20. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress.

Quail, Woodcock, & Dove: Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Turkey: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during all either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Unmarked hogs: May be taken during deer seasons by properly licensed deer hunters.

Fishing: Special regulations to be posted at entrance of each lake.

12. GEORGIA-PACIFIC (Owner-Georgia-Pacific Corporation, et al-27,361 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 4-12, bucks only, Season Permit.
Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit. All deer must be checked and tagged at check station immediately following kill.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only.

Quail & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Trapping: Dec. 2-Jan. 7, Permit from Monroe District Office required.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28 taking permitted. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: All vehicles EXCEPT ATCs & ATVs are restricted to improved designated roads EXCEPT Company Pond Road is treated as a state or parish road. Hunters may transport guns along this road if broken down or encased when gun season is in progress on outside. (Long Lonesome and Slim Currenton Roads are no longer parish roads.) EXCEPT as otherwise provided all nighttime activities prohibited.

13. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned-13,297 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Nov. 26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunting only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28.

Turkey: Mar. 24-Apr. 8.

Woodcock: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season including teal season, on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season including teal season. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly licensed hunters EXCEPT during turkey season.

Free ranging livestock prohibited.

Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT permit required from Spring Bayou WMA headquarters.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to the ground) are prohibited.

No hunting in Restricted Area (see WMA map).

14. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner--Willamette Industries, Continental Can Co., et al-30,845 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 4-22 and Dec. 27-Jan. 1, bucks only, Season Permit.
Nov. 24-Dec. 3, either sex, Daily Permit.

All Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles Jan. 15-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 15-28. Permit required from Minden District office.

Turkey: Apr. 7-29.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, permit required from Minden District Office.

Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer. Permit required from Minden District Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during deer seasons by properly licensed deer hunters.

15. JOYCE (Department Owned-13,569 Acres; Guste Heirs 2,040 acres):

Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex, Season Permit
Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.

- Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited.
- Snipe, Rail & Gallinule: Same as outside season.
- Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.
- Trapping: Permit required from area supervisor or Baton Rouge District Office.
16. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned-3,600 Acres):
- Youth Hunt: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit.
- Deer: Nov. 4-22, Nov. 26, bucks only, Season Permit.
Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Season Permit. All deer must be checked and tagged at check station immediately following kill.
- Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.
- All Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28. Dogs permitted for squirrel and raccoon Jan. 15-28. Permit from Minden District Office required.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
17. MANCHAC (Department Owned-8,325 Acres):
- Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.
- Snipe, Rail, & Gallinule: Same as outside.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited.
- Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT permit required from Baton Rouge District Office.
18. OUACHITA (Department Owned-8,745 Acres):
- Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting during waterfowl season.
- Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only, Season Permit.
- Waterfowl: South of La. Hwy. 15.
Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to hunting, trapping and sport fishing during waterfowl season. Entire area closed to commercial fishing.
- Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during waterfowl seasons and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28.
- Turkey: Apr. 21-29.
- Dove, Quail, Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex

Snipe, & gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m.
Woodcock: prohibited during waterfowl season.

Trapping: Nov. 27-Dec. 15 and Jan. 29-Feb. 15. Permit required from
Monroe District Office. Closed north of La. 15 during waterfowl season.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, taking permitted; no bag limit.
Permit required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 lbs. per person per day limit. No
traps or nets left overnight.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius
of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal
to the ground) are prohibited. Roads may be closed during inclement
weather.

No hunting allowed in restricted areas.

19. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned-66,000 Acres):

Migratory Game

Bird Hunting: Same as outside.

Archery: Oct. 1 through the end of duck season. Special permit
required from Pass-a-Loutre headquarters.

Rabbit: Same as outside. Beagles permitted when waterfowl and
archery season is closed.

20. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned-34,896 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily permit

Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season
Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
& Rabbit: hunts for deer, and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles
permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 15-28.
Permit required from WMA headquarters.

Snipe, Rail Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
& Gallinule: hunts for deer and EXCEPT snipe, rail and gallinule,
hunting south of I-10 only.

Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
hunts for deer, including muzzleloader.

Turkey: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 12 noon prohibited
Commercial and EXCEPT no hunting in waterfowl refuge area. Permit
Fishing: from Baton Rouge District Office or area supervisor required.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, permit required from WMA headquarters.

Unmarked May be taken during deer seasons by properly
Hogs: licensed deer hunters.

Trapping: Dec. 1-Feb. 11, EXCEPT for south of U.S. 90 which
shall be same as south zone. For information contact
Baton Rouge District Office or area supervisor.
Permit required.

Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana reaches 16.5 feet.

No Hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "no hunting" signs. Rifle range open only at approved times. Contact Slidell Hunter Safety Office. (504-646-3439).

21. PEASON RIDGE (Owner--U.S. Army--33,488 Acres):

Daily military clearance required to hunt any game. All hunting except either-sex deer hunting available by self clearing permit system.

Registration for use of self clearing permit required once per year at Building #7803, North Fort Polk, telephone no. (318) 535-5715 or (318) 535-5255. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7803 and use self clearing system.

Deer: Nov. 4-22, bucks only, Season Permit.
Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Turkey: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during deer seasons by properly licensed hunters.

22. POINTE-AU-CHIEN (Department Owned 28,244 Acres):

Morning hunting only (Closed 12 Noon) on ALL GAME.

Deer: Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 9-17, bucks only, Season Permit.

Archery: Nov. 11-23, either-sex

Rabbit: Beagles permitted Oct. 7-Nov. 10 and after close of duck season until Feb. 28. Remainder of season still hunt only.

Migratory Game Birds: Same as outside.

All Other Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Mudboats with inboard engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in interior ditches.

ALL night time activities prohibited on area from thirty minutes after sundown to one and one half hours before sunrise.

23. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned-6,184 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex, Season Permit.
Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only,
Season Permit.

Squirrel
& Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts
for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles
permitted for rabbit Jan. 15-28.

Snipe &
Woodcock: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and
EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Commercial
Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday. Permits available
from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office.

Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT permit required from Spring
Bayou or Opelousas office.

Unmarked
Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly
licensed hunters.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius
of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal
to the ground) are prohibited.

Free ranging livestock prohibited.

24. RED RIVER (Department Owned-16,604 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers--
11,717 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Nov. 26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Dec. 4-8, bucks only, Season Permit.

Squirrel &
Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer
and EXCEPT, still hunt only.

Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
hunt for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m.
prohibited.

Trapping: Dec. 1-Jan. 12. Permit required from Ferriday District
Office.

Unmarked
Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly
licensed hunters.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of
17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to
the ground) are prohibited.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be
transported through the area by the most direct route provided that no

other route exists.

No hunting allowed in restricted areas.

Free-ranging livestock prohibited.

25. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned-17,280 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Season Permit. All deer must be checked and tagged at check station immediately following kill.
Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only, Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT closed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season south of I-20. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 15-28. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

Snipe & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during waterfowl season.

Turkey: Apr. 21-29 south of I-20.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Trapping: Nov. 27-Dec. 15 and Jan. 29-Feb. 15. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, taking permitted, no bag limit. Permit required from Monroe District Office.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measure horizontal to the ground) are prohibited.

Roads may be closed during inclement weather.

NOTE: ALL seasons on Chauvin Tract on U.S. 165 north same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only.

26. SABINE (Owner--International Paper Company, Boise Cascade Co., et al-14,780 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 4-17 and Nov. 20-22, bucks only, Season Permit.
Nov. 18-19 and Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28. Dogs permitted for squirrel Jan. 15-28. Permit required from Alexandria District Office.

Quail, Dove & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun

hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, permit required from Alexandria District Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly licensed hunters.

27. SABINE ISLAND (Owner--State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board-8,103 Acres):

ALL seasons same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only. Hunting for waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

28. SALINE (Department Owned--60,276 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit.
Nov. 26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 15-28.

Woodcock: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Trapping: Dec. 1-Jan. 12. Permit required from Ferriday District Office. Trapping prohibited in greentree reservoir.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-Feb. 28 taking permitted. Permit required from Ferriday District Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by all properly licensed hunters in fenced-in areas south and east of Hwy. 28. Free ranging live-stock prohibited in area south and east of Hwy. 28. Also, free ranging livestock, EXCEPT hogs prohibited in fenced area north of Hwy. 28.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the area by the most direct route, provided that no other route exists. No hunting allowed in research areas. Trapping prohibited in greentree reservoir. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to the ground) are prohibited.

29. SALVADOR (Department Owned--30,600 Acres):

Morning Hunting Only (closed 12 Noon) on ALL game.

Youth Hunt: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Dec. 9-17, Bucks Only, Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Archery: Nov. 11-Dec. 8, either-sex.

Rabbit: Beagles permitted Oct. 7-Nov. 10, and after close of duck season until Feb. 28. Remainder of season still hunt EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

All Other
Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunt only.

Migratory
Game Birds: Same as outside.

Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower rating above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals;

Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands ponds including the West Canal; Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie du Cabanage"; and the Rathborne Access ditch. All night time activities prohibited on area from thirty minutes after sundown to one and one half hours before sunrise, including frogging.

30. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned--3,397 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex, Season Permit.
Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 1, bucks only, Season Permit.

Squirrel
& Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbit hunting Jan. 15-28.

Quail: Dec. 9-Feb. 11, hunting permitted Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday only.

Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT, hunting permitted Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday only.

Dove: Same as outside.

Turkey: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Bird Dog
Training: Sept. 2-Dec. 3 and Feb. 17-Mar. 18 EXCEPT permitted Saturday and Sunday only and EXCEPT blank pistols only.

Bird Dog
Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge District Office.

No motorized vehicles allowed off parish roads.

31. SHERBURNE (Department Owned-11,780 Acres):

Closed Season: Dec. 2-3, to all hunters EXCEPT handicapped persons.

Special
Season: For handicapped hunters only, Dec. 2-3. Required permit must be obtained in advance from any district office.

Youth Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit.
 Nov. 26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.

Squirrel
 & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for
 deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for
 rabbits Jan. 15-28. Dogs permitted for squirrel Jan. 15-
 28, permit required from WMA headquarters.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun
 hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m.
 prohibited. No early teal season.

Woodcock: Same as outside.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, permit required from WMA headquarters.

Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT permit required from WMA h e a d -
 quarters.

All motorized vehicles restricted to designated roads. Vehicles having
 wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or
 more from center of hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.
 Free ranging livestock prohibited.

Rifle range open Thursday and Sunday afternoons. Contact Baton Rouge
 District Office (504-765-2932) or (318-566-2251). No trespassing in
 restricted areas behind ranges.

NOTE: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge adjacent to the Sherburne
 Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations
 including daily permits for either-sex deer hunting as Sherburne WMA
 EXCEPT use of ATVs is prohibited on the refuge. No hunting or trapping
 in restricted area.

32. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned-6,507 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 16-Jan. 1, bucks only,
 Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel
 & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer
 and EXCEPT still hunt only.

Quail
 & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Trapping: Dec. 1-Jan. 12. Permit required from Ferriday District
 Office.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius
 of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal
 to the ground) are prohibited.

Firearms and any game harvested cannot be transported through the area except during the corresponding open season on area.

Free ranging livestock prohibited.

33. SODA LAKE (Owner--Caddo Levee District-1,300 Acres):

Waterfowl Refuge: No hunting EXCEPT archery, same as outside. No trapping permitted. Sport fishing permitted Apr. 1-Aug. 31.

34. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned-12,078 Acres):

Youth Hunt: Nov. 11-12, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex, Season Permit.
Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28. Dogs permitted for squirrels Jan. 15-28. Permit from WMA headquarters required.

Woodcock: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in refuge area.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas District Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, including teal season.

No hunting allowed in headquarters area.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly licensed hunters.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area after 10 p.m. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, including teal season.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to the ground) are prohibited.

Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT permits required from Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas District Office.

35. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner--Thistlethwaite Heirs-11,100 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 24, either-sex, Season Permit. All deer must be checked and tagged at check station immediately following kill.
Nov. 25-Dec. 3, bucks only, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only.
 Woodcock: Same as outside.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. No September teal season.

Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT permit required from Opelousas District Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by properly licensed hunters.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See Wildlife Management Area Map)

ALL motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

ALL hunters must enter and leave through main gate only.

36. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned-23,222 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers-1,085 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 24-25, either-sex, Daily Permit.
 Nov. 26 and Dec. 27-Jan. 14, bucks only, Season Permit.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Daily Permit.
 Dec. 4-8, bucks only, Season Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits, Jan. 15-28.

Quail, Snipe & Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, taking permitted. Permit required from Ferriday District Office.

Trapping: Dec. 1-Jan. 12, Permit required from Ferriday District Office.

Free ranging livestock prohibited in area.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken during hunting seasons by all properly licensed hunters.

Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the area by the most direct route provided that no other route exists.

Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to the ground) are prohibited.

37. UNION (Owner--Manville Forest Products Corporation, and La. Dept. of Corrections et al-13,391 Acres):

Deer: Nov. 18-Dec. 3, either-sex, Daily Permit.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun

- Rabbits: hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28.
- Quail,
Woodcock,
& Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.
- Unmarked
Hogs: May be taken during deer season only by properly licensed hunters.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.
- Trapping: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer.
38. WEST BAY (Owner--Boise Cascade Company, Kirby Lumber Co., Quatre-Parish Company, et al-55,185 Acres):
- Youth Hunt: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Daily Permit.
- Deer: Nov. 4-17 and 20-22, bucks only, Season Permit.
Nov. 18-19 and Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Daily Permit.
- Muzzleloader: Same as outside, Season Permit.
- Squirrel
& Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT still hunt only. Beagles permitted for rabbits Jan. 15-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs permitted Jan. 15-28. Permit required from Lake Charles District Office.
- Raccoon: Jan. 15-28, permit required from Lake Charles District Office.
- Quail, Dove,
Woodcock & : Same as outside EXCEPT closed during gun hunts for deer and EXCEPT waterfowl hunting prohibited after 2 p.m.
- Turkey: Apr. 7-29.
39. WISNER (Owner--Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee-21,621 Acres):
- Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during waterfowl season. Beagles permitted Jan. 15-28.
- All Other
Game: Same as outside EXCEPT still hunting only.
- Waterfowl: Same as outside.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner--Kisatchie National Forest-36,000 acres-Grant and Winn Parishes) Season Permit, EXCEPT Daily Permits required for gun season for either-sex deer.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner--Kisatchie National Forest-38,000 acres-Natchitoches Parish) Season Permit EXCEPT daily permits required during gun season for deer.

These two Preserves are managed through a Cooperative Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact:

Forest Supervisor's Office
2500 Shreveport Hwy.
Pineville, LA 71360
Phone (318) 473-7160
Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL INCLUSIONS FOR DEPARTMENT ACTION

(Not to be printed in brochure)

LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, Minden, Louisiana, Webster Parish.

Deer: Either-sex deer shall be legal through the entire Area 2 season or portions thereof as permitted by the base commander.

All

Other Same as outside season or portions thereof as permitted by
Game: the base commander.

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, Bossier City, Louisiana, Bossier Parish.

Deer: Either-sex deer shall be legal through the entire Area 2 season or portions thereof as permitted by the base commander.

All

Other Same as outside season or portions thereof as permitted by
Game: the base commander.

AVERY ISLAND, Iberia Parish.

Deer: Either-sex deer shall be legal through the entire scheduled Area 1 season.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner--Kisatchie National Forest-36,000 acres-Grant and Winn Parishes) Season Permit, EXCEPT daily permits required for gun season for either-sex deer.

Deer: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Special Youth Hunt
Nov. 4-5, bucks only, Still Hunt Only
Nov. 10-12, bucks only, Still Hunt Only
Nov. 18-19, either-sex, Still Hunt Only
Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Still Hunt Only
Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Muzzleloader Only

Turkey: Apr. 7-29, Gobblers Only

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE (Owner--Kisatchie National Forest-38,000 acres-Natchitoches Parish) Season Permit EXCEPT daily permits required during gun season for deer.

Deer: Oct. 28-29, either-sex, Special Youth Hunt
Nov. 18-19, either-sex, Still Hunt Only
Nov. 24-26, either-sex, Still Hunt Only
Dec. 2-3, either-sex, Muzzleloader Only

Turkey: Same as outside

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1989-90
HUNTING LICENSES

MANDATORY HUNTER SAFETY TRAINING

All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in order to purchase a Basic Hunting License.

GENERAL

HUNTING: 1989-90 SEASON

1. Basic Resident Fishing and Hunting License Expires June 30.....\$16.00
2. Resident (All person ages 16-59 inclusive).
 - a. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game).....10.50
 - b. Big Game (Required of all Bear, Deer and Turkey Hunters in addition to basic license).....10.50
 - c. Archery License.....10.50
 - d. Muzzleloader License.....10.50
 - e. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp).....5.00
3. Non-Resident
 - a. Basic Season (Excluding Big Game).....75.50
 - b. (3-day).....40.50
 - c. Big Game (Required of all Bear, Deer and Turkey Hunters in addition to basic license).....40.50
 - d. Archery License.....10.50
 - e. Muzzleloader License.....10.50
 - f. Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp).....7.50
 - g. Non-Resident Migratory Game Bird - 3 day trip.....25.00

Commercial Hunting Preserve (Pen-raised birds only)
(Expires June 30).....200.00

Game Breeder (Expires December 31)
Raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild game quadrupeds.....25.00

FISHING

All basic sports fishing license and recreational gear licenses expire June 30 each year.

1. Universal Fishing License (Cane pole/hook and line license).....2.50
2. Resident Basic Fishing License.....5.50
3. Non-Resident Basic Fishing License.....15.50
4. Non-Resident, seven consecutive days.....10.50
5. Resident Saltwater Angler's License (Required in addition to basic license).....5.50
6. Non-Resident Season Saltwater Angler's License (Required in addition to basic seven day trip license).....25.50
7. Non-Resident 7 Day Trip Saltwater Angler's License (Required in addition to basic seven day trip license).....15.50

A. A recreational fisherman must purchase a basic recreational fishing license to use the following gear:

- (1) Hook and line
- (2) Bow and arrow
- (3) A barbless spear
- (4) Castnets
- (5) Frog gigs or catchers
- (6) Scuba gear

Exception for certain residents and military personnel from purchase or possession of basic recreational and saltwater license.

A. The following recreational fishermen are not required to obtain a basic recreational fishing license or saltwater license, but must have proof of age in their possession whenever fishing:

- (1) Residents over sixty years of age.
- (2) Residents and non-residents under sixteen years of age.

B. The following recreational fishermen, upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the department, shall be issued a basic recreation fishing license and saltwater license without payment of any fees:

- (1) A resident who is a veteran of the armed forces, the Louisiana Army National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard, having a permanent service connected disability classification of fifty percent or more;
- (2) A resident who is blind, paraplegic, or is a multiple amputee.

C. Persons in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty shall, for licensing purposes, be given resident privileges.

Recreation Gear License

A recreational fisherman must possess, in addition to a basic recreational fishing license, a recreational gear license indicating that the applicable gear fee has been paid, whenever using or possessing on the fishing grounds any recreational gear listed below.

1.	Crab Traps - Limited to 10 traps	
	Resident.....	10.00
	Non-Resident.....	20.00
2.	Hoop Nets - Limited to Five nets maximum	
	Resident.....	20.00
	Non-Resident.....	40.00
3.	Slat Traps - Limited to Five traps maximum	
	Resident.....	20.00
	Non-Resident.....	40.00
4.	Trawls - Up to 16 feet	
	Resident.....	25.00
	Non-Resident.....	50.00
5.	Oyster Tong - Per Tong	
	Resident.....	5.00
	Non-Resident.....	10.00
6.	Res. Crab Traps.....	1.00
	per trap attached to a trotline - up to 10 traps	
	Non-Resident Crab Traps.....	2.00
	per trap attached to a trotline - up to 10 traps.	

The above exceptions and exemptions do not apply to recreational gear licenses.

FEDERAL WILDLIFE LAW
(Synopsis Only)

Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, 16 USC 3371-3378

Prohibited Acts:

It is unlawful for any person to import, export, transport, sell, receive acquire or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce; any fish, wildlife or plant taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law or regulation of any state, or in violation of any foreign law.

Criminal Penalties:

Felony: Fine-\$20,000
Imprisonment-Up to 5 years or both

Misdemeanor: Fine-\$10,000
Imprisonment-Up to 1 year or both

Rewards

Furnished to individuals providing information that leads to an arrest or criminal conviction for violations of above.

Report violations toll free:
1-800-442-2511
"Conserve Game Birds-Use a Retriever"

MIGRATORY GAME
BIRDS

DOVES: Statewide. Split Season. 70 days
Sept. 2-10
Oct. 14-Nov. 12
Dec. 9-Jan. 8

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, EXCEPT on the opening weekend of each split (Sept. 2-3, Oct. 14-15 and Dec. 9-10) when shooting hours will be 12:00 Noon until sunset. The bag limit is 12 and possession limit after opening day is 24.

SNIPE SEASON: Nov. 11-Feb. 25. Bag limit is eight, possession limit is 16. Shooting hours are from one-half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

WOODCOCK SEASON: Dec. 9-Feb. 11. Bag limit is five, possession limit is ten. Shooting hours are from one-half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

ALL OTHER MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING DATES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN THE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING PAMPHLET AVAILABLE OCTOBER, 1989.

State of Louisiana



DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

VIRGINIA VAN BICKLE
SECRETARY

P.O. Box 278
TIOGA, LA 71477
APRIL 25, 1989

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: HUGH BATEMAN - CHIEF GAME DIVISION

FR: CZERNY R. NEWLAND - DISTRICT III SUPERVISOR *an*

RE: DEER & TURKEY SEASONS ON CATAHOULA & RED DIRT AREAS

After discussion with Joe Hogan of U.S.F.S. I have the following recommended changes for the 1989-90 hunting seasons. Please refer to the attachment for the original seasons. These changes are primarily to comply with new statewide regulations.

RED DIRT - DEER

Oct. 28-29, 1989	Either Sex - Special Youth Hunt
Nov. 18 & 19, 1989	Still Hunt Only - Either Sex
Nov. 24, 25, & 26, 1989	Still Hunt Only - Either Sex
Dec. 2 & 3, 1989	Either Sex - Muzzle loader Only

RED DIRT - TURKEY

Same as outside

CATAHOULA - DEER

Oct. 28 & 29, 1989	Either Sex - Special Youth Hunt
Nov. 4 & 5, 1989	Bucks Only - Still Hunt Only
Nov. 10, 11 & 12, 1989	Bucks Only - Still Hunt Only
Nov. 18 & 19, 1989	Either Sex - Still Hunt Only
Nov. 24, 25, & 26, 1989	Either Sex - Still Hunt Only
Dec. 2 & 3, 1989	Either Sex - Muzzleloader Only

CATAHOULA - TURKEY

April 7 - 29, 1990 Gobblers Only

CRN:psc
CC: Joe Hogan
Jerry Owens
Jerry Farrar
Larry Soileau



United States Department of the Interior
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
75 SPRING STREET, S.W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

March 16, 1989

*Received
April 11 '89*

Mrs. Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 15570
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895

Dear Virginia:

We are enclosing a schedule of proposed hunts and hunt regulations for the 1989-90 season for our refuges in Louisiana. They are shown as presented and modified during a meeting with Messrs. Hugh Bateman and Larry Soileau of your staff at Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge on March 1, 1989.

We would appreciate being notified when these hunt schedules have been cleared by your Commission. This will allow us to proceed in printing hunt brochures and other hunt-related literature.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Pulliam, Jr.
Regional Director

Enclosure

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HUNTS
PLANNED FOR
STATE OF LOUISIANA
1989-90

ATCHAFALAYA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Hunts will be held consistent with seasons and special regulations established for Sherburne Wildlife Management Area. Also, consideration should be given to privately owned lands within the Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge boundaries having the same seasons and regulations as the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area.

BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General gun
Season: State season, except no early teal
 season-mornings only
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Woodcock, turkey, rabbit, squirrel
Type Hunt: General
Season: State season; rabbit dogs permitted
 after last State deer gun hunt
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Raccoon and opossum
Type Hunt: General
Season: November 1-16 and beginning the day after
 the last State deer gun hunt through
 the end of the State trapping season
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Bogue Chitto NWR (Cont.)

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: General
Season: Bucks only - November 18-23,
December 23-29; either-sex -
November 24-25
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

DELTA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Waterfowl, coots
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Saturdays, and Sundays during the State
duck season
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Rabbit
Type Hunt: General
Season: State season remaining after close of
duck season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Archery - either-sex
Season: Month of October
Bag Limit: State regulations; hunt to close after
reaching total kill of 30
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

CATAHOULA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, and feral hog
Type Hunt: General gun
Season: October 7 through October 31
Bag Limit: State regulations (no dogs)
Permits: Required (daily)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer and feral hog
Type Hunt: Youth gun hunt
Season: November 4 and 11
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Required (daily)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer, rabbit, squirrel, and
feral hog
Type Hunt: Archery regulations
Season: State regulations
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Required (daily)
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer and feral hog
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader
Season: December 9-10
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Required (pre-application quota system--
100 permits)
Significant Changes: None

D'ARBONNE AND UPPER OUACHITA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Species: Waterfowl (ducks, coots)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only during State season except
closed during teal season
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Squirrel, rabbit, quail, woodcock,
raccoon, opossum, and feral hog
Type Hunt: General--dogs allowed for squirrel and
rabbit hunting after the last refuge
deer gun season
Season: State regulations (daylight hours)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Raccoon, opossum, and feral hog
Type Hunt: General
Season: December only (hunters may also take
during daylight hours of squirrel
season)
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer and feral hog
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Either-sex deer and feral hog
Type Hunt: General
Season: Nine consecutive days beginning with the
first day of the Union Parish either-
sex season
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: Increase season from 4 to 9 days,
delete buck only season

LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: Early teal hunt
Season: Mornings only during entire 9 days of
State season
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General gun
Season: Mornings only, Wednesday through Sunday
during State season for western zone
Bag Limit: No special restriction
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Deer, either-sex
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: All dates of October
Bag Limit: Same as for State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Tuesdays, Thursdays,
Saturdays, and Sundays during State
season (closed during special teal
season and all gun deer hunts) in
designated areas
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Daily permit and bag report required
Significant Changes: Required daily permit and bag report

Species: Squirrel
Type Hunt: General
Season: October 7 - November 23
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Daily permit and bag report required
Significant Changes: Required daily permit and bag report

Tensas River NWR (Cont.)

Species: Rabbit
Type Hunt: General
Season: October 7 - November 23, still hunt only-
no dogs; January 7-21 rabbit dogs
permitted
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Daily permit and bag report required
Significant Changes: Required daily permit and bag report

Species: Raccoon
Type Hunt: General
Season: Same as for Big Lake Wildlife Management
Area
Bag Limit: Unrestricted bag limit
Permits: Daily permit and bag report required
Significant Changes: Required daily permit and bag report

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: October 1 - January ²⁰ ~~8~~, except closed (George Chanota Approved)
during youth hunt and general gun hunts
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Daily permit and bag report required
Significant Changes: Required daily permit and bag report

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Youth hunt
Season: November 11-12, Judd Brake Unit only
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Daily permit and bag report required
Significant Changes: Required daily permit and bag report

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: General gun
Season: November 24-25; December 16-17
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Pre-application permit required; maximum
of 2,500 per hunt; must check deer
Significant Changes: Required daily bag report

Species: Either-sex deer
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader Dec-2-3 DM (George Chanota has concurred)
Season: ~~November 30 - December 1~~, refugewide
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Daily permit and bag report required
Significant Changes: Required daily permit and bag report

Tensas River NWR (Cont.)

Species: Turkey
Type Hunt: General
Season: State season (spring)
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Daily permit and bag report required
Significant Changes: Required daily permit and bag report

SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: Early teal hunt
Season: Mornings only during entire 9 days of
State season
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: General gun
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday, and
Sunday during State season for western
zone
Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: None required
Significant Changes: None