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MINUTES OF MEETING OF

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Thursday, August 3, 1989

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Warren Pol
Dale Vinet**

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Friday, August 4, 1989

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Mr. Helm suggested that the Commission take action on the duck season dates because they in turn will have an effect on the goose season dates. Discussion ensued among the Commissioners and Mr. Helm on the conventional bag limit in lieu of point system. Mr. Hugh Bateman reported on the waterfowl meeting in Washington, D.C. that he and Mr. Bert Jones had just returned from. Mr. Bateman believes that Louisiana is being treated fairly. Mr. Vinet made motion that the Commission accept the department's recommendations on duck seasons. Seconded by Chairman Hines. Mr. Jones commented that he had talked with several large hunting clubs and they all expressed their wishes that the department incorporate a late date simply because they felt like hunter opportunity was of serious concern to them. Everyone spoken to was more inclined to opening the season later. Mr. Pol proposed a substitute motion to Mr. Vinet's motion that the West Zone open on November 18 and proceed through December 4. Reopen on December 26 and proceed through January 7. Proposed that the East Zone open on November 23 and proceed through November 28. Reopen on December 15 and proceed through January 7. Mr. Jenkins seconded motion. Chairman Hines asked for comments. Ms. Van Sickle pointed out that on a survey that was just completed, 50.8% of the duck hunters both deer hunt with guns as well as duck hunt. Another aspect of the survey was that both the State and Federal enforcement officers felt like they could not enforce and promote the compliance with duck hunting regulations because they were spread to thin and the overall view of the conservation officers was that opening deer season and duck season at the same time would hurt the overall enforcement activities. Mr. Bateman stated that he did not agree with the recommendation that duck season be opened on Thanksgiving Day because this is the biggest weekend for deer hunting in the state - the Wildlife Management Areas are opened on this weekend. Chairman Hines stated that there seemed to be a lot of difference ideas, a lot of confusion and suggested that the Commission delay any action at this meeting and suggested that the Hunting Committee meet and come back later with dates and action can be taken then. Mr. Fred Parnell addressed the Commission and agreed with Chairman Hines that delaying the setting of the dates would not cause any problems. Mr. Walter Fornet addressed the Commission and commented that by having alternate opening dates people are able to hunt in both zones thus giving them additional hunting time and if the Commission starts opening and closing the East and West Zones on the same dates then the zone concept will be lost. Mr. Jones stated that Louisiana's zoning concept has not lost its identity by these proposed changes. Mr. Pol amended his motion that the West Zones opens November 18 and close on December 4, reopen on December 26 and close on January 7. The East Zone be original recommendation: November 18 - November 23; December 15 - January

WHEREAS, the staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has developed recommendations, in consultation with the Commission, for migratory game birds that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for migratory game birds within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must have Louisiana's selection of season dates for upland migratory birds prior to August 9, 1989, and

WHEREAS, if the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service makes additional adjustment in proposed hunting regulations for waterfowl, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department to make any changes that would be appropriate, and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient time to meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act and it is necessary to adopt a Declaration of Emergency, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on August 4, 1989, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency and these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as hunting regulations selected for Louisiana's 1989-90 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these regulations will have the full force of law for 120 days and normal requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act will be met to extend season dates, bag limits and shooting hours beyond the 120 time period.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries does here by give Notice of its Intent to promulgate a rule to establish season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for migratory birds for the 1989-90 Hunting Season. A Declaration of Emergency is in effect and begins on September 2 and will continue for 120 days to ensure compliance with framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Federal Register Volume 54, No. 107, pg. 24290-24294). A summary of this information is made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Merganser Limits:

The daily bag limit of mergansers is 5 of which only 1 may be a hooded merganser. The possession limit is 10 with only 2 hooded mergansers.

Coot Limits:

The daily bag and possession limits of coots are 15 and 30, respectively.

Geese: Statewide (West & East Zone)

Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Nov. 18-Dec. 4	7	14 (WHITE FRONT, SNOW GOOSE, BLUE GOOSE)
Dec. 15-Feb. 5		(WHITE FRONT, SNOW GOOSE, BLUE GOOSE)
Feb. 6-Feb. 14		(SNOW AND BLUE GOOSE ONLY)

The daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of Blue, Snow, or Whitefronted geese of which not more than two (2) may be Whitefronted. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Shooting Hours:

Dove: 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.

All other migratory birds: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

At Thursday's meeting Dave Morrison gave a Duck Stamp Program update and announced 1989 Contest details. Mr. Morrison reported that the publisher has indicated that the print sales are still going strong. In the first four months that the program has been out the sales of Louisiana's first state duck stamp has exceeded the total sales from all other duck stamp programs during the 1988 year. Louisiana in four months sold more than West Virginia, Arizona, Washington, than all these states in an entire year. Sales are starting to slack off because of the time of the year but the publisher indicated that the sales will pick up once the Christmas season approaches. As of the 22nd of July 50% of the total editions have been sold out. In the signed and number edition there is a little over 10,000 of the 20,500; medallion edition 1,057 of 2,000 have been sold; executive edition completely sold out with people on waiting list trying to find someone that has one; artist proof edition, 313 of the 550 has been sold. The department has actually received, to date, from the publisher a little over \$130,000 which breaks down to about \$118,000 from

The paddlefish is also known as the "spoonbill cat". Motion made by Mr. Jenkins to adopt closure of paddlefish fishery. Seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the notice of intent 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 expresses intent to continue the prohibition on the taking and possession of paddlefish, Polyodon spathula commonly called spoonbill catfish, or paddlefish body parts, including eggs (roe), for a three year period beginning November 1, 1989 and ending at sunset on October, 1992.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., September 22, 1989, at the following address: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Don Puckett presented a resolution on lease amendment on the Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area. This area consists of over 11,000 acres, located in St. Landry Parish and is a very important area to the department. Mr. Puckett asked Mr. Tommy Prickett, Game Division, to give some information about the area and also introduce Mr. Paul Thistlethwaite who was representing the Thistlethwaite family. Mr. Prickett advised that the Thistlethwaite family has been most generous in the State of Louisiana by offering a free lease to the department. Thistlethwaite has been managed as a preserve since 1924 and was made a wildlife management area in the late 50's. The area is a bottomland hardwood and a most outstanding job of managing the timber to make it most productive for either timber and wildlife has been done. Squirrel hunting, deer hunting and woodcock hunting are the three major uses of this area and it has produced 300 pound deer. Concluding, Mr. Prickett commended Mr. Thistlethwaite and his family for their stewardship of the property and allowing the department to use it for the public. Chairman Hines stated that on behalf of the Commission and the department that they thank the Thistlethwaite family for their generous offer. Mr. Puckett then presented the resolution.

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

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:783 authorizes this Commission to lease from private persons or corporations, lands within the state for the establishment of wildlife management areas, and

WHEREAS, this Commission leased from the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana on May 30, 1966 certain lands located within the Parish of St. Landry for the establishment of a wildlife management area, and

caused some very tough fishing conditions explained Mr. Bowman. After further discussion it was decided that language would be incorporated into the resolution giving Ms. Van Sickle authority to delay or close the 1989 Fall shrimp season. A gentleman from the audience addressed the Commission and informed them that half of St. Mary and Plaquemines parishes were opened now for large boats while the other half was closed. Felt that if it was closed all of it should be closed. After further comments from the gentlemen Mr. Vinet suggested that maybe next year it might be in good interest to close everything to be fair to everybody.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Bowman reported that at Thursday's meeting recommendations for the Inshore 1989 White Shrimp Fall Season were made. A resolution has been prepared and modified as requested by the Commission. Motion made by Mr. Pol to adopt the shrimp season. Seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and

WHEREAS, Biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S. 56:498 on August 21, 198, and

WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the third Monday in August will be August 21,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1989 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56: 497), to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 and 3 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 1989,

give the Secretary authority to close in the event of a spat catch and also the requirement on the 10% shell in the bedding loads concluded Mr. Dugas. Chairman Hines called for comments. Mr. Pete Vujnovich (Capt. Pete) addressed the Commission and gave his views on the oyster industry and the use of pumps as opposed to shovels. Ms. Van Sickle reported that the most recent FDA Evaluation of the Louisiana oyster industry and the enforcement activities of the department has been the best report Louisiana has received in ten years.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Dugas reported that he had briefed the Commission on the oyster stock at Thursday's meeting and gave recommendations for the 1989-90 Oyster Harvest Season. A resolution has been prepared and was presented by Mr. Dugas. Motion made by Mr. Pol to adopt oyster season. Seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1989 is September 6, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservation have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been customary to rotate the opening of the season on the Oyster Seed Reservation when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation was open during the 88/89 oyster season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise September 6, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds and the Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset September 15, and remain closed until they reopen 1/2 hour before sunrise October 16, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" and the shell plant in American (California) Bay will be closed for the 89/90 oyster season, and

5. Bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any type of container, but will consist of shovelling back on the deck of the vessel;
6. For the 89/90 oyster season only, no more than 10% loose shell with no oyster on them will be allowed in the bedding operations or seed oyster loads on all the public oyster seed grounds and public oyster seed reservations;
7. For the 89/90 oyster season only, no water pumps will be allowed to load boats on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or Oyster Seed Reservations;
8. No managerial action is taken for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas at this time; seasons for these areas will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting;
9. Public notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be given at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule at the following address: Phil Bowman, Marine Fisheries Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 9800, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. John Roussel presented a Declaration of Emergency to the Commission on Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989. Mr. Roussel explained that back in March the Commission passed a resolution giving the Secretary the authority to close the spotted seatrout season based on quota projections. The Secretary issued a closure order on April 4 which became effective on April 9, 1989. Closure was done under the emergency rules of the Administrative Procedures Act and this act provides that emergency rules are only effective for 120 days. Consequently under the emergency rule the 120 days will expire on August 7, 1989, and even though the emergency rule ordered a closure till August 31, the 120 days expires prior to that. Another emergency rule has been prepared to extend the closure through midnight of August 31, 1989, at which time counting of another quota will begin concluded Mr. Roussel.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Roussel reviewed the Declaration of Emergency that was presented at Thursday's meeting on the extension of the closure for spotted seatrout. Motion made by Mr. Jenkins to adopt the emergency rule. Seconded by Mr. Pol and passed unanimously.

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

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(b), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and R.S. 56:325.3 which established an annual quota for spotted seatrout; the

quotas. There was very little change from last year. Last year if everyone would have applied for the tags 24,023 could have been issued. This year if everyone applies for the tags 26,081 tags could be issued which is an increase of about 8.6% concluded Mr Tarver. Ms. Van Sickle asked for the total number of alligators harvested from farms and from the wild. Anticipating during the 1989 season which begins September 9 and goes all the way through to the next September there may be close to 100,000 alligators harvested in Louisiana from the farm and wild harvests. There should be about 75,000 harvested from the wild leaving about 25,000 harvested from the farms. Short discussion ensued between the Commissioners, Ms. Van Sickle and Mr. Tarver on the alligator program.

At Thursday's meeting Carla Faulkner presented a resolution on National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989.

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

WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and

WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all fifty states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies, in the last fifty years along, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were fifty years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefited numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and

daytime (8:00 AM-4:30 PM) communications covers law enforcement about 25% of the state. After 10:00 PM there is probably a 10%-15% coverage for law enforcement throughout Louisiana. Col. Vidrine introduced Mr. Aubrey Futrell who has been employed as the Director of Training, Law Enforcement Division. Mr. Futrell is a very welcomed asset to the department Ms. Van Sickle commented. Concluding his report Col. Vidrine advised that the District Attorney and the Judge of Plaquemines Parish turned over sixteen boats that had been confiscated during the shrimp closure to the department.

Chairman Hines called for comments or questions. Mr. Vinet stated that he had asked Col. Vidrine to look into a case that was in St. Mary Parish concerning a black bear being killed and find out the status. Col. Vidrine informed the Commissioners that arraignments had been conducted in St. Mary Parish about a month ago. Apparently the gentleman pleaded guilty and there is a pending trial. More information will be obtained and the Commission will be kept informed stated Col. Vidrine.

At Thursday's meeting Ms. Van Sickle stated that Mr. Jenkins had asked her about the disposition reports from the D.A.'s and what they do with the department cases. Ms. Van Sickle asked Mr. Kell McInnis to give a brief report on this. Mr. McInnis informed the Commissioners that a move was initiated at their request, and also several conservation groups that were interested in this as well, to come up with a format by which reporting could be gotten from the District Attorneys from throughout the state on a regular basis in a uniform manner. In order to do this Mr. McInnis met with the agents that regularly worked with the disposition reports, the Computer people, and Mike Landrum, Legal Section and tried to develop a simple form to enable the D.A.'s to have minimum amount of time to spend on the report and get it back to the department. Examples of the form were given to the Commissioners. The department has the support of Mr. Pete Adams, Executive Director of the District Attorney's Association on this and a subcommittee has been appointed to work with the department to make recommendations as to adjustments to the form and to assist with implementation of its use. The three attorneys serving are Berney Boudreaux from Iberia, Charles Wagner from Alexandria and Harry Morel from Hahnville. Using the form the department would provide the name of the violator, date of birth, citation number, date citation was issued and pertinent statues involved. The D.A. would provide the current status of the citation, actions taken, fines, etc. The D.A.'s have been asked to do this on a monthly basis and would be included in the monthly law enforcement report to the Commissioners. Also this information would be available to other interested groups concluded Mr. McInnis. Mr. Jenkins complimented Mr. McInnis on his efforts and believes this will be a very good program which will help get some of the cases prosecuted properly.

At Friday's meeting Ms. Van Sickle gave the Secretary's Report. It was reported that the Louisiana Congressional Delegation has been very, very aggressive on the wetlands issue. Senators Breaux and

~~this brochure printed by Times Mirror, Inc. and anyone else that is willing to print the information for free. concluded Ms. Sickle.~~

*The October meeting dates were set for Thursday, October 6 and Friday, October 7, 1989 at the North Toledo Bend State Park, Louisiana. Mr. McInnis gave information on the park and facilities and advised the Commissioners to let him or his secretary know who will be needing overnight accommodations. It was decided that the Commission meeting would start at 9:00 A.M. on Friday instead of 10:00 A.M. so that there would be more time to deal with certain issues. The new time schedule will start with the meeting in September. Mrs. Van Sickle informed the Commissioners that at the October meeting they will be meeting with the Texas Commission jointly either Thursday or Friday.

At Friday's meeting Mr. McInnis brought to the attention of the Commissioners that he had received a resolution, which was sent to Dr. Hines, from the House of Representatives regarding the study on the extension of bow hunting season. The department staff has been provided with copies of the resolution and at this time there is no immediate action that needs to be taken.

At Friday's meeting the Commissioners were informed that the 1989 version of the fish record was out. This record is compiled every year in conjunction with the LA Outdoors Writer's Association and the Menhaden Advisory Council and are available through the department. Mr. Jones stated that the legislature overruled the department's ruling on the ABC Bait Company and asked if the Governor had signed this. He was informed by Ms. Van Sickle that he had.

Col. Vidrine reported at Friday's meeting that Mr. Vinet, earlier during the meeting, had requested a status report on a black bear case that was in made in St. Mary Parish. The person that was charged was Mr. Earl C. Juneau of Morgan City. Changed plea to guilty and was sentenced by Judge Anna Seymour a couple of weeks ago. There was a \$400 fine, \$66 court cost and is now serving 122 days in jail. Mr. Juneau will have to visit with his probation officer on a monthly basis for two years and pay a \$10 fee which adds up to \$240 for visits. He cannot hunt in the state of Louisiana for five years and has to do thirty days of community service for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries concluded Col. Vidrine.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Johnnie Tarver advised that the Commissioners should have received an invitation from the Louisiana Trappers and Alligator Hunters Association to their annual convention in Houma, Louisiana this Saturday, August 5, 1989, and he was asked to further extend the invitation.

At Friday's meeting Ms. Van Sickle pointed out that there was a response to the Deer Task Force in each of the Commissioners packet that they might be interested in reviewing when they have time.

There is no biological problems at this time stated Dr. Clark. Right now the department is involved in a blackdrum plan with people at LSU and throughout the state and on September 30 a stock assessment for blackdrum will be delivered to the department. With the data that Dr. Clark has seen he does expect that the blackdrum in Louisiana will have to have further protection. Maybe sometimes after the first of the year the department will be coming to the Commission to make recommendations for the blackdrum but as of right now there is no emergency concluded Dr. Clark.

Ms. Van Sickle announced that the Community Center at Grand Isle would be available for the Commission meeting in September and asked the Commissioners if they would concur with having the September 7-8, 1989 meeting at Grand Isle. The Commissioners agreed.

Since there was no other business or public comments to come before the Commission a motion was made by Mr. Pol for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.


Virginia Van Sickle
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8,000,000 birds taken out of the 66,000,000 which left 58,000,000. This year when the breeding populations were surveyed the total number of breeders at the time was 28,000,000. There is a big discrepancy between 28,000,000 and 58,000,000 and what has happened to these birds is not known commented Mr. Helm. The emphasis is now on maintaining breeding stocks and this is the reason why the Fish and Wildlife Service is pushing the liberal regulations. If there is a mistake made the Fish and Wildlife Service wants to make the mistake in favor of the ducks.

Following the slide presentation Mr. Helm presented the department's hunting season recommendations for the duck and goose seasons. The basic framework has been approved by the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. John Turner has been confirmed as the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by Congress advised Mr. Helm. Upon conclusion Mr. Helm asked for comments.

Mr. Pol commented on the opening dates for duck season. Feels the dates have been set for duck season because of deer season. Discussion ensued between Commission members, Ms. Van Sickle, Mr. Helm and Mr. McInnis. Mr. McInnis stated that in listening to the comments by Mr. Pol, there certainly is a lot of merit in what he had to say and were taken into consideration by the Enforcement Division and Game Division when working on seasons. Lots of hunters like to participate in more than one activity and hunters have pointed out that they do most of their hunting on opening weekends because this is when they feel they have the maximum opportunity to be successful pointed out Mr. McInnis. Taking this into consideration along with the limited personnel in Enforcement Division, Mr. McInnis stated that a recommendation was made that it be taken into consideration having separate weekends with the different openings for the different species. Important from the Enforcement standpoint and from an opportunity standpoint for the sportsmen to allow a separate weekend opening to allow them to have the opportunity to enjoy a particular type of sport as adverse to having to make a decision as to which one he would like to participate concluded Mr. McInnis.

Chairman Hines asked if anyone has any comments or questions. Mr. Jenkins stated that he understood what Mr. McInnis said but he has to agree with Mr. Pol that what is happening is that duck hunting is being restricted severely and agrees that if the dates can be moved it should be done. Ms. Van Sickle cautioned those attending the meeting that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service does set the framework and they can also change it. After further discussion Ms. Van Sickle suggested that since the Fish and Wildlife Service always has their framework setting the first week in August, the Commission meeting could be the second week in August so that a Regulations Committee meeting could be held prior to the Commission meeting.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Robert Helm review the recommendations for the hunting seasons for migratory birds and waterfowl. Recommendations are:

- Adopt the 1/2 hour before shooting regulation.
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East Zone - November 18 through November 23
December 15 through January 7

Mr. Helm suggested that the Commission take action on the duck season dates because they in turn will have an effect on the goose season dates. Discussion ensued among the Commissioners and Mr. Helm on the conventional bag limit in lieu of point system. Mr. Hugh Bateman reported on the waterfowl meeting in Washington, D.C. that he and Mr. Bert Jones had just returned from. Mr. Bateman believes that Louisiana is being treated fairly. Mr. Vinet made motion that the Commission accept the department's recommendations on duck seasons. Seconded by Chairman Hines. Mr. Jones commented that he had talked with several large hunting clubs and they all expressed their wishes that the department incorporate a late date simply because they felt like hunter opportunity was of serious concern to them. Everyone spoken to was more inclined to opening the season later. Mr. Pol proposed a substitute motion to Mr. Vinet's motion that the West Zone open on November 18 and proceed through December 4. Reopen on December 26 and proceed through January 7. Proposed that the East Zone open on November 23 and proceed through November 28. Reopen on December 15 and proceed through January 7. Mr. Jenkins seconded motion. Chairman Hines asked for comments. ~~Ms. Van Sickle~~ pointed out that on a survey that was just completed, 50.8% of the hunters both deer hunt with guns as well as duck hunt. Another aspect of the survey was that both the State and Federal enforcement officers felt like they could not enforce and promote the compliance with duck hunting regulations because they were spread to thin and the overall view of the conservation officers was that opening deer season and duck season at the same time would hurt the overall enforcement activities. Mr. Bateman stated that he did not agree with the recommendation that duck season be opened on Thanksgiving Day because this is the biggest weekend for deer hunting in the state - the Wildlife Management Areas are opened on this weekend. Chairman Hines stated that there seemed to be a lot of difference ideas, a lot of confusion and suggested that the Commission delay any action at this meeting and suggested that the Hunting Committee meet and come back later with dates and action can be taken then. Mr. Fred Parnell addressed the Commission and agreed with Chairman Hines that delaying the setting of the dates would not cause any problems. Mr. Walter Fonet addressed the Commission and commented that by having alternate opening dates people are able to hunt in both zones thus giving them additional hunting time and if the Commission starts opening and closing the East and West Zones on the same dates then the zone concept will be lost. Mr. Jones stated that Louisiana's zoning concept has not lost its identity by these proposed changes. Mr. Pol amended his motion that the West Zones opens November 18 and close on December 4, reopen on December 26 and close on January 7. The East Zone be original recommendation: November 18 - November 23; December 15 - January 7. Mr. Jenkins seconded the amendment and motion passed. Mr. Vinet asked that next year all the hunters that come before the Commission and Commission hearings with their comments on opening dates be recorded. Chairman Hines advised that this has been discussed and probably next years Commission meeting will be delayed a week. It will be held after the

duck

Regulations meeting in Washington, D.C. and in between a Hunting Committee meeting could be held as soon as the department staff return from Washington, D.C. The Hunting Committee meeting will be a Public Meeting and will be announced advised Ms. Van Sickle.

Dr. Hines asked Mr. Helm to present the dates for the goose season. Mr. Helm reported that there were some changes concerning the goose season this year. Ten additional days for hunting have been allowed for Snow and Blue geese which is an increase from 70 to 80 days. It still remains 70 days of hunting for Whitefronted geese. The latest the season can end is February 14. Bag limit has been increased from 5 to 7. Daily bags 7 and aggregate of Blue, Snows and Whitefronted geese of which not more than 2 may be Whitefronted. Shooting hours are the same as ducks. Recommendations are:

East and West Zones: November 18 - January 26 (Whitefronted & Snow)
January 27 - February 5 (Snow only)

After discussion on the goose season Chairman Hines asked that the department staff look at the dates and see if there was any way to be able to hunt up to February 15.

Mr. Helm presented the revised goose season recommendations. Recommending a statewide season beginning (East and West Zones):

November 18 - December 4 (Whitefronted & Snow Blue)
December 15 - February 5 (Whitefronted & Snow Blue)
February 6 - February 14 (Snow and Blue Only)

Mr. Dave Morrison presented resolution and notice of intent on to establish season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for migratory birds for the 1989-90 Hunting Season.

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

WHEREAS, Department staff have attended the status meeting and public hearings in Washington, D.C. on migratory birds including waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has established basic frameworks for the hunting of migratory birds including waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the status and results of meetings held in Washington were discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has developed recommendations, in consultation with the Commission, for migratory game birds that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for migratory game birds within the constraints of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must have Louisiana's selection of season dates for upland migratory birds prior to August 9, 1989, and

WHEREAS, if the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service makes additional adjustment in proposed hunting regulations for waterfowl, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department to make any changes that would be appropriate, and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient time to meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act and it is necessary to adopt a Declaration of Emergency, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on August 4, 1989, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency and these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as hunting regulations selected for Louisiana's 1989-90 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these regulations will have the full force of law for 120 days and normal requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act will be met to extend season dates, bag limits and shooting hours beyond the 120 time period.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries does here by give Notice of its Intent to promulgate a rule to establish season dates, bag limits and shooting hours for migratory birds for the 1989-90 Hunting Season. A Declaration of Emergency is in effect and begins on September 2 and will continue for 120 days to ensure compliance with framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Federal Register Volume 54, No. 107, pg. 24290-24294). A summary of this information is made a part of this Notice of Intent.

This action was taken at a public hearing on August, 1989 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Subsequent public hearings will be held at regular Commission Meetings in October and in November. These regulations will be ratified in November to extend the Declaration of Emergency beyond December 31, 1989.

Interested persons may submit written comment relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 pm October 20, 1989 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Game Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000.

Dove:

September 2-10

October 14-November 12

December 9-January 8

The daily bag limit is 12 with a possession limit after opening day of 24.

Snipe:

November 11-February 25

The daily bag limit is 8 with a possession limit after opening day of 16.

Woodcock:

December 9-February 11

The daily bag limit is 5 with a possession limit after opening day of 10.

Rail:

November 18-January 20

The daily bag limit is 15 Clapper and King in the aggregate and a possession limit of 30 after opening day; 25 Sora and Virginia in the aggregate and possession limit is the daily bag limit.

Gallinule:

November 18-January 20

The daily bag limits is 15 with a possession limit of 30 after opening day.

Ducks and Coot:

West Zone:

Nov. 18-Dec. 4

Dec. 26-Jan. 7

East Zone:

Nov. 18-Nov. 23

Dec. 15-Jan. 7

Duck Limits:

The daily bag limit of ducks is 3, and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 2 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 1 redhead and 1 pintail. Canvasback may not be taken at any time.

Merganser Limits:

The daily bag limit of mergansers is 5 of which only 1 may be a hooded merganser. The possession limit is 10 with only 2 hooded mergansers.

Coot Limits:

The daily bag and possession limits of coots are 15 and 30, respectively.

Geese: Statewide (West & East Zone)

Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Nov. 18-Dec. 4	7	14 (WHITE FRONT, SNOW GOOSE, BLUE GOOSE)
Dec. 15-Feb. 5		(WHITE FRONT, SNOW GOOSE, BLUE GOOSE)
Feb. 6-Feb. 14		(SNOW AND BLUE GOOSE ONLY)

The daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of Blue, Snow, or Whitefronted geese of which not more than two (2) may be Whitefronted. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Shooting Hours:

Dove: 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.

All other migratory birds: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

At Thursday's meeting Dave Morrison gave a Duck Stamp Program update and announced 1989 Contest details. Mr. Morrison reported that the publisher has indicated that the print sales are still going strong. In the first four months that the program has been out the sales of Louisiana's first state duck stamp has exceeded the total sales from all other duck stamp programs during the 1988 year. Louisiana in four months sold more than West Virginia, Arizona, Washington, than all these states in an entire year. Sales are starting to slack off because of the time of the year but the publisher indicated that the sales will pick up once the Christmas season approaches. As of the 22nd of July 50% of the total editions have been sold out. In the signed and number edition there is a little over 10,000 of the 20,500; medallion edition 1,057 of 2,000 have been sold; executive edition completely sold out with people on waiting list trying to find someone that has one; artist proof edition, 313 of the 550 has been sold. The department has actually received, to date, from the publisher a little over \$130,000 which breaks down to about \$118,000 from the publisher and \$15,000 through the department's license sales of the stamp. The rules for the 1990 competition have been developed and basically remain unchanged from last year advised Mr. Morrison. The artists will have about one more month to paint entry then they did last year. The species selected for this years contest is the Green-Winged Teal. The

criteria for judging has also changed. Last year all the judges were from out of state. This year there will be at least one judge from Louisiana. Mailing of the entry forms will start on August 7, 1989 and will be mailed to Louisiana artists only.

At Thursday's meeting Bennie Fontenot presented a Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management. Mr. Fontenot explained that three years ago due to extreme pressure being put on paddlefish in the state for caviar, it was necessary to take emergency action to close the taking of paddlefish in the state. A three year closure was put on the taking of paddlefish. The three year closure ends on June 30, 1989. During the closure the department learned a lot about the fish but still has a lot to learn. Mr. Fontenot asked Mr. Bobby Reed to give a short presentation on the paddlefish and what the department's recommendations are going to be for this fish during the next three years. Mr. Reed presented slides on the paddlefish, gave a history of the commercial fishery from 1899 to date, and summarized the department's findings over the past three years.

Paddlefish were collected for this study by gill netting and snagging; each fish was weighed, measured and identified by sex; weighed and measured each ovary; and made egg count estimates. The lower jawbone was removed for age and growth studies. The greatest number of fish collected for the study were collected in the eastern side of the state (east and south of the Mississippi drainage) and east of the Atchafalaya River drainage. Very few fish were found in the western drainage. There were very few fish collected over fifty inches total length. What concerns the department is that Louisiana has very few old mature fish, or large fish in the population at this time. Three hundred paddlefish were aged and there were very few fish beyond the age of seven. Mr. Reed gave the following recommendations for the paddlefish: (1) Continue a three year closure on the fish. (Had one good year of baseline data with nothing to compare it to and would like to establish some kind of trends for the species, also because the fish is so long lived ;and takes such a long time to reach sexual maturity the department feels that it just cannot be turned loose to fishermen at this time when the department really does not know what the population is doing.) (2) During the closure Mr. Reed would like to evaluate the effects of the minimum mesh size that are allowed in freshwater. (The 3" minimum size was not evaluated when the study was done.) In closing Mr. Reed stated that the paddlefish is threatened in other ways also. Some of the biggest threats today to the fish are dam and lock construction, channelization, dredging, water pollution in addition to the massive over harvesting that has occurred during the past eight years.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Fontenot reported that a notice of intent on the extension of paddlefish fishery closure was presented at Thursday's meeting. The notice is for closure of paddlefish fishery for three years beginning on November 1, 1989, and ending at sunset on October 31, 1992. The paddlefish is also known as the "spoonbill cat". Motion made by Mr. Jenkins to adopt closure of paddlefish fishery. Seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the notice of intent 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 expresses intent to continue the prohibition on the taking and possession of paddlefish, Polyodon spathula commonly called spoonbill catfish, or paddlefish body parts, including eggs (roe), for a three year period beginning November 1, 1989 and ending at sunset on October, 1992.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., September 22, 1989, at the following address: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Don Puckett presented a resolution on lease amendment on the Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area. This area consists of over 11,000 acres, located in St. Landry Parish and is a very important area to the department. Mr. Puckett asked Mr. Tommy Prickett, Game Division, to give some information about the area and also introduce Mr. Paul Thistlethwaite who was representing the Thistlethwaite family. Mr. Prickett advised that the Thistlethwaite family has been most generous in the State of Louisiana by offering a free lease to the department. Thistlethwaite has been managed as a preserve since 1924 and was made a wildlife management area in the late 50's. The area is a bottomland hardwood and a most outstanding job of managing the timber to make it most productive for either timber and wildlife has been done. Squirrel hunting, deer hunting and woodcock hunting are the three major uses of this area and it has produced 300 pound deer. Concluding, Mr. Prickett commended Mr. Thistlethwaite and his family for their stewardship of the property and allowing the department to use it for the public. Chairman Hines stated that on behalf of the Commission and the department that they thank the Thistlethwaite family for their generous offer. Mr. Puckett then presented the resolution.

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

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 56:783 authorizes this Commission to lease from private persons or corporations, lands within the state for the establishment of wildlife management areas, and

WHEREAS, this Commission leased from the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana on May 30, 1966 certain lands located within the Parish of St. Landry for the establishment of a wildlife management area, and

WHEREAS, THISCO, a partnership and successor in title to the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana, and this Commission do hereby mutually desire to amend said lease in certain particulars, specifically to extend the

term of said lease until December 31, 2000 and to further provide with regard to legal liability arising from the use of property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby approve the amendment to lease which has been prepared by Department's counsel and which is incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby authorized the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to execute all necessary documents effectuating said amendment to lease and to perform any and all other necessary acts to accomplish same.

Chairman Hines called for motion to adopt resolution. Motion made by Mr. Vinet. Seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Phil Bowman presented a resolution and notice of intent for the 1989 Fall Inshore White Shrimp Season. A brief update on landings for shrimp in Louisiana for the year 1989 was given by Mr. Bowman. Landings for June, from National Marine Fisheries Service, was 14.8 million pounds as compared to 13.4 million pounds landed in 1988. This brings Louisiana to 29.5 million pounds for the year of heads off weight shrimp. Last year 25.3 million pounds were landed for the same time period. Mr. Bowman recommended that the shrimp season open on August 21, at 6 A.M. in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2, and 3. Also requested that the Secretary of the Department be allowed to close the season when in any area or zone the biological and technical information gained from the fishery independent monitoring or fishery dependent monitoring indicates the need to do so concluded Mr. Bowman. Chairman Hines called for questions or comments. Mr. Jenkins asked if it was a requirement that the biological reasons or data be stated and Mr. Bowman pointed out that he tried to state them in the resolution. Mr. Vinet stated that he had no objections to the opening of the season but suggested that next time a report is given state where all the shrimp is caught (part of state, zones, etc.). Reports that Mr. Vinet has received from Vermilion Bay, White Lake, Grand Lake, Big Lake, and Calcasieu Lake state that there are hardly any shrimp. Mr. Bowman explained that these numbers are coast wide numbers and do not reflect isolated or particular areas of the coast. The department is aware of the situation in southwest Louisiana relative to shrimp production this year and has been looking at the situation for the past couple of week advised Mr. Bowman. A report will be provided breaking the count by zones but there will be some lag time. Mr. Bowman pointed out that there have been a number of things that have affected Louisiana's shrimp populations this year. There has been a tremendous amount of sea grass that has been in the Gulf of Mexico this summer which has impaired the fishing activity and efficiency of the trawls; a number of rough weather days this summer; a lot of fresh water in some areas of the state; and the TED situation has caused some very tough fishing conditions explained Mr. Bowman. After further discussion it was decided that language would be incorporated into the resolution giving Ms. Van Sickle authority to delay or close the 1989 Fall shrimp season. A gentleman from the audience addressed the Commission

and informed them that half of St. Mary and Plaquemines parishes were opened now for large boats while the other half was closed. Felt that if it was closed all of it should be closed. After further comments from the gentlemen Mr. Vinet suggested that maybe next year it might be in good interest to close everything to be fair to everybody.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Bowman reported that at Thursday's meeting recommendations for the Inshore 1989 White Shrimp Fall Season were made. A resolution has been prepared and modified as requested by the Commission. Motion made by Mr. Pol to adopt the shrimp season. Seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and

WHEREAS, Biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S. 56:498 on August 21, 1989, and

WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the third Monday in August will be August 21,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1989 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56: 497), to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 and 3 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 1989,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorized the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay or close the 1989 Fall inshore white shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3), in

any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

(The full text of the notice of intent is made part of the record)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act that they intend to open the 1989 Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 and 3 at 6:00 a.m. on August 21, 1989. Also the Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay or close the 1989 Fall "White" Shrimp Season, by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3, any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

Interested persons may submit written or verbal comments or inquiries to William S. "Corky" Perret, Administrator, Seafood Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Ron Dugas presented the recommendations for the 1989/1990 Oyster Season. Mr. Dugas reported that as prescribed by law the department is to inventory the public oyster grounds in the state of Louisiana which are separated into two areas. These areas are those which are set aside for the public segment and areas designated for private leasing. The action that the Commission will be taking at this meeting will pertain to the public grounds only. Mr. Dugas gave a brief overview of the supply of oysters on these grounds. Areas east of the river in the St. Bernard and Plaquemine area: found very little oysters in the Mississippi Sound, did find some in the Pointe A La Hache but very limited. Primary reason for low number of oysters is the high salinities for the last four or five years. Mr. Dugas commented that strange enough because of the high salinities the areas in Vermilion will come into production. When the grounds were inventoried in the latter part of June the department was finding high numbers but when the grounds were sampled last week there was a 70%-80% mortality rate in certain areas, basically because of the freshwater intrusion. The grounds in the Calcasieu area have not been inventoried and there will be a delay because the seasons do not have to be set until November 15 in this area commented Mr. Dugas. Mr. Dugas further advised that when you look at the supply across the coast on the public grounds the one thing you want to do is delay the season a little because it is a warm period of time and cooler waters actually increase survival but because of the law which mandates that the season be open on a Wednesday after Labor Day it has to open on September 6, 1989. Mr. Dugas recommended that the season be opened on September 6 for ten days and close it, then reopen it again on October 16, 1989. This would provide for both the later opening and also for a short period of time when the shells would turned over in anticipation of the spat catch. Other stipulations would give the Secretary authority to close in the event of a spat catch and also the requirement on the 10% shell in the bedding loads concluded Mr. Dugas. Chairman Hines called for comments. Mr. Pete Vujnovich (Capt. Pete) addressed the Commission and gave his views on the oyster industry and the

use of pumps as opposed to shovels. Ms. Van Sickle reported that the most recent FDA Evaluation of the Louisiana oyster industry and the enforcement activities of the department has been the best report Louisiana has received in ten years.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Dugas reported that he had briefed the Commission on the oyster stock at Thursday's meeting and gave recommendations for the 1989-90 Oyster Harvest Season. A resolution has been prepared and was presented by Mr. Dugas. Motion made by Mr. Pol to adopt oyster season. Seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1989 is September 6, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservation have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been customary to rotate the opening of the season on the Oyster Seed Reservation when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation was open during the 88/89 oyster season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise September 6, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds and the Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset September 15, and remain closes until they reopen 1/2 hour before sunrise October 16, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" and the shell plant in American (California) Bay will be closed for the 89/90 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type of container, but will consist of shoveling back on the deck of the vessel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 89/90 oyster season only, no more than 10% loose shell with no oyster on them will be allowed in the bedding operations or seed oyster loads on all the public oyster seed grounds and public oyster seed reservations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 89/90 oyster season only, no water be allowed to load boats on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or Oyster Seed Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at this time no managerial action is recommended for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas, these seasons will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

(The full text of the notice of intent is made part of the record)

Under the authority of R.S 56:433 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Commission gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to set the 1989/90 oyster harvesting season. The oyster resources of the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation have been determined. At a public hearing in Baton Rouge on August 4, the Commission announced its intention to conduct the 1989/90 oyster harvest season in the following manner:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation will open 1/2 hour before sunrise September 6, 1989.
2. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds and the Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset September 15, and remain closed until they reopen 1/2 hour before sunrise October 16, 1989;
3. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas where oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival;
4. The Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation and the shell plant in American (California) Bay will be closed for the 89/90 oyster season;
5. Bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any type of container, but will consist of shovelling back on the deck of the vessel;

6. For the 89/90 oyster season only, no more than 10% loose shell with no oyster on them will be allowed-in the bedding operations or seed oyster loads on all the public oyster seed grounds and public oyster seed reservations;

7. For the 89/90 oyster season only, no water pumps will be allowed to load boats on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or Oyster Seed Reservations;

8. No managerial action is taken for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas at this time; seasons for these areas will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting;

9. Public notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be given at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule at the following address: Phil Bowman, Marine Fisheries Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 9800, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. John Roussel presented a Declaration of Emergency to the Commission on Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989. Mr. Roussel explained that back in March the Commission passed a resolution giving the Secretary the authority to close the spotted seatrout season based on quota projections. The Secretary issued a closure order on April 4 which became effective on April 9, 1989. Closure was done under the emergency rules of the Administrative Procedures Act and this act provides that emergency rules are only effective for 120 days. Consequently under the emergency rule the 120 days will expire on August 7, 1989, and even though the emergency rule ordered a closure till August 31, the 120 days expires prior to that. Another emergency rule has been prepared to extend the closure through midnight of August 31, 1989, at which time counting of another quota will begin concluded Mr. Roussel.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Roussel reviewed the Declaration of Emergency that was presented at Thursday's meeting on the extension of the closure for spotted seatrout. Motion made by Mr. Jenkins to adopt the emergency rule. Seconded by Mr. Pol and passed unanimously.

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

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(b), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and R.S. 56:325.3 which established an annual quota for spotted seatrout; the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares an emergency and adopts the following rule:

EMERGENCY RULE

Pursuant to R.S.56:325:3, the closure of the commercial fishery for spotted seatrout is hereby extended until midnight, August 31, 1989.

The purchase, barter, trade or sale of spotted seatrout taken from Louisiana waters during the closure is prohibited.

The commercial taking or landing of spotted seatrout in Louisiana, whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana during the closure is prohibited.

Effective with the closure, no vessel possessing or fishing any seine, gill net, trammel net, or hoop net shall have spotted seatrout aboard the vessel, whether caught within or without the waters of the state.

Pursuant to R.S.56:322 and effective with the closure, the legal commercial mesh size for all gill nets, trammel nets, and seine nets used in saltwater areas of the state, other than strike nets, shall be a minimum of 4-1/2 inches stretched and a person shall have in possession or use aboard a vessel no more than two strike nets.

Nothing shall prohibit the possession of fish legally taken prior to the closure and all commercial dealers possessing spotted seatrout taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S.56:306.4.

At Thursday's meeting Phil Bowman reported that this year the department was successful in getting a data collection bill passed through the legislature and as part of that bill there was a Confidentiality statute involved. The bill was amended through the process to include that the Commission should adopt the rules and regulations for the confidentiality of fishery dependent data. As soon as the department found out that the bill passed, the National Marine Fisheries Service was written to and asked for a copy of their Confidentiality rules. It was anticipated that the information would be available for this Commission meeting but however as of now the department has not received it. The attorneys for the Marine Fisheries Service are still working on drafting the set of rules and Mr. Bowman asked that this item on the agenda be postponed until next month. The Commission agreed to postpone this item.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Johnnie Tarver presented Notification of Alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season. Mr. Tarver reported that at the last Commission meeting the rules and regulations on alligator season were adopted with everything complete except for the tag quotas. Informational packets were given to the Commissioners which listed the 1989 tag allotment and marsh types. Ms. Van Sickle has approved the quotas. There was very little change from last year. Last year if everyone would have applied for the tags 24,023 could have been issued. This year if everyone applies for the tags 26,081 tags could be issued which is an increase of about 8.6% concluded Mr Tarver. Ms. Van Sickle

asked for the total number of alligators harvested from farms and from the wild. Anticipating during the 1989 season which begins September 9 and goes all the way through to the next September there may be close to 100,000 alligators harvested in Louisiana from the farm and wild harvests. There should be about 75,000 harvested from the wild leaving about 25,000 harvested from the farms. Short discussion ensued between the Commissioners, Ms. Van Sickle and Mr. Tarver on the alligator program.

At Thursday's meeting Carla Faulkner presented a resolution on National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989.

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

WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and

WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all fifty states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies, in the last fifty years along, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were fifty years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefited numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, through their publications and organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaim September 23, 1989, as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. The Commission urges all of our citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, the Commission urges all citizens to take part in National Hunting and Fishing Day activities on September 23, 1989, to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

Mr. Jenkins made motion to adopt resolution on National Hunting and Fishing Day. Seconded by Mr. Pol and passed unanimously.

At Thursday's meeting Col. Winton Vidrine gave the Law Enforcement Report. Col. Vidrine presented the Annual Case Report. In 1989/88 there were 19,566 cases made. In 1988/89 there were 21,142 cases made. This shows an increase of 1,556 cases made. Even though the Enforcement Division has less people Col. Vidrine feels that they are doing a good job. The 21,142 cases include State citations and Federal citations. Annual case report reflects some of the following cases:

- 672 cases - taking undersized red drum
- 293 cases - possession of undersized commercial fish
- 96 cases - over the limit os speckled trout and red drum
- 344 cases - commercial fishermen having no commercial gear license
- 144 cases - wholesale dealers selling without wholesale/retail dealer's license
- 110 cases - leaving unattended nets
- 514 cases - trawling inclosed season
- 101 cases - butterflying inclosed season
- 202 cases - hunting and discharging firearms on public right-of-way
- 97 cases - using lead shot in steel shot only area
- 406 cases - hunting without resident license
- 225 cases - hunting migratory game birds over baited area
- 91 cases - possession of over the limit ducks
- 107 cases - hunting migratory game birds without a federal stamp

Col. Vidrine furnished each Commission with a chart showing the comparison between Louisiana and some of the other southeast states of the number agents in each state and total citations given. Louisiana has the highest percent of cases made for the number of agents in the state. Another survey was done on communication systems throughout the United States. Louisiana, by far, has the worst system. During the daytime (8:00 AM-4:30 PM) communications covers law enforcement about 25% of the state. After 10:00 PM there is probably a 10%-15% coverage for law enforcement throughout Louisiana. Col. Vidrine introduced Mr. Aubrey Futrell who has been employed as the Director of Training, Law Enforcement Division. Mr. Futrell is a very welcomed asset to the

partment Ms. Van Sickle commented. Concluding his report Col. Vidrine advised that the District Attorney and the Judge of Plaquemines Parish turned over sixteen boats that had been confiscated during the shrimp closure to the department.

Chairman Hines called for comments or questions. Mr. Vinet stated that he had asked Col. Vidrine to look into a case that was in St. Mary Parish concerning a black bear being killed and find out the status. Col. Vidrine informed the Commissioners that arraignments had been conducted in St. Mary Parish about a month ago. Apparently the gentleman pleaded guilty and there is a pending trial. More information will be obtained and the Commission will be kept informed stated Col. Vidrine.

At Thursday's meeting Ms. Van Sickle stated that Mr. Jenkins had asked her about the disposition reports from the D.A.'s and what they do with the department cases. Ms. Van Sickle asked Mr. Kell McInnis to give a brief report on this. Mr. McInnis informed the Commissioners that a move was initiated at their request, and also several conservation groups that were interested in this as well, to come up with a format by which reporting could be gotten from the District Attorneys from throughout the state on a regular basis in a uniform manner. In order to do this Mr. McInnis met with the agents that regularly worked with the disposition reports, the Computer people, and Mike Landrum, Legal Section and tried to develop a simple form to enable the D.A.'s to have minimum amount of time to spend on the report and get it back to the department. Examples of the form were given to the Commissioners. The department has the support of Mr. Pete Adams, Executive Director of the District Attorney's Association on this and a subcommittee has been appointed to work with the department to make recommendations as to adjustments to the form and to assist with implementation of its use. The three attorneys serving are Berney Boudreaux from Iberia, Charles Wagner from Alexandria and Harry Morel from Hahnville. Using the form the department would provide the name of the violator, date of birth, citation number, date citation was issued and pertinent statues involved. The D.A. would provide the current status of the citation, actions taken, fines, etc. The D.A.'s have been asked to do this on a monthly basis and would be included in the monthly law enforcement report to the Commissioners. Also this information would be available to other interested groups concluded Mr. McInnis. Mr. Jenkins complimented Mr. McInnis on his efforts and believes this will be a very good program which will help get some of the cases prosecuted properly.

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At Friday's meeting Ms. Van Sickle gave the Secretary's Report. It was reported that the Louisiana Congressional Delegation has been very, very aggressive on the wetlands issue. Senators Breaux and Johnston, Congressmen Livingston and Tauzin all have bills dealing with the issue. The department has been supporting these bills in testimony ~~in~~ factual presentations. Senator Breaux just signed on as co-author of the North American Wetland Conservation Act which will fund the North American Waterfowl Plan and should generate up to a 100 million

dollars a year for waterfowl wetland protection and acquisition. In addition Congresswoman Boggs and Senator Johnston along with other members of the delegation have been successful in authorizing Congress to spend 2.5 million dollars to expand the Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area by 5,000 acres. This is both in the House and Senate budgets and this land acquisition is one that will be managed by the department and not the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Pointed out that the Wetlands Authority bill that was passed by the legislature provides for the department being a member of that authority. Ms. Van Sickle has been working with the gentleman from the Governor's Office who is in charge of this and there will be 5 million dollars minimum available to spend on wetland problems. The unique problem with nutria and muskrat was brought to the attention of the people on the Governor's staff and Ms. Van Sickle is anxious for the Fur and Refuge Division to give her their strategy for dealing with this problem beyond the marketing aspect and the price of skins. Ms. Van Sickle reported that there was good news in regards to skins and that 100,00 nutria skins have been shipped to Russia and another 60,000 shipped to Korea and Japan. Another problem that has resurfaced is the Atchafalaya Basin easement issue. Congress has authorized the Corps of Engineers to acquire easement on 357,000 acres of land and the Corps' original plan was just to get a no clearcut easement. This plan would mean that only one tree could be left standing and the Corps would roughly pay for 5% of the value of that wetland or that swampland. Louisiana has a different easement that requires much more progressive strategies but having trouble getting the Corps to honor what Louisiana feels is a commitment to protect the Atchafalaya Basin. At next months meeting Ms. Van Sickle would like to have the department's Forester, Kenny Ribbeck, who is working on this issue give a report to the Commissioners and present a resolution. In addition the Corps will be purchasing 23,000 acres of land that the department will be managing in the Atchafalaya Basin as a wildlife management area. Mr. Hugh Bateman has formally announced that he will be creating a DMAP Coordinator position and the position will be filled. Have decided to fill the Alligator Program Coordinator position and position will be based in the Baton Rouge office. Person will not only work with Rockefeller but statewide. At a later time a secretary can be acquired. The 1989-90 Hunting Seasons Pamphlets were brought to the attention of the Commissioners and were informed that the brochures were printed at no charge and the department saved \$86,000. The department has a nonexclusive contract with Times Mirror, Inc. and they have done the samething for over thirty states. If the state allows a few pages for advertising the company prints the brochure at no cost. The department was sued over this by Bourque Printing who has printed the brochures in the past but because of an Attorney General's opinion and a well prepared lawyer the department won the case. The department plans on continuing to have this brochure printed by Times Mirror, Inc. concluded Ms. Sickle, and anyone else that is willing to print the information for free.

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The October meeting dates were set for Thursday, October 6 and Friday, October 7, 1989 at the North Toledo Bend State Park, Louisiana. Mr. McInnis gave information on the park and facilities and advised the

Commissioners to let him or his secretary know who will be needing overnight accommodations. It was decided that the Commission meeting would start at 9:00 A.M. on Friday instead of 10:00 A.M. so that there would be more time to deal with certain issues. The new time schedule will start with the meeting in September. Mrs. Van Sickle informed the Commissioners that at the October meeting they will be meeting with the Texas Commission jointly either Thursday or Friday.

At Friday's meeting Mr. McInnis brought to the attention of the Commissioners that he had received a resolution, which was sent to Dr. Hines, from the House of Representatives regarding the study on the extension of bow hunting season. The department staff has been provided with copies of the resolution and at this time there is no immediate action that needs to be taken.

At Friday's meeting the Commissioners were informed that the 1989 version of the fish record was out. This record is compiled every year in conjunction with the LA Outdoors Writer's Association and the Menhaden Advisory Council and are available through the department. Mr. Jones stated that the legislature overruled the department's ruling on the ABC Bait Company and asked if the Governor had signed this. He was informed by Ms. Van Sickle that he had.

Col. Vidrine reported at Friday's meeting that Mr. Vinet, earlier during the meeting, had requested a status report on a black bear case that was in made in St. Mary Parish. The person that was charged was Mr. Earl C. Juneau of Morgan City. Changed plea to guilty and was sentenced by Judge Anna Seymour a couple of weeks ago. There was a \$400 fine, \$66 court cost and is now serving 122 days in jail. Mr. Juneau will have to visit with his probation officer on a monthly basis for two years and pay a \$10 fee which adds up to \$240 for visits. He cannot hunt in the state of Louisiana for five years and ;has to do thirty days of community service for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries concluded Col. Vidrine.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Johnnie Tarver advised that the Commissioners should have received an invitation from the Louisiana Trappers and Alligator Hunters Association to their annual convention in Houma, Louisiana this Saturday, August 5, 1989, and he was asked to further extend the invitation.

Report At Friday's meeting Ms. Van Sickle pointed out that there was a *response to the* Deer Task Force ~~response~~ in each of the Commissioners packet that they might be interested in reviewing when they have time.

At Friday's meeting Chairman Hines called for motion for the Commissioners adjourn and go into Executive Session to discuss three items. Three items are: The Robert Perkins Litigation, Sierra Club Litigation and Grand Chenier Alligator Farms Litigation. Motion made by Mr. Jones for executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jenkins and passed unanimously. After executive session Chairman Hines reconvened the

meeting and asked Mr. Don Puckett for presentation of resolution on the settlement between the department, Robert Perkins and Sauros, Inc.

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

WHEREAS, a dispute arose between the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on the one hand, and Robert E. Perkins and Sauros, Inc., on the other hand, regarding the rights, duties and obligations of the parties relating to alligator farming agreements existing between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, while meeting in executive session acquainted itself with the facts surrounding the dispute and the legal issues associated therewith, and participated as the legal representative of the Department and the Commission negotiated a settlement agreement; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the settlement agreement reached between the parties is set forth in the document entitled "Compromise Settlement and Release" which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby approve the Compromise Settlement and Release agreement which is attached hereto, made part hereof and is incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to execute all necessary documents affecting said Compromise Settlement and Release and perform any and all necessary acts to accomplish same.

Chairman Hines called for motion to adopt the resolution. Motion made by Mr. Pol. Seconded by Mr. Jenkins and passed unanimously.

At Friday's meeting Dr. Jerry Clark advised the Commission on the blackdrum issue and spotter planes in Lake Pontchartrain and what the department is doing about this situation. The use of spotter planes for blackdrum fishery in Lake Pontchartrain has raised a lot of attention. The department has looked into this and is trying to get the fastest information on landings. To date the department's best guess is that the landings in Lake Pontchartrain are probably not significantly higher this year than they were last year reported Dr. Clark. What is happening explained Dr. Clark is that the dealers have discovered the spotter plane technique and are ordering fish as they need it from the spotter planes instead of the traditional fishermen. There is no biological problems at this time stated Dr. Clark. Right now the department is involved in a blackdrum plan with people at LSU and throughout the state and on September 30 a stock assessment for blackdrum will be delivered to the department. With the data that Dr. Clark has seen he does expect that the blackdrum in Louisiana will have to have further protection. Maybe sometimes after the first of the

year the department will be coming to the Commission to make recommendations for the blackdrum but as of right now there is no emergency concluded Dr. Clark.

Ms. Van Sickle announced that the Community Center at Grand Isle would be available for the Commission meeting in September and asked the Commissioners if they would concur with having the September 7-8, 1989 meeting at Grand Isle. The Commissioners agreed.

Since there was no other business or public comments to come before the Commission a motion was made by Mr. Pol for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously.

Virginia Van Sickle
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

August 3-4, 1989

Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Thursday, August 3, 1989

James Jenkins, Jr.
Warren Pol
Dale Vinet

Chairman Don Hines presiding:

Friday, August 4, 1989

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

Ms. Virginia Van Sickle was also present.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of July 2-3, 1989, were unanimously approved at Thursday meeting with a motion from Mr. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Vinet, Mrs. U.S. pointed out the how much longer the minutes were and ~~to~~ continue with the more detailed version ~~at~~.

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On Thursday a Declaration of Emergency and Notice of Intent were presented to the Commission by Tomm

(The full text of the ^{Emergency} ~~declaration~~ ^{resolution})

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Mrs. Van Sickle pointed out how much longer the minutes were and if the Commission did not object, she would like to continue with the more detailed version. The Commission approved the more detailed format for the minutes. Along with the more detailed version there will also be the tapes of the meetings for the record.

At Thursday's meeting a ^{Resolution} ~~Declaration of Emergency~~ and Notice of Intent on Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl were presented by ^{Mr.} Tommy Prickett and ^{Mr.} Robert Helm. Mr. Helm also presented a slide presentation on the status of ducks which showed the results of the past nesting season. ^{clear} Following the slide presentation Mr. Helm presented, for Mr. Hugh Bateman who was in Washington, D.C. attending the last of the regulations meetings, the Department's hunting season recommendations for the duck and goose seasons. Mr. Helm pointed out that the department has the option to choose a more liberal set of regulations concerning snow geese this year. The harvest information has been received from the past hunting season. Nationwide there was a 50% reduction in the number of ducks taken last year. ⁱⁿ Louisiana this ^{even} ~~is~~ ^{was} a 62% reduction. Duck stamps sold 19% nationwide, which represents over 300,000 waterfowl hunters ^{lost out} ~~last~~ year and in Louisiana 30% were ~~lost~~. ^{There was a} Total of about 67,000 waterfowl hunters in Louisiana last year and this was the lowest number since ~~since~~ 1962 when there was 25 days and 2 ducks in the bag. Hunter days and days per duck hunting fell off nationwide and even more so in Louisiana. Nine parishes will ^{come} ~~come~~ into the steel shot regulations this year. This is the third year of a five year implementation phase-in for steel shot regulations. Mr. Helm asked for questions or comments. Dr. Hines asked what Mr. Helm thought the reason was for the goose decline. The numbers have increased so dramatically that there are more birds than habitat can support answered Mr. Helm. Mr. Jenkins asked what is the relationship between the drought and agriculture conditions versus hunting kill on the duck population. This is a question that all the duck scientists in North America have been trying to get a handle on and ~~it is very debatable~~ ^{debatable} stated Mr. Helm. ^{As an example} Mr. Helm pointed out, ~~for~~ example, last year there was an estimated 66,000,000 ducks in the Fall Flight Forecast compared to 62,000,000 this year and overall considering the U.S., Canadian, Mexican harvests and also the crippling lost there is an estimated 8,000,000 birds taken out of the 66,000,000 which ^{left} leaves 58,000,000. This year when the breeding populations ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{way} surveyed the total number of breeders at the time was 28,000,000. There is a big discrepancy between 28,000,000 and 58,000,000 and what happened to those birds is not known. ^{maintain} Emphasis now is to ~~maintain~~ maintain breeding stocks and that is why the Fish and Wildlife Service is pushing the liberal regulations commented Mr. Helm.

framework and can change ^{it.} ~~change the hunting hours, the bag limit of what ever they want after the public hearing that Commissioner Jones is representing the Commission at today~~ Mrs. Van Sickle suggested that since the Fish and Wildlife Service ^a Always has their framework setting the first week in August, the Commission meeting ^{could be} the second week in August so a Regulations Committee meeting of the Commissioners could be held. Discussion continued on the dates of the duck season. ~~It was decided~~ Chairman Hines stated that action will be taken on this issue tomorrow. At Friday's meeting (Pages 12-13)

At Thursday's meeting Dave Morrison gave an update on the Duck Stamp Program and announced 1989 Contest Details. Mr. Morrison reported that the publisher has indicated that the print sales are still going ~~pretty~~ strong.. In the first four months that ^{this} program has been out ~~on the streets~~ the sales of Louisiana's first state duck stamp has exceeded the total sales from all the programs during the 1988 year. Louisiana in four months sold more than West Virginia, Arizona, Washington, and all those states in an entire year. Sales are starting to slack off because of the time of the year but the publisher indicated that the sales will pick up once the Christmas season approaches. As of the 22nd of July, ^{looking at} 50% of the total ^{edition} ~~has~~ been sold out. In the signed and number edition there is a little over 10,000 of the 20,500 , medallion edition 1,057 of 2,000 have been sold, executive edition completely sold out with people on waiting list trying to find someone that has one. Artist proof edition, 313 of the 550 has been sold. The department has actually received, to date, from the publisher is a little over a \$130,000 which breaks down to about \$118,000 from the publisher and through the department's license section has sold over \$15,000 worth of stamps to stamp collectors. It is now time to start looking at the 1990 competition and a set of rules for the 1990 competition has been developed. stated Mr. Morrison. Basically the rules remain unchanged from last year. Have given the artists about one more month over what they had last year to paint their entry for the competition because the competition as of today. The species that has been selected is the Green-Winged Teal. ^{and the} Reason for Green-Winged Teal is because blue-winged and green-winged make up the ^{pro} ~~pre~~pondance of the harvest in the state. Looking at a series type concept with a blue-winged last year and going with a green-winged this year. The only other change is that last year there was a judging criteria setup where all the judges came from out-of-state. There will be at least one judge from Louisiana this coming year. Will start on the 1990 Duck Stamp Program by Monday, August 7, 1989, by mailing out the entry forms,

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On Thursday ^{'s meeting} Dave Morrison gave a Duck Stamp Program Update and announced 1989 Contest details.

At Thursday's meeting Bennie Fontenot presented a Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management.

(The full text of the notice of intent 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 expresses intent to continue the prohibition on the taking and possession of paddlefish, Polyodon spathula commonly called spoonbill catfish, or paddlefish body parts, including eggs (roe), for a three year period beginning November 1, 1989 and ending at sunset on October, 1992.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., September 22, 1989, at the following address: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9000.

At Thursday's meeting the 1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season was set.

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At Thursday's meeting the 1989/1990 Oyster Season was set.

At Thursday's meeting a Declaration of Emergency was presented to the Commission on Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989 by

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The Artist must be a Louisiana Artist concluded Mr. Morrison

At Thursdays meeting Mr. Bennie Fontenot presented a Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management. Mr. Fontenot explained that three years ago due to extreme pressure being put on paddlefish in the state for cavair, it was necessary to take emergency action to close the taking of paddlefish in the state. A three year closure was put on the taking of paddlefish. The three year closure ~~will~~ ended June 30, 1989. During the closure the department learned a lot about the fish but still has a lot to learn. Mr. Fontenot asked Bobby Reed to give a short presentation on the paddlefish and what the department's recommendations are going to be for this fish during the next three years. Mr. Reed presented ~~some~~ slides on the paddlefish, and summarized findings over the past three years. Paddlefish

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~~are a very primitive fish. Only two species found worldwide, one in China and one in the United States. Species in the United States Polyodon spathula known from the fossil records as early as sixty million years ago. A fish that inhabited large open rivers, mainly the Mississippi drainage and preferal Gulf Coast drainages. Objectives of the study were to look at the distribution and abundance of paddlefish in Louisiana. Looked at gear fishing and net susceptibility of the fish, looked at length of maturity, spawning sites and fuucunity, and age and growth. The United States distribution of the fish which is restricted to the Mississippi River and preferable Gulf Coast drainages and in many of the preferable areas of its original range it has greatly declined and is listed as extinct in a couple of state and endangered in others. Texas is an endangered states, Alabama closed the season indefinitely because of low numbers, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania has since consiered it extinct. The history of the fish in the commercial aspect, intense pressure increased on Paddlefish mainly for the cavair industry in 1899 after commercial fishermen had already desimited the sturgenons stocks~~

Paddle were collected for this study by gill netting and snagging, each fish were weighed and measured and identified each by sex, weighed and measured each ovary and made egg count estimates, jawbone was removed for age and growth studies. The greatest number of fish collected for the study were collected in the eastern side of the state (east and south of the Mississippi drainage) and east of the Atachafalay River drainage. Very few fish in the western drainages were found. There were very few fish collected over fifty inches total length. Other studies in other states show an abundance of larger older fish form fifty to seventy inches. ~~There are very few~~

What concerns the department is that Louisiana has very few old mature fish, large fish in the population at this time. Three hundred passlefish were aged and there were very few fish beyond age seven. ~~Recommendation~~ Mr. Reed gave the following

recommendations for the paddlefish. (1) Continue a three year closure on the fish; had one good year of baseline data with nothing to compare it to and would like to establish some kind of trends for the species. Because ^{the fish} it is so long lived and takes such a long time to reach sexual maturity the department feels that it just cannot be turned loose to fishermen at this time when the department really does not know what the population is doing. (2) Also during the closure Mr. Reed would like to evaluate the effects of the minimum mesh size that are allowed in freshwaters now. The 3" minimum size was not evaluated when the study was done. In closing Mr. Reed stated that the Paddlefish is threatened in other ways also and ^{some} ~~one~~ of the biggest threats today on the fish ~~has been~~ ^{are} dam and lock construction, channelization, dredging, water pollution in addition to the massive over harvesting that has occurred during the past eighty years.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Phil Bowman presented an Emergency Declaration and Notice of Intent for the Setting of the 1989 Fall Inshore White Shrimp Season. A brief unupdate on landings ~~was also given by Mr. Bowman~~ for shrimp in Louisiana for the year of 1989 was giving by Mr. Bowman. Landings for June, from National Marine Fisheries Service, was 14.8 million pounds landed this year as compared to 13.4 million pounds that was landed during 1988. Brings Louisiana to 29.5 million pounds for the year of heads off weight shrimp. Last year 25.3 million pounds were landed for the same time period. Mr. Bowman recommended that the shrimp season open on August 21, at 6 A.M. in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 , and 3. Also request that the Secretary of the Department be allowed to close the season when in any area or zone the biological and technical information gained from the fishery independent monitoring or fishery dependent monitoring indicates the need to do so. concluded Mr. Bowman. Chairman ^{Hines} asked for questions or comments from the Commission. Mr. Jenkins asked if it was a requirment that the biological reasons or data be stated ~~which~~ ^{and} Mr. Bowman pointed out that he tried to state the technical reasons in the resolution. / Mr. Vinet stated that he had no objections to the opening of the season but suggested that next time a report ^{be given} stating where all the million pounds of shrimp were caught (part of state, zones, etc.). Reports that Mr. Vinet has received from Vermilion Bay White Lake, Grand Lake, Big Lake, and Calcasieu Lake that there is no shrimp hardly what so ever. Mr. Bowman explained that these numbers are coast wide numbers and do not reflect isolated or particular areas of the coast. The department is aware of the situation in southwest Louisiana relative to shrimp production this year

and have been looking at the situation for the past couple of weeks advised Mr. Bowman. A report can be provided breaking the count by Zones but there will be some lag time. Mr. Bowman pointed out that there have been a number of things that have affected Louisiana's shrimp populations this year. There has been a tremendous amount of seagrass that has been in the Gulf of Mexico this summer which has impaired the fishing activity and efficiency of the trawls. Have also had an inardent number of rough weather days this summer, a lot of freshwater in some areas of the state and with the TED situation have cause some very tough fishing condition this year commented Mr. Bowman. Mr. Pol asked that even if the Commission votes on the resolution couldn't Mrs. Van Sickle postpone any particular area that the shrimping is bad in the bast BE IT RESOLVED. Mr. Vinet answered no it says everything shall open by the third Monday and the resolution gives Mrs. Van Sickle the power to close it but not to open it. Mr. Bowman commented that it would be a very simple matter if the Commission chose to incorporate language into the second RESOLVE which would give Mrs. Van Sickle authority to delay or close or close the 1989 Fall Inshore White Shrimp Season when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

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This will be done and presented tomorrow stated Mr. Bowman. Gentleman from the audience]

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commented.

Stated that half of Saint Bernard Parish opened right now and half of Plaquemines Parish opened now just for the larber boats. Shrimp in the lower part of the area and smaller marsh are all large shrimp. What is being done is letting it open for the big boats and let all of these shrimp ~~xxxx~~ in the inside of themarsh drift out to them. Feel that if it is closed it should be closed for everybody. Have half of St. Bernard Parish and half of Plaquemines Parish open right now and most of the Commissioners do not even know it. Mr. Vinet stated that they know about it but it is just that the biologists are telling ~~as~~ ^{them} that to utalize the species that it is best to leave this open so that they can catch them because they are going to go out and be lost. Gentlemen from audience commented that right now on the inside waters, the rest of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes that are closed the shrimp in there are 31-35, and majority of them are 26-30 right now.. Asked how big do they have to be to catch instead of just letting them drift out to the big boats. This is what is happening now. Last year Louisiana had the warmest year that they ever had - shrimp are three weeks ahead of time right now and Commission is talking about setting the season further back. After further comments from the Gentleman in the audience Mr. Vinet stated that maybe next year it might be in good interest when the season is closed to close everything to be fair to everybody.

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In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953(b), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and R.S. 56:325.3 which established an annual quota for spotted seatrout; the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares an emergency and adopts the following rule:

EMERGENCY RULE

Pursuant to R.S.56:325.3 the closure of the commercial fishery for spotted seatrout is hereby extended until midnight, August 31, 1989.

The purchase, barter trade or sale of spotted seatrout taken from Louisiana waters during the closure is prohibited.

The commercial taking or landing of spotted seatrout in Louisiana, whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana during the closure is prohibited.

Effective with the closure, no vessel possessing or fishing any seine, gill net, trammel net, or hoop net shall have spotted seatrout aboard the vessel, whether caught within or without the waters of the state.

Pursuant to R.S.56:322 and effective with the closure, the legal commercial mesh size for all gill nets, trammel nets, and seine nets used in saltwater areas of the state, other than strike nets, shall be a minimum of 4-1/2 inches stretched and a person shall have in possession or use aboard a vessel no more than two strike nets.

Nothing shall prohibit the possession of fish legally taken prior to the closure and all commercial dealers possessing spotted seatrout taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S.56:306.4.

out At Thursday's meeting Phil Bowman presented a Notice of Intent, Confidentiality.

Friday At Thursday's meeting Ratification of Thistlethwaite WMA Lease Amendment was brought before the Commission by Don Puckett.

✓ At Thursday's meeting Johnnie Tarver reported on the Alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season.

✓ At Thursday's meeting Carla Faulkner presented a resolution on National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989.

It was amended through the process to say that the Commission should adopt rules and regulations for the confidentiality of fishery dependent data. As soon as the department found out the bill was passed the National Marine Fisheries Service was written to and asked for a copy of their Confidentiality rules. Anticipated the information would be received in time for the August Commission meeting. However, it has not been received from the National Marine Fisheries Service. Their attorneys are still working on drafting the set of rules. Mr. Bowman asked that they be allowed to postpone this item until next month which the Commission agreed to.

~~Mr. Johnnie Tarver presented~~

At Thursday's meeting Mr. Johnnie Tarver presented notification of alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season. Mr. Tarver reported that at the last Commission meeting the rules and regulations on alligators were adopted with everything complete except for the ytag quotas. Informational packets were given to the Commissioners which list the 1989 tag allotment and marsh type (brackish, intermediate and fresh) swamp dewater marsh and deteriorating marsh and certain lakes. Mrs. Van Sickle has approved the quotas. There has been very small changes. Last year if everyone would have applied for the tags 24,023 could have been issued. This year if everyone applies then 26,081 tags could be issued which is an increase of about 8.6%. Mrs. Van Sickle asked for the total number of alligators from farm and wild harvest. Anticipating during the 1989 season which begins September 9 and goes all the way through to the next September close to 100,000 alligators being harvested in Louisiana, both from farm and wild harvest. There will be about 25,000 wild alligators harvested which leave 75,000 that will come off the farms. ^{Short} Discussion ensued between the Commissioners, Mrs. Van Sickle and Mr. Tarver on the alligator program

At Thursday's meeting Carla Faulkner presented a resolution on National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989. Mr. Jenkins made motion to accept resolution, seconded by Mr. Pol. Passed.

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

WHEREAS, because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and

WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all fifty states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies, in the last fifty years along, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were fifty years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefited numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, through their publications and organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaim September 23, 1989, as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. The Commission urges all of our citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations. Further, the Commission urges all citizens to take part in National Hunting and Fishing Day activities on September 23, 1989, to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

At Thursday's meeting Winton Vidrine gave the Law Enforcement Report

At Thursday's meeting Col. Winton Vidrine gave the Law Enforcement Report.

Col Vidrine presented the Annual Case Report. In 1987 19,566 cases were made. 1988-89 there were 21,142 cases made. This shows an increase of production of 1,556 cases. Have less people on board and Col. Vidrine feels that they are doing a better job. The 21,142 cases include state citations and federal citations.

Annual case report reflects ^{some of} the following cases:

672 cases - taking under-sized red drum

293 cases - possession of undersized commercial fish

96 cases - over the limit of speckled trout and red drum

344 cases - commercial fishermen having no commercial gear

144 cases - wholesale dealers selling without Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

110 cases - leaving unattended nets

514 cases - trawling in closed seasons

101 cases - butterflying in closed season

202 cases - hunting and discharging firearms on a public right-a-way

97 cases - using lead shot in steel shot only area

406 cases - hunting without resident license

225 cases - hunting migratory birds illegal hours

177 case - hunting migratory game birds over baited area

91 cases - possession of over the limit ducks

107 cases - hunting migratory game birds without a federal stamp

Col Vidrine made a comparison between Louisiana and some of the other southeast state and furnished each Commissioner with a comparison ~~form~~ chart. The comparison showed agents in each state and total citations made with Louisiana having the highest ^{percent} of cases made for the number of agents in the state. Another survey was

done on the communications systems throughout the United States.. Louisiana has by far the worst communication system in America. During the daytime communications cover about 25% of the state during hours 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. and after 10:00 P.M. probably have a 10%-15% coverage for the law enforcements throughout Louisiana.

Col. Vidrine introduced Mr. Aubrey Futrell ^{was been employed as driver} ~~who will be the~~ Training Officer, Law Enforcement Division, for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The District Attorney and the Judge of Plaquemines Parish turned over sixteen boats that had been confiscated during the shrimp closure to the department ~~advised Col~~

~~Vidrine~~ concluded Col Vidrine. Chairman Hines asked if anyone had any comments or questions. Mr. Vinet stated that he had asked Col. Vidrine to look into a case that was in St. Mary Parish concerning a black bear being killed and find out what ~~had been done~~ what had been done about this.

Col. Vidrine advised that arraignments were conducted in St. Mary Parish about a month ago. Apparently the gentleman must have plead^d not guilty and there is a pending trial. Col. Virdrine will obtain more information and advise the Commission of the status.

Mrs. Van Sickle commented that Mr. Jenkins had asked her about the dispostion resports from the D.A.'s about what they do with the department's cases.

Mr. Kell McInnis reported on this item. Mr. McInnis ^{stated} ~~reported~~ that a move was initiated, at the request of the Commission and several conservation groups that were interested in this as well as the department, to come up with a format by which reporting could be gotten from the District Attorneys from throughout the state on a regular basis in a uniform manner. In order to to do this Mr. McInnis met with the agents that regularly worked with the dispositions reports (especially Major Candies), ~~and get with~~ the computer people in the department and Mike Landrum, Legal Section and tried to come up with a simple form to enable the D.A. to have minimum amount of time he would have to spend on getting this form completed and back to the department. Examples of the form were given to the Commissioners. Met with Mr. Pete Admans, Executive Director of the D.A.'s Association and the department has his support in getting this form approved by the various D.A.'s. The form was taken to the D.A.'s prior to the time they had their annual meeting so they would have an opportunity to view it. Three D.A.'s from around the state were appointed to seve on a subcommittee to work with the department to make recommendations as to adjustments to the form and to assist with implementation of its use. The three attorneys are Berney Boudreaux from Iberia, Charles Wagner from Alexandria and Harry Morel form Hahnville. Using the form the department would provide the name of the violator, date of birth, citation numbers, date the citation was issued and pertinent statues involved. The D.A.'s would provide the current status, of the citation ~~and~~ actions taken. fines, etc. ~~This would be a~~ Have asked the D.A.'s to do this on a monthly basis and would be included in the Law Enforcement report ot the Commission each month. This information would also be availabel to other interested groups concluded Mr. McInnis. Mr. Jenkins complimented Mr. McInnis on his efforts and believes it will be a very ~~big successful program~~ ~~and the program~~ good probram and will help get some of the cases prosecuted properly.

Dr. Hines asked if anyone in the audience cared to address the Commission.

Mr. Cliff Glockner, Commercial Fisherman, not representing any organization.

Mr. Glockner advised ^{that he had discussed w/ Mrs. Van Sickle} that while the Commission was having their meeting the group of commercial fishermen who were attending the meeting met and decided to resolve the problem with the drum fishery. Going to call a meeting of commercial fishermen and try to come to a agreement. *If an agreement*

both deer hunt with guns as well as duck hunts. ~~This is the first time that the duck season and the deer season were held on the same day.~~

Another aspect of the survey that was of the enforcement officers, both federal and state, and the main reason that they felt like they could not enforce and promote the compliance with duck hunting regulations was that they were spread too thin. The views of the federal and state conservation officers were that opening deer seasons and duck season the same time hurt the overall enforcement activities.

Mrs. Van Sickle commented that whatever the Commission decides was fine but it would ~~just~~ help the department to do a better job in the conservation end of things if there would be separate openings. Mr. Bateman did not agree with the recommendation being made for the East Zone ~~because~~ ^{that} if the duck season ~~is~~ ^{be} opened on Thanksgiving Day ~~because~~ ^{because} this is ~~the~~ the single biggest weekend for deer hunting in the state. This is when all the Wildlife Management Areas are opened commented Mr. Bateman. Dr. Hines stated that there seemed to be a lot of confusion and a lot of different ideas and conflicts and believes that time is needed to work this out. Dr. Hines asked the Commission to delay action at this meeting, and have a Hunting Committee meeting and come back at a later date and take action.

~~After further discussion between the Commission and department personnel~~

Mr. Fred Parnell addressed the Commission ~~at this time~~ and concluded that putting off the decision on the duck season dates for a few days, ~~and~~ ^{and} have a discussion and then set ~~it~~ ^{the date} would not cause problems. There was time to do this. Mrs. Van Sickle advised that this was correct. ~~It could be done at the next meeting or it can be done in two weeks from now. Since there is a shorter season the decision can be made further into the fall.~~ ^{could}

Mr. Walter Fernet addressed the Commission. Mr. Fernet stated that he did not belong to a big club but he does hunt in the West Zone, and would like to remind the Commissioners and department that by having alternate opening dates ^{allow} the people that are able to hunt in both zones to have some additional hunting time. ~~The main thing is that we do not want to forget is that we have an East Zone and a West Zone and went to a lot of trouble to get these zones and if we start opening and closing them on the same dates we hve no more zones.~~ ^{closing the E + W zone}

^{states M. Jones} Mr. Bert Jones stated that Louisiana's zoning concept has not lost its identify by these proposed date changes. Mr. Pol amended his motion that the West Zone opens on the 18th of November and close on December 4, reopens on December 26 and close on January 7, 1990. The East Zone move back as proposed by Mr. Bateman.

~~All the recommendations~~ Mr. Jenkins seconded the amendment. Chairman Hines called for discussion and vote. Motion passed. Mr. Vinet asked that next year all the hunters that ~~will appear~~ ^{come} before the Commission and Committee hearings be taped, ~~of these~~ ^{with their own opening dates}

~~Mr. Jones commented that he thought it was imperative that these concerns, that are so monumental, that we ourselves do a better job in deliberating over them and not be put in the position that they have been put in, know what we want to do before attending the Commission meeting.~~ Chairman Hines advised that Mrs. Van Sickle, Mr. Bateman and he had discussed on separate occasions ~~this~~ this and probably next year the Commission meeting will be delayed a week later after the Regulations meeting in Washington, D.C. so that a Hunting Committee meeting can be held with the staff and recommendations can be formulated to make to the Commission. Mr. Jones suggested that the Hunting Rules Committee meeting be held immediately upon return of the staffs representation to the Fish and Wildlife Service meeting in Washington, D.C. This should be a Public Meeting and has to be announced advised Mrs. Van Sickle. Dr. Hines asked Mr. Helm to present the recommendations for the Goose Season. Mr. Helm reported that there was some changes concerning Goose season this year. Allow ten additional days of hunting opportunity for Snow and Blue Geese which is an increase from 70 days to 80 days. Still remain 70 days of hunting for White-fronted Geese. The latest the season can end is February 14. Bag limit has been increased from 5 to 7. Daily bag is 7 and aggregate of Blue Snow or White-fronted Geese of which not more than 2 may be White-fronted. Number of White-fronted remains same but the number Snow Geese increases by 2. Shooting hours are the same as ducks. With the changes made in the duck season the recommendations for goose season ~~xxxxxx~~ in the two zones be the same. Both open on November 18 and both would run consecutively to January 26. This would be a 70 day White-fronted and Snow Goose season and then you would tack on the ten days of Snow Goose only hunting on the January 27th which would run till February 5 (Monday). Warren moved that the goose season dates recommendations be accepted. Dr. Hines asked that since there was no hunting between December 4 and December 15 could you have a split there and run to the 15th and then that way you wouldn't have anybody out hunting those days. This way you would be able to hunt up to February 15th and there are still a lot of geese in the state then. Mr. Helm advised it could be possible to have a split and extend it to the 14th. Dr. Hines asked that they work on this and bring it back to the Commission later during the meeting.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Fontenot reported that a Notice of Intent on an extension of paddlefish fishery closure was presented at yesterday's meeting. The notice is for closure of paddlefish fishery for three years beginning on November 1, 1989 and ending at sunset on October 31, 1992. The paddlefish is also known as the "spoonbill cat". Motion made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. McCall for closure of paddlefish fishery for three years. Chairman Hines called for discussion and vote. Motion unanimously.

At Friday's meeting Don Puckett presented a resolution on lease amendment on the Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area. This area consists over 11,000 acres, and is a very important area to the department and located in St. Landry Parish. Mr. Puckett asked Tommy Prickett, Game Division, to give some information about the area and also introduced Mr. Paul Thistlethwaite who was representing the Thistlethwaite family. Mr. Prickett advised that the Thistlethwaite family has been most generous in the State of Louisiana by offering a free lease to the department on this land. Thistlethwaite has been managed as a preserve since 1924 and was made a wildlife management area in the late 50's. The Thistlethwaite family has dedicated this piece of property to wildlife and the preservation of habitat. The area is a bottomland hardwood and a outstanding job of managing the timber to make it most productive for either timber and wildlife. The department has enjoyed the use of this property for years, and it is a premiere area in that part of the state and one of the few areas that traditionally produces 300 pound deer. Squirrel hunting, deer hunting and woodcock hunting are the three major uses of this area. Concluding Mr. Prickett commended Mr. Thistlethwaite and his family for their stewardship of the property and allowing the department to use it for the public. Chairman Hines stated that on behalf of the Commission and the department that they thank Mr. Thistlethwaite and his family for their generous offer. Mr. Puckett then presented the resolution. Resolution extend the date of the lease to the year of 2000 and also provides a whole harmless provision in favor of the Thistlethwaite family for hunters and the public use of this property. Chairman ~~called for motion~~ Hines asked for motion for approval of resolution. Motion made by Mr. Vinet, seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Bowman reported ~~that at Thursday's meeting~~ that at Thursday's meeting recommendations for the Inshore 1989 White Shrimp Season opening were made. A resolution has been prepared and modified ~~for~~ request by Commission. Motion made by Mr. ^{Pol} ~~to~~ to accept resolution. Seconded by Mr. ^{McCall} ~~and~~ and passed unamously.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Dugas reported that at thursday's meeting a briefing on the oyster stock was given and recommendations made for the 1989/1990 Oyster Harvest Season were given. A resolution has been prepared ~~and presented~~ and presented by Mr. Dugas. Motion made by Mr. Pol to adopt resolution. Seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Roussel reported that Thursday's meeting a Emergency Declaration was presented to the Commission for ~~the extension of~~ the extension of

of spotted seatrout closure through August 31, 1989. ~~The original Emergency~~
~~rule was passed back in April it has~~ Under the emergency rule passed back in April it has
 a life of 120 days which will end August 6 even though the closure was originally
 set to run through midnight August 31, 1989. This new Emergency rule will extend
 the closure to midnight August 31, 1989. Motion made by Mr Jenkins to adopt the
 Emergency Rule. Seconded by Mr. Pol and passed unanimously

At Friday's meeting Mrs. Van Sickle gave the Secretary's Report. Mrs. Van Sickle
 reported that the Louisiana Congressional Delegation ⁶ have been very, very aggressive
 on the wetlands issue. Senators Breaux, Congressman Livingston and Senator Johnston
 all have bills as well as Billy Tauzin dealing with the issue. The department
 has been supporting them in testimony in factual presentations. Senator Breaux
 has just signed on as co-author of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act
 which will fund the North American Waterfowl Plan which would generate up to a
 100 million dollars a year for waterfowl wetland protection and acquisition. In
 addition to this Mrs. Boggs and Senator Johnston and other members of the delegation
 have been successful in authorizing Congress to spend 2.5 million dollars to expand
 the Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area by 5,000 acres. This is both in the Senate
 budget and House budget and this land acquisition is one that will be managed by
 the department not the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Considering that the
 acquisition program has been somewhat crippled because of the lower income that
 the department has had this is very important to the department. In addition
 the new Wetlands Authority bill that was passed by the Legislature, the department
 is a member of that authority. Have been working with the gentleman who is in charge
 of this ~~with~~ the Governor's office and they will have ~~\$5,000,000~~ 5 million dollars minimum
 to spend this year on wetlands problems. Talked with them about the unique problem
 the department has been having with nutria, muskrat, etc. and there is a willing
 ear there and Mrs. Van Sickle is very anxious for the Fur and Refuge to give her
 their strategy for dealing with this problem beyond the marketing aspect and the
 price of skins. Good news to report in regard to skins and that is that 100,000
 skins have been shipped of nutria to Russia and another 60,000 went to Korea and
 Japan, so some of the things the department are doing with the Fur and Alligator are
 paying off which are real important to the future of the industry as well as
 solving environmental problems that Louisiana has related to nutria and muskrat.
 Another problem that has resurfaced this week is the Atchafalaya Basin easement
 issue. Congress has authorized the Corps of Engineers to acquire easement on
 357,000 acres of land and the Corps' original plan was just to get a no clearcut
 easement. Leave one tree standing and the Corps would roughly pay for 5% of the
 value of that wetland or that swampland. Louisiana has a different easement that

requires much more progressive strategies that have been with two other agencies and the department's forestry staff and it may cost 50% of the value of the land so having trouble getting the Corps to honor what we feel is a commitment to protect the Atchafalaya Basin. At next month's meeting Mrs. Van Sickle stated that she would like to bring in the Forester that is working with the department on this issue, Kenny Ribbet and a resolution will be brought up at the next meeting for discussion. In addition the Corps will be purchasing 23, 000 acres of land that the department will manage in the Atchafalaya Basin as part of a wildlife management area. Louisiana's efforts with the Federal government have paid off. Hugh Bateman has formally announced that he will be creating a DMAP Coordinator position and the position will be filled. The \$80,000 or so that is received from sportsmen who are participating in the Intensive Deer Management Program and put some of that right back into this position that will work statewide with the DMAP coordinator in each office. Another issue on the alligator license and the \$4.00 tag fee the recommendations that were received from the Alligator Task Force for creating a position. A lot of time has been spent thinking about this and discussed it with Mr. McCall, ^{and} couple of people from Cameron Parish. Decided to fill the Alligator ~~Coordinator~~ Program Coordinator position in Baton Rouge. ^{Have this person in} Have this person in Baton Rouge and will not only work with Rockefeller but work with alligator farm throughout the state. At a later time a secretary can be added. The 1989-90 Hunting Seasons Pamphlets were brought to the attention of the Commissioners. This pamphlet was printed at no charge to the department, saved \$86,000. . Have a nonexclusive contract with a company called Times Mirror, Inc. and they have done this for over thirty states. They give a few pages to advertising and in return they print the brochure free. The department was sued over this by the company ²⁰ that has been printing the brochures last year. They have an exclusive state contract for printing but for free materials the department requested a formal opinion from the Attorney General's office and he said as long as you are not paying individuals and it is a nonexclusive contract the department could use this particular publisher. Bourque Press sued the department and Mike Landrum did an excellent job in court and the department won the case. The department plans to continue having this brochures printed free.

~~At Friday meeting the Commission meeting for October was cancelled~~
~~This day, October 5 and Friday, October 7, 1989. The meeting will be at Toledo~~
~~ville~~ The October meeting dates were set for Thursday, October 6 and Friday, October 7, 1989, at the North Toledo Bend State Park, Louisiana.

Mr. Kell McInnis gave information on park and facilities and advised the Commissioners, to let him or his secretary know which ones will be needing overnight accomodations. Mr McInnis ^{also} brought to the attention of the Commissioners that he had a resolution, ^{which is in the D. H. H. file} from the House of Representatives regarding the study on the extension of bow hunting season. The department staff has been provided with copies of this resolution. No ^{immediate} action was needed on this resolution.

Mrs. Van Sickle advised that the Director from Texas was going to talk to his Commission about having a joint meeting either Thursday or Friday. Mrs. Van Sickle requested the Commission to start the Commission meeting on ~~Friday~~ ^{Thursdays} at 1:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. on Fridays to so that an extra hours could be had to deal with issues that were important. Chairman Hines stated that the Commission start with the 9:00 on Fridays and if there is not enough time Thursdays will be set for 1:00 P.M.

It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners that the 1989 version of the fish record is out. This is done every year in conjunction with the LA Outdoors Writer's Association and the Menhaden Advisory Council and are available through the department.

Mr. Jones stated that the Legislature overruled the department's ruling on the ABC Bait Company and asked if the Governor had signed this. He was informed by Mrs. Van Sickle that he had.

Col Vidrine advised that Mr. Vinet had request a status report on a black bear case that was made in St. Mary Parish. The person that was charged was Mr. Earl C. Juneau of Morgan City. Changed plea to guilty and was sentenced by Judge Anna Seymore a couple of weeks ago. There was a \$400 fine, \$66 court cost, and is now serving 120 days in jail. Mr. Juneau will have to visit with his probation officer on a monthly basis for two years and pay a \$10 fee which adds up to \$240. He cannot hunt in the state of Louisiana for five years and has to do thirty days of community service for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Mr. Tarver advised that the Commissioners ^{should have} had received an invitation from the Louisiana Trappers and Alligator Hunters Association to their annual convention in Houma, LA this Saturday, August 5, 1989 and he was asked to extend the invitaion, or just remind them, that the associaiton would like to welcome if the Commissioners would like to attend. Mrs. Van Sickle pointed out that there was a Deer Task Force response in each of the Commissioners packet.

Mr. Helm advised ~~that the goose season dates have been worked out.~~ West Zone: Nov. 18 - Dec. 16, white fronted, blues and snows. Second split on Dec. 26- Feb. 4, 1990, whitefronted and snows Ten days snow goose hunting only on Feb. 5 extending tothe Feb. 14. East Zone: Initial recommendation be appropriate - Nov. 18, - Jan.:26, 1990, whitefronted and snow. Ten days snow goose hunting only Jan. 27 -Feb. 5, 1990. Another option for the East Zone: Nov. 18 - Dec. 10, ^{Whitefronted and snows}

Dec. 15 - Jan. 30, whitefronted and snows. Jan. 31 - Feb. 9, 1990, snows only.

The Commission. After discussion on ^{goose} ~~opening~~ dates Chairman ^{Hines} asked that the department staff ~~to~~ work on the dates of the East Zone to be left open as late as possible, ~~work~~ ~~on something to leave it open till the 14th~~ preferably the 14th if possible.

If not possible will accept recommendations presented.

The Commission went into Executive Session to discuss three items of litigation.

The Robert Perkins ~~litigation~~ ^{Litigation}, Sierra Club Litigation, and Grand Chenier Alligator Frams Litigation Mr. Jones made motion for Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Jenkins and passes

Chairman Hines reconvened the Commission meeting.

Mr. Don Puckett ~~reported~~ ^{presented a resolution on the} that the settlement between the department, ~~and~~ Robert Perkins and Sauros, Inc. (Resolution

Chairman Hines called for motion to adopt the resolution. Motion made by Mr. Pol. Seconded by Mr. Jenkins and passed unanimously.

Mr. Helm then presented further goose season recommendations. Recommending a ~~statewide season for geese hunting~~ beginning November 18 - December 4. December Eleven day split. December 15 - February 5, 1990.. Fifty three days in split for whitefronted and snow geese. Add nine days of snow goose only which ends on February 14, 1990 - statewide. Goose season opening in West Zone a week prior to duck season. Motion made by Mr. McCall for adoption, Seconded by Mr. Pol and passed unanimously.

Mr. Dave Morrison reported that at the Commission held at Rockefeller the tentative dates for dove, snipe and woodcock were adopted. He then presented a ~~declaration~~ ^{resolution} of emergency and notice of intent to the Commission on the dates for dove, snipe and woodcock. Motion made by MR. Vinet for adoption. Seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously

Dr. Jerry Clark advised the Commission on the blackdrum issue ~~and~~ spotter planes in Lake Pontchartrain and what the department is doing about this. The use of spotter planes for blackdrum fishery in Lake Pontchartrain has raised a lot of attention. The department has looked into this and ^{is} trying to get the fastest information on landings, ~~and~~ to date the department's best guess is that the landings in Lake Pontchartrain are probably not significantly higher this year then they were last year because of the spotter pilots reported Dr. Clark. What has happened is that the dealers have discovered this technique and are simply ordering fish as they need it and they are ordering them from the spotter pilots so the traditional fisheries who go out with their gill nets and strike nets are being left out a little bit in the cold. There is no biological problem at this time commented Dr. Clark. The larger picture is is that the department is involved in a blackdrum plan right now and people at LSU and throughout the state are working looking at this and they will deliver to the department on September 30th a stock assessment for blackdrum.

Dr. Clark stated that as of right now with the primilary data that he has seen, he expects that blackdrum in Louisiana will have to have further protection. Sometimes probably after the first of the year the department will be coming back to the Commission with some recommendations or if it is not appropriate to come back to the Commission will be drafting legislation for the Legislature. There is no emergency as of right now that the Commission has to react to concluded Dr. Clark. Mrs. Van Sickle announced that the Grand Isle meeting that was to be held today and yesterday the community center is available and with concurrence of Commission plans will be made for meeting on September 7-8, 1989. Commission agreed. Mr. Jones asked about the New Orelans property status. Mrs. Van Sickle advised that she will have Ms. Bettsie Baker give an update on the property at the September Commission meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Pol that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. McCall and passed unanimously

Since there was no other business or public comments to come before the Commission

The October meeting date was set for Thursday and Friday, October ,
1989, in

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

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
August 3-4, 1989

- ✓ 1. Roll Call
- ✓ 2. Approval of Minutes of July 6-7, 1989
- ③ 3. Declaration of Emergency - Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl - Tommy Prickett and Robert Helm
- ✓ 4. Duck Stamp Program Update and Announce 1989 Contest Details - Dave Morrison
- ⑤ 5. Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management - Bennie Fontenot
- ⑥ 6. Setting the 1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
- ⑦ 7. Setting the 1989/1990 Oyster Season
- ✓ 8. Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989
- ✓ 9. Notice of Intent, Confidentiality - Phil Bowman *(Not meeting) Taken to*
- ⑩ 10. Ratification of Thistlethwaite WMA Lease Amendment - Don Puckett *(Friday)*
- ✓ 11. Notification of Alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season - Johnnie Tarver
- ✓ 12. Resolution of National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989 - Carla Faulkner *- Panel*
- ✓ 13. Law Enforcement Report - Winton Vidrine
- ⑭ 14. Set October Meeting Date ✓

OTHER BUSINESS

Spotts Planer Lake Pontchartrain & Mauropas

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESOLUTION

1989 Oyster Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 4, 1989 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1989 is September 6, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been customary to rotate the opening of the season on the Oyster Seed Reservation when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation was open during the 88/89 oyster season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise September 6, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds and the Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset September 15, and remain closed until they reopen 1/2 hour before sunrise October 16, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" and the shell plant in American (California) Bay will be closed for the 89/90 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container, but will consist of shoveling back on the deck of the vessel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 89/90 oyster season only, no more than 10% loose shell with no oyster on them will be allowed in the bedding operations or seed oyster loads on all the public oyster seed grounds and public oyster seed reservations, and

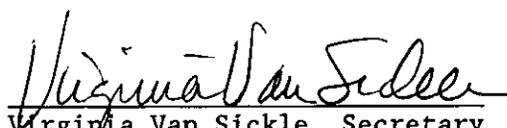
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 89/90 oyster season only, no water pumps will be allowed to load boats on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or Oyster Seed Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at this time no managerial action is recommended for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas, these seasons will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.



Dr. Donald Hines, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission



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

7 August 89

State of Louisiana



DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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Sharon,
for your
Commission
records.

Jon

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Louisiana Revised Statute 56:783 authorizes this Commission to lease from private persons or corporations, lands within the state for the establishment of wildlife management areas, and

WHEREAS this Commission leased from the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana on May 30, 1966 certain lands located within the Parish of St. Landry for the establishment of a wildlife management area, and

WHEREAS THISCO, a partnership and successor in title to the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana, and this Commission do hereby mutually desire to amend said lease in certain particulars, specifically to extend the term of said lease until December 31, 2000 and to further provide with regard to legal liability arising from the use of property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby approve the amendment to lease which has been prepared by Department's counsel and which is incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to execute all necessary documents effectuating said amendment to lease and to perform any and all other necessary acts to accomplish same.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 4th day of August, 1989.

Donald E. Hines
CHAIRMAN

Virginia Van Sickle
SECRETARY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISHES OF EAST BATON ROUGE AND ST. LANDRY

AMENDMENT TO LEASE

BE IT KNOWN, that on this 4th day of August, 1989, THISCO, hereinafter referred to as "LESSOR", an ordinary partnership formed under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which Articles of Partnership are recorded in the records of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, at Partnership Book 1, Page 595, Entry No. 610610, filed July 8, 1977, and herein represented by Paul A. Thistlethwaite, Hugh W. Thistlethwaite and Hugh W. Thistlethwaite, Jr., hereinafter referred to as the "Managing Partners"; and the LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION, represented herein by Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and hereinafter referred to as "LESSEE", do, by these presents, hereby agree as follows:

I.

In an Act of Lease executed May 30, 1966 and recorded on September 7, 1966 in the records of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana at Conveyance Book K-15, Pages 381-92, Original Act No. 520872, LESSEE leased from the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana, which successors are listed in the above referenced lease, certain property situated in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana which property is more fully set out and described in the above referenced lease.

II.

Regarding the above property, THISCO is the successor in title to the successors to the THISTLETHWAITE Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to an Act of Conveyance filed July 8, 1977 in the records of the Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, at Conveyance Book A-21, Page 424, Entry No. 610611. LESSOR and LESSEE do hereby desire to amend the above referenced lease in the following particulars; all other provisions of the lease to remain as written, to wit:

Paragraph 2 of said lease is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.

That the LESSOR, in consideration of the benefits, uses and advantages, accruing to LESSOR by reason of the LESSEE establishing and locating a Game Management Preserve on the above described lands, and restocking the same with wild game purchased and acquired by LESSEE, and by reason of the development, improvement, preservation and protection of said above described lands in their natural state for the propagation of wild game life at the expense of the LESSEE in accordance with existing laws, DOES HEREBY LEASE, LET AND HIRE the said above described lands for the purpose of establishing a Game Management Preserve thereon for a period of thirty-five (35) years, beginning on the first day of January, 1966, and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2000, unto the LESSEE here present, accepting and acknowledging delivery and possession thereof.

There is further added an additional paragraph to be numbered 6-A which shall read as follows:

6-A.

LESSEE hereby agrees to hold harmless, defend and indemnify LESSOR for any and all claims and/or lawsuits for bodily injury, including death, or property damage arising out of the actions of LESSEE, its officers, employees or agents, or otherwise arising out of the use of the property as a game management preserve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed these presents through their accredited representatives hereinabove named, the LESSOR on the 12th day of July, 1989, and the LESSEE on the 4th day of August, 1989, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses who have signed said agreement opposite the names of the representatives

of the aforesaid parties to this agreement, after the reading of the whole.

WITNESSES to signature of LESSEE'S representative

Norman McCall
Bert H. Jones

THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BY: Virginia Van Sickle
VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE,
SECRETARY, LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
AND FISHERIES

WITNESSES to signature of LESSOR'S representatives

Cathy Q. Baidelon
Wendy Genovese

THISCO

BY: Paul A. Thistlethwaite
PAUL A. THISTLETHWAITE
MANAGING PARTNER

Cathy Q. Baidelon
Wendy Genovese

BY: Hugh W. Thistlethwaite
HUGH W. THISTLETHWAITE
MANAGING PARTNER

Cathy Q. Baidelon
Wendy Genovese

BY: Hugh W. Thistlethwaite, Jr.
HUGH W. THISTLETHWAITE, JR.
MANAGING PARTNER

STATE OF LOUISIANA

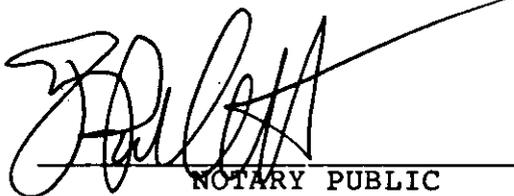
BATON ROUGE, PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Before me the undersigned party personally came and appeared Virginia Van Sickle, who being duly sworn did depose and say:

That she is the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the duly authorized agent herein for the LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION, LESSEE herein, and she has been duly authorized to sign and execute the above and foregoing agreement, and that in her aforesaid capacity, and by virtue of the authority conferred upon her she has signed the foregoing agreement in the presence of Norman McCall and Bert H. Jones, competent witnesses, and for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Virginia Van Sickle
VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 4th day of
August, 1989.



NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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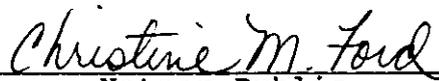
Before me the undersigned party personally came and appeared
PAUL A. THISTLETHWAITE, who being duly sworn did depose and say:

That he is a Managing Partner of THISCO, LESSOR herein, and
he has been duly authorized to sign and execute the above and
foregoing agreement, and that in his aforesaid capacity, and by
virtue of the authority conferred upon him he has signed the
foregoing agreement in the presence of Cathy Q. Bordelon
and Wendy Genovese, competent witnesses, and for the
uses and purposes therein set forth.



PAUL A. THISTLETHWAITE

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 12th day of
July, 1989.



Notary Public

STATE OF LOUISIANA

OPELOUSAS, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

Before me the undersigned party personally came and appeared
HUGH W. THISTLETHWAITE, who being duly sworn did depose and say:

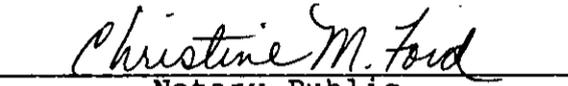
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HUGH W. THISTLETHWAITE

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 12th day of July, 1989.



Notary Public

STATE OF LOUISIANA

OPELOUSAS, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

Before me the undersigned party personally came and appeared HUGH W. THISTLETHWAITE, JR., who being duly sworn did depose and say:

That he is a Managing Partner of THISCO, LESSOR herein, and he has been duly authorized to sign and execute the above and foregoing agreement, and that in his aforesaid capacity, and by virtue of the authority conferred upon him he has signed the foregoing agreement in the presence of Cathy Q. Bordelon and Wendy Genovese, competent witnesses, and for the uses and purposes therein set forth.


HUGH W. THISTLETHWAITE, JR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 12th day of July, 1989.


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your Commission
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SOLUTION

between the Department of Wildlife and
the other hand, and Robert E. Perkins and
the other hand, regarding the rights,
obligations of the parties relating to
agreements existing between the

while meeting in executive session
with the facts surrounding the
legal issues associated therewith, and
the legal representative of the
Commission negotiated a settlement

settlement agreement reached between
set forth in the document entitled
"Settlement and Release" which is attached
hereto.

that this Commission does hereby
approve Settlement and Release agreement
hereto, made part hereof and is
incorporated by reference.

This Commission does hereby authorize
the Louisiana Department of Wildlife
to execute all necessary documents
to approve Settlement and Release and
perform necessary acts to accomplish same.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 4th day of

August, 1989.

Don Hines

CHAIRMAN

Virginia Van Sledge

SECRETARY

COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

AN AGREEMENT OF COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

entered into this 4th day of August, 1989, by and between DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, herein represented by its secretary, Virginia Van Sickle, and the LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION herein represented by its chairman as duly authorized by Resolution, hereinafter sometimes collectively called "Wildlife and Fisheries," on the one hand and ROBERT E. PERKINS, a resident of the full age of majority of Route 3, Box 301, Welsh, LA 70591, and SAUROS, INC., a Louisiana corporation, duly authorized by Resolution of the Board of Directors, on the other hand, in words as follows, to-wit:

I.

Reference is made to that certain agreement between Robert E. Perkins and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries executed on February 15, 1978, by J. Burton Angelle, Director, and by Robert E. Perkins on February 24, 1978, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A" (hereinafter sometimes called "Perkins Alligator Agreement"). Reference is also made to that certain letter agreement dated December 20, 1985, executed by J. Burton Angelle, Secretary of Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of the State of Louisiana, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" (hereinafter sometimes called "Angelle Letter").

II.

A dispute has arisen between Wildlife and Fisheries on the one hand and Robert E. Perkins (hereinafter sometimes called "Perkins") and Sauros, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes called "Sauros"), on the other hand, regarding the rights, duties and obligations of the parties to the above mentioned Angelle Letter

and Perkins Alligator Agreement, as well as to what are the rights, duties and obligations of Wildlife and Fisheries, Robert E. Perkins and Sauros, Inc., arising from the longstanding relationship that has existed between the parties in connection with alligator farming. Wildlife and Fisheries contend that it no longer owes to Perkins/Sauros any alligator eggs or hatchlings and, on the other hand, Perkins/Sauros contend Wildlife and Fisheries owes to them at least 10,193 alligator hatchlings.

III.

The parties hereto considering it to their mutual best interests have agreed upon the following settlement and release.

- A. Wildlife and Fisheries will furnish to Sauros, Inc., as successor to Robert E. Perkins, 1,000 live alligator hatchlings for each of the seasons of 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992. Sauros, Inc., will take delivery of this total of 4,000 hatchlings at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge headquarters building in Grand Chenier, Louisiana.
- B. Wildlife and Fisheries does by these presents release, relinquish and relieve Perkins and Sauros of all obligations arising out of their alligator farming relationship with the exception of the following:
 - (1) Robert E. Perkins and Sauros, Inc., remain obligated to Wildlife and Fisheries to return five percent of the hatchlings given to Robert E. Perkins for the 1987 and 1988 seasons. Perkins/Sauros shall have the option of (a) providing Wildlife and Fisheries with cash in the amount of fifty percent of the average selling price for this number of alligators, assuming a four foot length at time of sale, or (b) live alligators of a minimum of

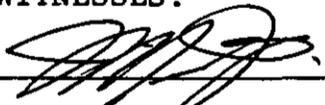
three feet in length. Funds are to be sent to Wildlife and Fisheries office within five days of receipt thereof by Perkins/Sauros. Perkins/Sauros shall have no obligation to return any alligators or funds from the 4,000 alligators hereinabove allotted to them in the future.

C. Perkins/Sauros do by these presents:

- (1) Release, relinquish and relieve Wildlife and Fisheries of all responsibilities, obligations and duties (other than those hereinabove specified) arising out of the Perkins Alligator Agreement, the Angelle Letter and their alligator farming relationship.
- (2) Agree to furnish the five percent alligator hatchling return at the option of Wildlife and Fisheries as hereinabove set forth for the alligators received by Robert E. Perkins in the seasons of 1987 and 1988.

THUS DONE AND PASSED before the undersigned Notary Public and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter undersigned, on this 4th day of August, 1989.

WITNESSES:





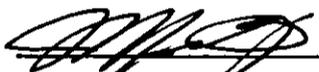
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND
FISHERIES OF THE STATE OF
LOUISIANA

BY: 
Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

NOTARY PUBLIC

THUS DONE AND PASSED before the undersigned Notary
Public and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter under-
signed, on this 4th day of August, 1989.

WITNESSES:


Jay E. Clark

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND
FISHERIES COMMISSION

BY: Donald E. Perkins

NOTARY PUBLIC

THUS DONE AND PASSED before the undersigned Notary
Public and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter under-
signed, on this _____ day of _____, 1989.

WITNESSES:

ROBERT E. PERKINS

SAUROS, INC.

BY: _____
Robert E. Perkins

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROBERT E. PERKINS AND
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Mr. Perkins will construct and maintain facilities in an "exempt Parish" for the incubation and rearing of alligators. Specifically; the alligators will be housed in indoor ferro cement pens consisting of 50% dry and 50% water areas. The facility will have a chemically acceptable water supply. Insulation, ventilation and heating equipment capable of maintaining a year round temperature of at least 23 C. will be incorporated in the facility. Animals will be stocked at the rates approved by the Departments' experimental group at the Rockefeller Refuge:

Hatchlings to 1 year	-	.12 sq. m. per animal
1 year to 2 years	-	.34 sq. m. per animal
2 years to 3 years	-	.46 sq. m. per animal

Sanitary procedures conforming to those at the Refuge project will be maintained. That is, pens will be flushed free of uneaten food and animal wastes three hours after feeding.

Animals will be fed a diet of whole ground fish or other animal protein and a multi-vitamin supplement amounting to approximately 20% of body weight. Feeding will take place for five (5) straight days each week except where gout symptoms are detected.

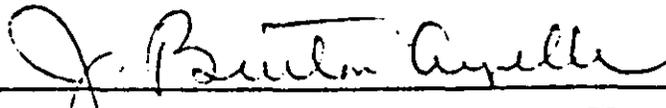
Animals will be constantly segregated according to size.

Each year 5 % of hatchlings will be returned to The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at the age of 12 months.

In the first generation two hundred (200) females and fifty (50) males will be raised to maturity as future breeding stock and a suitable outdoor habitat provided at age three (3).

Recognizing the monetary and personal investment The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will guarantee priority for delivery to Mr. Perkins, nineteen hundred (1,900) eggs in 1978, seventeen hundred (1,700) eggs in 1979, 1980, 1981 and thirty-four hundred (3,400) eggs in 1982, 1983 and 1984, plus the number of eggs the Department wishes returned as hatchlings.

Mr. Perkins will be guaranteed the right to market legal sized hides each year whether or not a State controlled hunt of wild alligators is held.

	<u>2/15/78</u>
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES	DATE
	<u>2/24/78</u>
ROBERT E. PERKINS	DATE

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Dec. 1977 -
met w/ Angelle & Commission
Finalized in below

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1978.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is in favor of encouraging the development of new resource oriented industries in the state, and

WHEREAS, biological data collected by Department technicians has established techniques by which American Alligators can be propagated in captivity, and

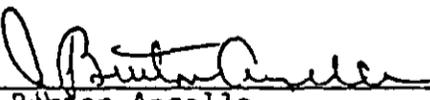
WHEREAS, the Department has surplus alligators located on refuges located in the portion of the state where alligators are delisted, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Perkins, of North Carolina has made an official request to the Department for assistance in establishing a farm and has agreed to return to the Department 5% of the young alligators hatched from eggs provided by the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to enter into an agreement with Mr. Perkins to provide alligator eggs to establish an alligator farm.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department can exercise the option of receiving 5% of the hatchlings on an annual basis or waiving this option if the Department technicians determine that there is not a use for these hatchlings for restocking or establishment of additional alligator farms.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Friday, January 27, 1978.



J. Burton Angelle
Secretary

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State of Louisiana

J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
SECRETARY
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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
POST OFFICE BOX 15570
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EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

December 20, 1985

Mr. Robert E. Perkins
Route 1, Box 666
Bell City, Louisiana 70630

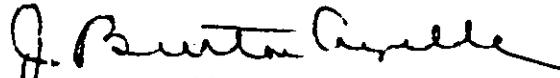
Dear Mr. Perkins,

First, let me extend to you my sincerest sympathies on your recent tragedy. I have followed the development of your farm since 1977 and fully realize how much time and effort you and your wife, Sissy, have dedicated to your alligator operation.

In order that you may reconstruct your farm at the level prior to the fire and after discussions with members of my staff, I agree to supply you with 1,000 hatchling alligators per year from the supplement program at Rockefeller Refuge for the years 1986, 1987, 1988. This should assist you in your rebuilding effort and help augment the losses incurred by the fire.

I understand you plan to relocate and construct a complete new facility. I certainly feel this is a wise choice and wishing you every success, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



J. Burton Angelle,
Secretary

JBA/plh
cc: Ted Joanen, Rockefeller Refuge

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
GRAND ISLE, LOUISIANA
August 3-4, 1989

- ✓ 1. Roll Call
- ✓ 2. Approval of Minutes of July 6-7, 1989
- ✓ 3. Declaration of Emergency - Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl - Tommy Prickett and Robert Helm
- 4. Duck Stamp Program Update and Announce 1989 Contest Details - Dave Morrison
- 5. Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management - Bennie Fontenot ✓
- 6. Setting the 1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
- 7. Setting the 1989/1990 Oyster Season
- ✓ 8. Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989 ✓
- 9. ~~Notice of Intent, Confidentiality - Phil Bowman~~
- ✓ 10. Ratification of Thistlethwaite WMA Lease Amendment - Don Puckett
- 11. Notification of Alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season - Johnnie Tarver
- ✓ 12. Resolution of National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989 - Carla Faulkner ✓
- ✓ 13. Law Enforcement Report - Winton Vidrine
Bentley's Report
- 14. Set October Meeting Date

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RESOLUTION

1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 4, 1989 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and

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WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and

WHEREAS, Biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S. 56:498 on August 21, 1989, and

WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the third Monday in August will be August 21,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1989 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497), to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 and 3 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday August 21, 1989,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay or close the 1989 Fall inshore white shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3), in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.



Dr. Don Hines, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission



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

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 4, 1989

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN BATON ROUGE, AUGUST 4, 1989.

WHEREAS, Department staff have attended the status meeting and public hearings in Washington, D.C. on migratory game birds including waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has established basic frameworks for the hunting of migratory birds including waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the status and results of meetings held in Washington were discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has developed recommendations, in consultation with the Commission, for migratory game birds that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for migratory game birds within the constraints of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, and

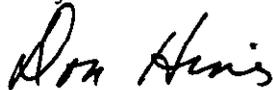
WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service must have Louisiana's selection of season dates for upland migratory birds prior to August 9, 1989, and

WHEREAS, if the Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service makes additional adjustment in proposed hunting regulations for waterfowl, the Louisiana Wildlife Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department to make any changes that would be appropriate, and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient time to meet the requirements of the Administration Procedures Act and it is necessary to adopt a Declaration of Emergency, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on August 4, 1989, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency and these dates will be forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as hunting regulations selected for Louisiana's 1989-90 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these regulations will have the full force of law for 120 days and normal requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act will be met to extend season dates, bag limits and shooting hours beyond the 120 time period.



Don Hines, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



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

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adopted by the
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WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1989 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497), to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 and 3 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday August 21, 1989,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay or close the 1989 Fall inshore white shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3), in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.



Dr. Don Hines, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission



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

State of Louisiana



DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

VIRGINIA VAN BICKLE
SECRETARY

May 30, 1989

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

Mr. Pete Adams, Executive Director
Louisiana District Attorneys Association
1645 Nicholson Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Pete:

Subsequent to our recent meeting concerning a uniform or standardized system for the reporting of case dispositions by the respective District Attorneys to the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, I have drafted the attached form for your consideration and comments. As we discussed, the department is most interested in developing such a form that would be accepted and utilized by all District Attorneys throughout the state. With your assistance and cooperation we feel that the public and outdoor press will be able to receive an accurate accounting of the citations submitted by department enforcement agents in the various judicial districts.

As soon as you have had an opportunity to review and discuss this form with the District Attorneys, I would appreciate your contacting me so that we might finalize the form and institute its use.

Thanking you for your attention and cooperation, I remain

Sincerely,

A. Kell McInnis, III
Deputy Secretary

AKM/mer

Encl.

PARISH (# 45) ST CHARLES

Name & Date of Birth	DWF Citation #	Date of Citation	Violation of R.S. #	Current Status	Prosecution/ Final Disposition	Sentence/ Fine
<u>EXAMPLE</u>						
Cortez, F.J. 12/09/41	2033403 2033404	11/08/78 11/08/78	56:431A 56:424-E-1			

Bench Warrant
Pending

(NP/No Action)
(Guilty)
(Not Guilty)
(Dismissed by Court)

Dollar Amt.



LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
E. PETE ADAMS

July 3, 1989



Honorable Bernard E. Boudreaux, Jr.
District Attorney
Sixteenth Judicial District
300 Iberia Street, Courthouse Building
New Iberia, Louisiana 70560

Re: Wildlife & Fisheries Ad Hoc
Committee

Dear Bernie:

At a meeting with A. Kell McInnis, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and myself, a uniform or standardized system for the reporting of case dispositions by District Attorneys to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was discussed. Mr. McInnis has requested assistance from District Attorneys in formulating and utilizing such a form so that the public and outdoor press will be able to receive an accurate accounting and status of the citations submitted by department enforcement agents in the various judicial districts.

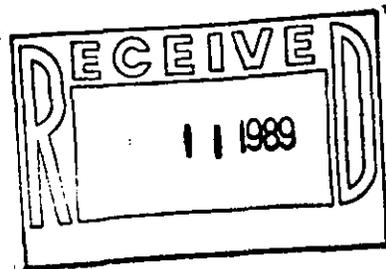
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Best regards,

E. Pete Adams
Executive Director

EPA:rmb

cc: Houston C. Gascon, III
A. Kell McInnis, III





LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
E. PETE ADAMS

July 3, 1989



Honorable Charles F. Wagner
District Attorney
Ninth Judicial District
P.O. Drawer 1472
Alexandria, Louisiana 71309

Re: Wildlife & Fisheries Ad Hoc
Committee

Dear Charlie:

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LDAA President Hammy Gascon has requested that you serve as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to work with Kell McInnis on formulating a uniform system for reporting case dispositions to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Please contact me by Friday, July 7, to confirm your acceptance of this position.

Best regards,


E. Pete Adams
Executive Director

EPA:rmb

cc: Houston C. Gascon, III
A. Kell McInnis, III



LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
E. PETE ADAMS

July 3, 1989



Honorable Harry J. Morel, Jr.
District Attorney
Twenty-ninth Judicial District
P.O. Box 680
Hahnville, Louisiana 70057

Re: Wildlife & Fisheries Ad Hoc
Committee

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ENFORCEMENT YEAR END CASE REPORT

JULY 1988 THROUGH JUNE 1989

JULY '88-JUNE'89 YEAR END CASE REPORT

<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL-21,142</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL-19,566</u>	<u>88-89 TOTALS 1,576</u>
		<u>OVER 87-88</u>

TOTAL CASES (REGIONAL BREAKDOWN)

REGION I -1439

REGION II-1179

REGION III-1714

REGION IV-1011

REGION V -2203

REGION VI-3078

REGION VII-2147

REGION VIII-7440

SWEP -337

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH VIOLATION FOR YEAR END JULY '88-JUNE-89

5029-Boating

4683-Angling W/O A License (Saltwater and Freshwater Inclusive)

907 -Angling W/O Resident Pole License

5 -Shocking Fish

65 -Take Game Fish Illegally

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

44-Block Passage Of Fish

672-Take Undersize Red Drum

36-Take Undersize Black Bass

31-Possess Exotic Fish

3-Failure To Comply With Spotted Sea Trout Regulations

1-Possess Redfish Closed Season

8-Possess Overlimit Red Drum Over 30 Inches

4-Use Gear W/O Resident Gear License

3-Fail To Mark Crab Containers

293-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

4-Allow Un-Licensed Fisherman To Use Vessel

2-Allow Commercial Gear To Be Used By Un-Licensed Commercial Fisherman

55-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Licensed Fisherman

4-Lacy Act

96-Possess Overlimit Of Spotted Sea Trout Or Red Drum

35-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

2-Failure To Keep Red Snapper Intact

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- 3-Take Sword Fish
- 3-Failure To Maintain Sword Fish Records
- 73-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License
- 344-No Commercial Gear License
- 153-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
- 341-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish
- 364-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
- 389-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
- 424-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
- 144-Sell And Or Buy W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
- 51-Fail To Maintain Records
- 48-Transport W/O Required License
- 386-No Commercial Vessel License
- 5-Four Rigging In Chandeleur Sound
- 99-Use Illegal Nets
- 5-Netting In Closed Area
- 110-Leave Nets Unattended
- 8-Use Lead Nets In Other Than Overflow Regions
- 75-Trawling Inside Water W/Double Rig
- 514-Trawling In Closed Season
- 22-Illegal Use of Monofilament
- 101-Butterflying In Closed Season
- 1-Failure To Tag Nets
- 549-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs On WMA
- 27-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage
- 6-Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents

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42-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

3-Take Shrimp Illegal Methods

56-Butterflying In Closed Season

7-Fail To Mark Floats-Lake Ponchartrain

3-Fail To Comply W/ Permit Requirements

3-Fail To Comply W/Department Rules and Regulations/Mariculture

5-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations

8-Allow Another To Use Recreational License

9-Unlawful Removal Of Signs From Leased Areas

9-Taking More Than 2 Sacks of Oysters Daily

62-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef

333-Take Oysters From Unapproved Area

15-Possession Untagged Oysters

1-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly

2-Failure To Keep Records Of Oysters Purchased

1-Failure TO Tag Sack Or Containerized Oysters

1-Take Eel W/O Proper License

3-Theft Of Pond Raised Crawfish

1-Possession Of Live Alligators W/O Permit

1-Shipping Alligators Or Skins Within State Illegally

5-Take Alligators From Other Than Approved Areas

18-Illegal Possession Of Alligators, Eggs Or Their Skins

10-Fail To Tag Alligators Upon Taking

12-Hunt Alligators At Night W/Firearm

8-Failure To Comply W/Alligator Parts Tagging Requirement

2-Take Alligator W/O License

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- 14-Taking Possessing Alligator Closed Season
 - 3-Possess Firearm While Frogging
- 54-Buying and Selling Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds
- 17-Possession Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit
 - 3-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Illegally
- 168-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
 - 5-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Illegally
 - 9-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds W/O Permit
- 20-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Levee Road
- 194-Hunt From Moving Vehicle and Or Aircraft
- 202-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way
 - 1-Trapping In Closed Season
 - 1-Trap Or Sell FBA W/O Resident Dealer's License
 - 6-Pelting In Closed Season
 - 4-Buy Or Sell FBA W/O Resident Dealer's License
 - 2-Harassment of Persons Lawfully Hunting
- 14-Possession FBA W/O A License
 - 3-Possess Rabbits Closed Season
- 11-Hunt Rabbits Closed Season
- 13-Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
 - 4-Take And/Or Possess Overlimit Of Squirrel
 - 6-Possess Squirrels Closed Season
- 48-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
- 10-Take Deer Closed Season
- 28-Possess Illegally Taken Deer
 - 7-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Game

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- 70-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
- 11-Take Or Hunt Deer Or Bear W/Illegal Weapon
- 11-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road
- 36-Hunt W/O Non-Resident License
- 11-Hunting W/Deer Dogs During Still Hunt Season
- 54-Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
- 12-Possess Untagged Deer Or Bear
 - 6-Possess Overlimit Of Deer Or Bear
- 53-Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
- 97-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
- 13-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
 - 7-Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tag
 - 1-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegally From A Boat
 - 7-Buying Or Sell Deer Or Meat
- 19-Hunt Deer Closed Area
 - 1-Possess Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear
- 27-Field Possession Of Deer Meat W/O Tag
 - 5-Fail To Maintain Sex I.D./Deer
- 164-Hunt Or Take Deer From A Public Road
- 65-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours
- 406-Hunting W/O Resident License
 - 7-Bow Hunting W/O Bow License
 - 3-Possession Of Gun While Bow Hunting
 - 6-Hunt Turkey W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
 - 2-Take Bobcats, Foxes Illegally
- 15-Hunt Doves Closed Season

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- 14-Hunt MGB From Moving Motorboat
- 18-Possession Of Completely Dressed MGB (No Wing Tip Left On)
- 4-Taking Grebe No/Season
- 9-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds
- 87-Hunt MGB W/Unplugged Gun
- 225-Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
- 177-Hunt MGB Over Baited Area
- 30-Hunt MGB From Vehicle
- 4-Hunt MGB W/Live Decoys
- 1-Rallying MGB
- 24-Possess Untagged MGB
- 13-Field Possession Of Freshly Killed MGB Closed Season
- 91-Possession Overlimit Of Ducks
- 18-Wanton Waste Of MGB
- 18-Hunt Ducks Closed Season
- 2-Hunt Gallinules Closed Season
- 1-Take Herons Closed Season
- 14-Hunt W/O Basic License
- 33-Hunt Doves Over Bait
- 2-Hunt Woodcocks Closed Season
- 1-Hunt Woodcocks Illegally
- 13-Hunt MGB Closed Season
- 14-Possession Overlimit Of Doves
- 12-Hunt With Unsigned Duck Stamp
- 107-Hunt Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp
- 7-Possess Overlimit Of Geese

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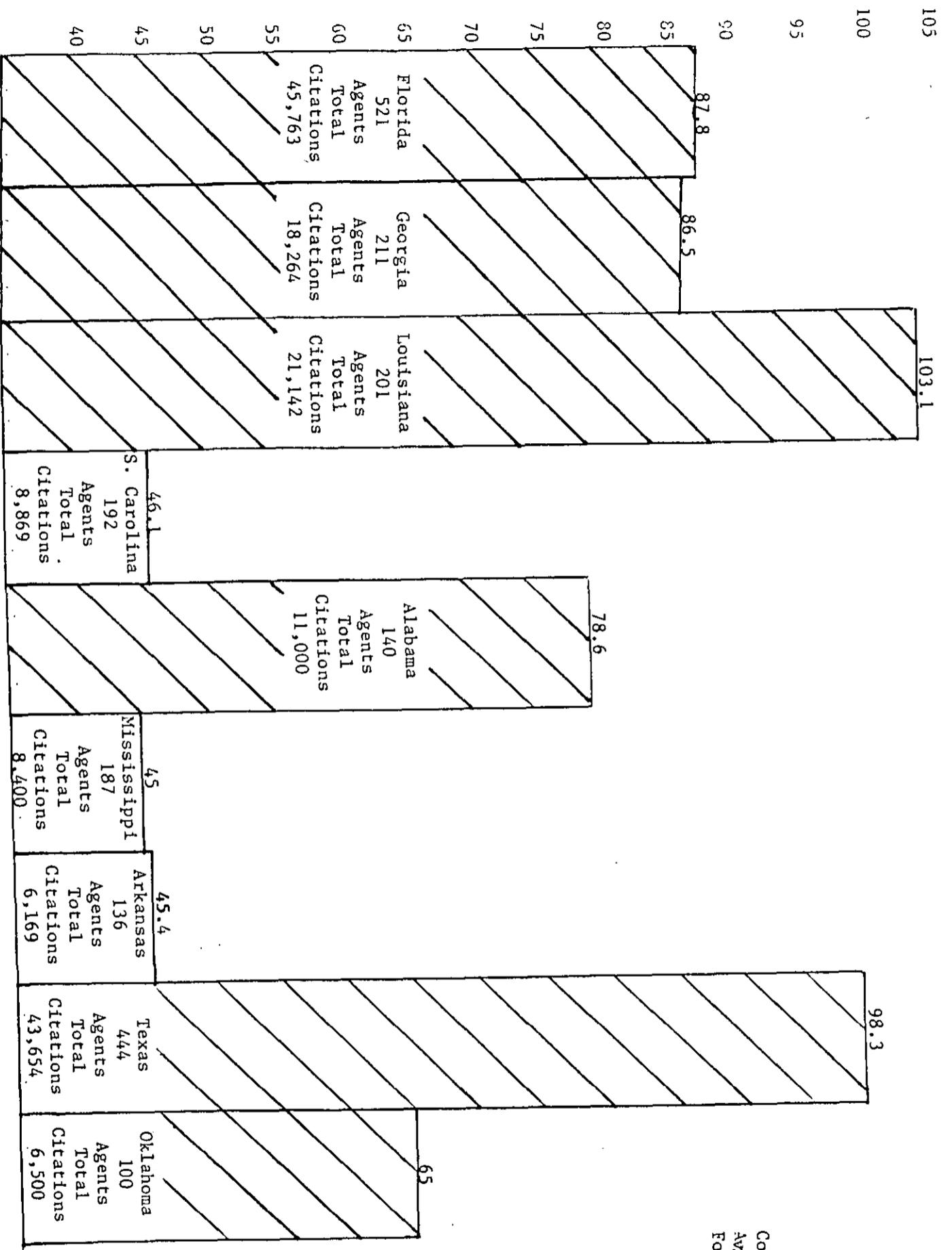
10-Possession Over 2-Day Limit Of MGB

5-Taking Ibis No Season

3-Taking Robins No Season

1-Possession Of Canvasback

670-Miscellaneous



Columns Indicate
Average # Cases Per Agent
For Fiscal Year "88-89"



VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
SECRETARY

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BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

July 24, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
All Commission Members

FROM: Bob Dennie, Information & Education Director

SUBJECT: LA'S National Hunting & Fishing Day - September 23,
1989

FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Because of the outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition.

Since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the funding of state fish and game departments in all 50 states. They ask that they themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies. In the last 50 years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs.

Hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulated seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding populations. The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were 50 years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefited numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development.

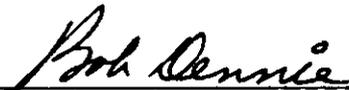
Hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans.

MEMORANDUM
Virginia Van Sickle
All Commission Members
July 24, 1989

Through their publications and organizations--such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America, and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and the wise use of our natural resources.

Again this year Hank Williams, Jr. is the National Honorary Chairman and the theme is "LET'S GET IT DONE--FOR THE TRADITION AND FOR THE FUN". We would like the commission to aid us by proclaiming September 23, 1989 as LA's National Hunting & Fishing Day in Louisiana. This will help insure the rich American tradition of hunting and fishing and to also insure a healthy future for the sport so many of our citizens enjoy.

Therefore, I would like to recommend that the Commission encourage and proclaim September 23, 1989, as LA's National Hunting & Fishing Day in our State.



Bob Dennie
Information & Education Director

BD/jw

LA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY
RESOLUTION

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission hereby proclaim September 23, 1989, as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Louisiana. The Commission urges all of our citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations,. Further, the Commission urges all citizens to take part in National Hunting & Fishing Day activities on September 23, 1989, to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

State of Louisiana



DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

VIRGINIA VAN BICKLE
SECRETARY

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

August 3, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: COLONEL WINTON VIDRINE
CHIEF-LAW ENFORCEMENT

FROM: AUBREY FURELL
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

SUBJECT: INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Listed below are the areas that I am an instructor in:
DEFENSE TACTICS:

1. Defensive Tactics-Instructor Trainer-P.P.C.T. (Pressure Point Control Tactics) and P.O.S.T.
2. Pressure Points-Instructor Trainer-P.P.C.T.
3. Straight Stick Instructor Trainer-P.P.C.T.
4. Side-Handle Baton Instructor Trainer and P.P.C.T.
5. Monadnock PR-24 Instructor Trainer and P.O.S.T.
6. Flashlight Instructor
7. Key chain Instructor
8. Source Instructor
9. Neck Restraint Instructor
10. Tactical Baton Instructor

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NOTE: Have testified as expert witness in Federal Court in this area of Defense Tactics.

DRIVERS TRAINING:

1. National Safety Council DDC 8 Hour Course Instructor
2. National Safety Council DDC 4 Hour Course Instructor
3. Motorcycle Safety Instructor
4. Federal Law Enforcement Training Police Driving Instructor
5. Traffic Safety Institute, Occupant Protection, Instructor Trainer

NOTE: Have testified as expert witness in Federal Court in the area of Police Pursuit and Police Driving.

FIREARM:

1. P.O.S.T. Firearms Instructor Trainer
2. F.B.I. Firearms Instructor
3. NRA Firearm Instructor
4. Ray Chapman, Instructor School
5. U. S. Army Marksmanship Sniper Instructor School

Also I am a firearms Armor Instructor having attended:

1. Smith and Wesson Armory School
2. Ithaca Armory School
3. Remington Armory School
4. Smith and Wesson Armory School Update
5. Ruger Armorer's School

FIRST AID:

1. CPR Instructor Trainer (Need to be updated)
2. American Red Cross First Aid Instructor
3. F.A.S.T. (First Aid for State Troopers) Instructor

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OTHER AREAS:

1. Law Enforcement Officer Survival Instructor
2. Law Enforcement Stress Management Instructor

16. What is the single most important factor you feel could improve enforcement and compliance of duck hunting regulations in the area you hunt (or enforce)?

C.O.s	Violators	Sportsmen	Categories
27.6	20.0	29.0	Manpower and hours: increased help, wardens spread too thin
19.0	16.4	24.4	Better public information/education
43.1	34.6	22.4	Improved methods/strategies
8.6	7.3	6.5	Improved regulations; simplify rules
1.7	3.6	10.3	Higher fines/greater penalties
-0-	1.8	-0-	Feedback from sportsmen
-0-	14.5	6.5	Fair play: enforcement for all
-0-	1.8	.9	Improved judicial system

17. What additional training or equipment could help you do a more effective job of enforcing duck hunting regulations? (Asked of C.O.s only.)

44.0		Generalized education: waterfowl I.D., enforcement in-service, etc.
22.0		More equipment: boats/land vehicles
18.0		More technological equipment: radios, metal detectors, etc.
-0-		No problems
2.0		Equipment: aircraft, access to more flight time
2.0		Manpower: more time for duck enforcement
12.0		Better communication and education
-0-		Education: dissemination to public
-0-		Money for specialized efforts: undercover, travel dollars, media

18. Rate the seriousness of each of the following problems as they affect duck hunting and the duck resource (as you personally see it).

(1) 4.44	(4) 3.34	(7) 3.02	Hunting before and after hours
(2) 4.24	(3) 3.38	(19) 2.96	Double or triple tripping (taking a limit and returning to the field to take more ducks)
(3) 4.21	(1) 4.06	(2) 3.58	Killing over the bag limit
(4) 3.99	(6) 3.23	(5) 3.18	Number of ducks lost to crippling and not retrieved
(5) 3.97	(2) 3.51	(1) 3.61	Taking shots beyond effective range (skybusting)
(6) 3.88	(8) 3.11	(3) 3.34	Failure in skill (or effort) to make adequate retrieval of cripples
(7) 3.74	(10) 3.03	(12) 2.83	Group bag (hunting for the party)
(8) 3.59	(15) 2.69	(15) 2.67	Shooting illegal ducks and letting them lay or burying them
(9) 3.50	(11) 2.91	(11) 2.93	Shooting protected species
(9) 3.50	(14) 2.77	(14) 2.73	Lack of practice and poor marksmanship
(11) 3.47	(16) 2.58	(17) 2.29	Continued use of lead shot
(12) 3.35	(5) 3.29	(5) 3.18	Baiting ducks with corn or other food
(13) 3.21	(9) 3.09	(10) 2.94	Crowding, lack of consideration of other hunters
(14) 3.09	(12) 2.92	(8) 3.01	Poaching (out of season; nights, etc.)
(15) 2.66	(7) 3.19	(4) 3.28	Littering or other environmental violations
(16) 2.48	(18) 2.14	(18) 2.22	Taking migratory ducks for sale to others
(17) 2.46	(13) 2.80	(13) 2.79	Failure to seek permission of landowners
(18) 2.32	(19) 2.00	(19) 2.17	Hunting accidents and unsafe gun handling

La. Wildlife & Fisheries Commission Meeting
 August 3 & 4, 1989
 Baton Rouge, LA

1989 Tag Allotment/Marsh Type			
	Brackish	Intermediate	Fresh
Cameron			
Calcasieu	1:150	1:75	1:100
Jeff Davis			1:100
*Vermilion West	1:100	1:75	1:200
*Vermilion East	1:275	1:200	
Iberia	1:275	1:200	1:150
St. Mary	1:275	1:100	1:150
Terrebonne	1:200	1:75	1:100
Lafourche	1:400	1:75	1:100
St. Charles	1:425	1:75	1:75
St. John the Baptist		1:75	1:75
Jefferson	1:250	1:100	1:200
Orleans	1:500	1:200	1:225
Plaquemines	1:325	1:325	1:250
St. Bernard	1:700	1:200	
St. Tammany	1:100	1:150	1:175
Tangipahoa			1:175
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Swamp	1:250		
Dewatered Marsh	1:700		
Deteriorating Brackish Marsh**	1:700		

* The dividing line for Vermilion Parish brackish and intermediate marsh is the Vermilion River Cutoff (4-mile cut).

**Marsh areas which are characterized by a generally declining alligator population caused by degradation of alligator habitat.

1989 NON-MARSH ALLIGATOR TAG ALLOTMENT BY ZONE AND PARISH
LAKE REGION

ZONE	PARISH	HABITAT	ACRES OF HABITAT	TAG ALLOTMENT	REMARKS
Minden	Caddo	Gross Lake	500	20	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
	DeSoto	*Clear Lake	1,500	10	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
		**Smithport Lake	1,500	10	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
		***Toledo Bend	3,000	20	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
			6,500	60	
Monroe	No Public Lakes No Experimental Harvest				
Tloga	Grant	Iatt Lake	4,000	20	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
	Rapides	Indian Creek	500	10	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
		Kincaid Lake	1,000	15	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
	Winn & Natchitoches	Saline Lake	3,000	20	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
	Vernon	Anacoco Lake	1,000	10	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
			9,500	75	

1989 NON-MARSH ALLIGATOR TAG ALLOTMENT BY ZONE AND PARISH CONT'D
LAKE REGION

ZONE	PARISH	HABITAT	ACRES OF HABITAT	TAG ALLOTMENT	REMARKS
Ferriday	Concordia	Lower Sunk Lake	600	5	Three Rivers W.M.A. (Experimental Harvest)
		Silver Lakes	400	5	Three Rivers W.M.A. (Experimental Harvest)
	Tensas	Lake St. Joseph	800	20	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
		Lake St. John	200	20	Public Lake (Experimental Harvest)
			2,000	50	
Lake Charles	Evangeline	Chicot Lake	1,625	16	State Parks (Experimental Harvest)
			1,625	16	
Opelousas	Avoyelles	Grassy Lake WMA	1,000	20	Highest Bidder Basis
		Spring Bayou WMA	5,000	50	Highest Bidder Basis
	St. Martin	Atchalayaya N.W.R. Bayou des Ourse Brake	1,300	13	Highest Bidder Basis

1989 NON-MARSH ALLIGATOR TAG ALLOTMENT BY ZONE AND PARISH CONT'D
LAKE REGION

ZONE	PARISH	HABITAT	ACRES OF HABITAT	TAG ALLOTMENT	REMARKS
Opelousas	Iberville	Atchafalaya N.W.R. Bayou des Glaise Brake	2,000	20	Highest Bidder Basis
			9,300	103	
Lake Region Totals		Lakes	28,925	304	Experimental Harvests

Additionally: Any private alligator habitat determined by Department personnel to have a reproducing population may be issued tags at the rate of one tag per 100 acres of habitat.

* North of La. 509 Bridge

** South of La. 509 Bridge

*** That portion of the upper end of Toledo Bend in DeSoto Parish east of the Main Channel and north of Circle Drive Landing.

1989 NON-MARSH ALLIGATOR TAG ALLOTMENT BY ZONE AND PARISH
CYPRESS-TUPELO SWAMP REGION

ZONE	PARISH	ACRES OF HABITAT	TAG ALLOTMENT	ACRES/TAG	REMARKS
Opelousas	Iberville	29,880	120	250	Tag Allotment based upon night counts and alligator model.
	Lafayette	1,200	5	250	
	Pointe Coupee	1,000	4	250	
	W.Baton Rouge	7,040	28	250	
SUB TOTAL			157	250	
Baton Rouge	Ascension	40,320	161	250	
	E.Baton Rouge	2,000	8	250	
	Livingston	66,720	267	250	
	Tangipahoa	36,181	145	250	
SUB TOTAL			581	250	
New Orleans	St. Charles	39,340	157	250	
	St. James	76,960	308	250	
	St. John	104,320	417	250	
SUB TOTAL			882	250	

1989 NON-MARSH ALLIGATOR TAG ALLOTMENT BY ZONE AND PARISH CONT'D
 CYPRESS-TUPELO SWAMP REGION

ZONE	PARISH	ACRES OF HABITAT	TAG ALLOTMENT	ACRES/TAG	REMARKS
New Iberia- Bourg	Assumption	98,560	394	250	
	Iberia	31,550	126	250	
	Lafourche	112,350	449	250	
	St. Mary	60,190	241	250	
	Terrebonne	43,014	172	250	
SUB TOTAL		345,664	1,382	250	
SWAMP TOTAL		749,625	3,002	250	

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN ALLIGATOR HABITAT

REGION	ACREAGE	DESCRIPTION
A. Henderson Lake	15,000	Bounded on the West by the West Guide Levee, on the North by Little Fardoche Bayou, on the East by the Haha Bay and Gim Slough and on the South by La. Hwy. 3177.
B. Crook Chene Cove - Buffalo Cove	32,000	Beginning at the NW corner of Attakapas W.M.A.: A line North along Lake Fausse Point Cut to Bayou Benoit; West to the West Guide Levee, North to the East-West Canal located approximately 3 miles South of Catahoula, La.: East approximately 2 miles to canal; Southeast on that same canal to Bayou Crook Chene; East to the main channel of the Atchafalaya River; South to the North boundary of Attakapas W.M.A.; west to point of beginning.
C. Spike Bay-Berry Lake	8,000	Beginning at a point 1-1/2 miles NW of Bayou Sorrel Landing: West along canal 5 miles; South along Spike Bay for 2 miles; East to intersect Bayou Sorrel then continue East along Bayou Sorrel to East Guide Levee; North to point of beginning.
D. Upper Grand River Flats	12,000	Beginning at Upper Grand River Landing: North along East Guide Levee approximately 9 miles to a canal running NW; NW along that canal 2-1/2 miles to King's Ditch; South approximately 5 miles to include Billy Little Lakes; SE approximately 4 miles to intersection of Upper Grand River and Little Tensas Bayou, East along Upper Grand River to poing of beginning.

ATCHAFALAYA BASIN ALLIGATOR HABITAT CONT'D

REGION	ACREAGE	DESCRIPTION
E. Bayou Pigeon-Belle River-Flat Lake	140,000	Beginning at Bayou Pigeon Landing: South along East Guide Levee to Morgan City (excluding Flat Lake); NNW along East side of the main channel of Six Mile Lake approximately 10 miles to 21-Inch Canal; NE on 21-Inch Canal to Bayou Boutte; North on Bayou Boutte to the East boundary line of Attakapas W.M.A. then north along its East boundary to Grand Lake; North along the East bank of Grand Lake to Keelboat Pass; NE along Keelboat Pass and Flat Lake Pass to intersection of Williams Canal and a canal running SW-NE; Northeast along that canal to intersection of Intracoastal Canal (East Guide Levee): South to Bayou Pigeon Landing.

Total alligator habitat within basin habitat type 207,000 acres Tags may be issued at the rate of one tag per 1,280 acres of habitat.

1989 NON-MARSH ALLIGATOR TAG ALLOTMENT BY REGIONS

REGION	ACRES OF HABITAT	POTENTIAL TAG ALLOTMENT	ACRES/TAG	REMARKS
Lakes	100,000	1,000	100	Includes public lakes as well as private Cypress-Lake habitat.
Cypress-Tupelo Swamp	750,000	3,000	250	Swamp habitat outside the Atchafalaya Basin.
Atchafalaya Basin	207,000	161	1,280	That portion of the Atchafalaya Basin determined to be Cypress-Tupelo swamp containing permanent water as determined by aerial observations as well as approximately 400 miles of travel by boat during April-June, 1985.
GRAND TOTAL	1,057,000	4,161		

Approved by:

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

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WHITE OAK, MARYLAND

Alligator Farming Shows There's a Lot To Be Said for Cows

But High Prices on Reptiles
Make Risks Worthwhile
For Louisiana Farmers

By MARK ROUSCHAUX

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
HOUMA, La.—Seven feet long, with a jaw full of evil teeth, the alligator lurking nearby is one mean matron. So Dane Ledet doesn't linger by the muddy mound of swamp grass where he has just landed in a helicopter. Within seconds, he scoops the 36 fresh eggs from her nest and scrambles back into the waiting copter.

A scene from "Louisiana Jones and the Jaws of Death?" No, this is farming. Mr. Ledet is merely replenishing his herd—by raiding an alligator's nest. He is one of a new strain of courageous entrepreneurs who farms alligators.

Alligators have yet to find a welcome mat at Louisiana parish fairs. Who wants to hang a ribbon on a critter that might eat it, along with your arm? Nobody oohs and aahs over alligators at 4-H Club exhibits, either. At Louisiana's finest country clubs, gentlemen farmers still talk racehorses—not alligators.

The Gator Craze

Nonetheless, alligators are becoming important livestock in this state. Farmers from Natchitoches to New Orleans have begun to raise them, forgoing blue ribbons for cash. Prices on alligator hides and meat have reached record highs, although they may not stay so high if the supply keeps increasing.

State wildlife officials expect that nearly 75,000 alligators will be raised this year on Louisiana's farms, triple the herd in 1987. Veteran alligator farmers complain that newcomers are constantly bounding them for advice. More than 200 people are on a waiting list for state alligator-farm permits. Alligator sections have been added to aquaculture classes in state universities.

Alligator skins once were the booty of poachers who devastated the alligator population and helped put *alligator mississippiensis* on the endangered species list and helped make alligator products unfashionable. But the wild population has exploded in recent years, and the alligator was delisted in 1987.

By then, after years of experimental alligator husbandry, Ted Joanen and Larry McNease, Louisiana wildlife researchers, had already successfully promoted alligator farming. They saw it as a way to stop poaching, ensure a supply of skins and foster new business that was desperately needed in a state whose economy was de-



Alligator

pressed by the oil glut. To protect the species, state law requires farmers to return a sizable portion—17% this year—of their nurtured, four-foot-long stock to the wild.

Raising alligators is different from raising cows. The alligator has a walnut-size brain. But its jaws can snap a farmer's arm like a breadstick; they exert a force of 3,000 pounds a square inch. Stealing their eggs, corralling the critters and hauling them to market are hazardous.

Alligators lack a strong herding instinct. About a month ago, Skeet Rogers,

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Raising Alligators Shows There's a Lot To Be Said for Cows

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proud new part-owner of Bayou Pierre Gator Farm in Natchitoches, had to move half of his 2,000 alligator herd into a larger barn. He first thought to move them through a "chute" made from sheets of tin.

"We were going to herd 'em like cattle with sticks," he says. "It was a mess. They tried to climb over each other and they started fighting." With the help of 14 leery volunteers, each wearing two pairs of thick leather gloves to protect his hands, Mr. Rogers hand-carried the alligators from barn to barn.

At market time, Mr. Rogers loads some 200 live four-foot gators into an old, gutted school bus for the hour-and-a-half drive to Ville Platte. Only a sheet of plywood separates the driver from his passengers. The driver is "usually the guy who draws the shortest straw. I'm serious," says Mr. Rogers, adding: "Usually a car follows—just in case."

Like most alligator farmers in Louisiana, Mr. Rogers houses his animals in half-sunken tin-sided structures of cinder blocks on concrete slabs. Inside one of these barns, the temperature is a humid 89 degrees, just about right for gators. They are at home in a few inches of water reeking of reptile urine.

The smell takes some getting used to. On their uncle Raywood Stelly's Raywood's Cajun Alligator Farms at Kaplan, the 17-year-old Stelly twins, Velma and Thelma, daily plop gobs of feed mix to the gators as part of their farm chores. The feed is one part nutria, a prolific swamp rat; one part croaker, an inexpensive fish, and one part vitamin-fortified dry food that a producer packs in sacks labeled Alligator Feed. "The first time we did this, I couldn't believe it," says Thelma, her arms sunk in a bucket of bloody nutria carcasses.

"Now we're used to it—almost," says Velma, swatting at a swarm of flies around her head.

To build their herds without having to collect eggs, some farmers buy them for \$5 to \$8 each. But most collect their own, paying landowners for the rights to do so, and search by airboat and helicopter. They work over a three-week laying period that usually comes in June. Newly hatched alligators "come out meah as hell and biting," a farmer says.

In Ville Platte, Steele McAndrew collects eggs on his own pond, where he keeps his breeding stock. Checking the pond, he totes a 10-foot plastic pipe to fend off his ungracious wards. As he nears a nest, a seven-foot gator appears from nowhere, hissing and blowing at him in the heat of midmorning.

"These are like bears in a park," he says, easing the pipe a few feet from the reptile's snout. "They don't have any fear left in them." Before Mr. McAndrew can finish, the alligator jumps and sprints toward him in short bursts. Then it seizes the tooth-scarred pipe in its jaws.

So ferocious is the animal that Mr. McAndrew guesses her eggs lie nearby. He hatches the precious eggs he collects in an incubator. If the heat exceeds 91 degrees or drops below 89, the eggs are endangered, and a heat-sensitive alarm rings in Mr. McAndrew's bedroom.

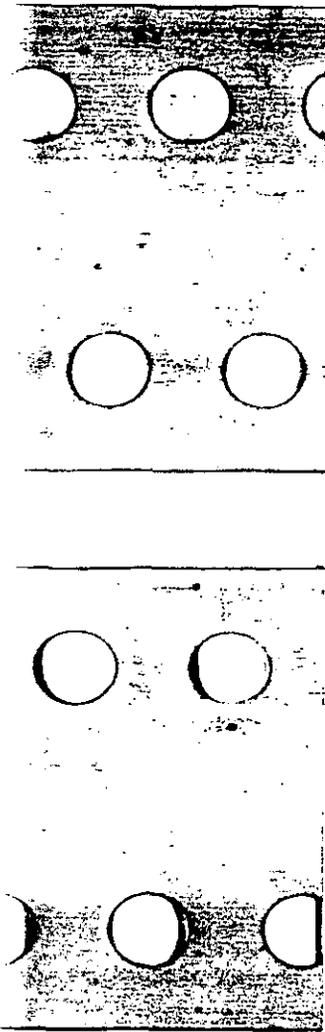
Mr. McAndrew was one of the pioneer Louisiana alligator farmers eight years ago. His farm, which is becoming part of a joint venture, will soon expand to 30,000 alligators from 6,000. He concedes that an alligator farm isn't exactly the Garden of Eden. "A 90-degree building, 100% humidity, rancid meat, getting splashed with alligator urine and water—it's just not ideal conditions," he says, adding that "a lot of people in Louisiana are desperate."

Alligator hides fetch the farmer \$39 a linear foot. Farm-bred gators, whose hides are used for handbags and other small goods, typically are slaughtered when they are four feet long. Hides from bigger, wild alligators, used for luggage, bring about \$48 a foot. A field-dressed four-foot-long alligator brings farmers about \$20 for the meat.

There are alligator farms in Florida and Texas, too. But alligator-farm technical knowledge and state support is centered here; for nearly 20 years, Messrs. Joanen and McNease did their research on alligators in captivity in the marsh at Rockefeller Refuge in southern Louisiana. Foreign countries, mainly in Africa, have engineered their alligator and crocodile farming enterprises on the Louisiana model.

The market for alligators would be larger, alligator men say, if it weren't for the mistaken belief that the alligator is endangered. Even with increases in demand over the past few years, the world market for crocodile and alligator hides has regained only half the volume of 15 years ago. "It's not mass fashion right now," says Lee Goldman, president of Campaign Inc., distributor of Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. alligator products. But, he says, "If there are more skins available, they're reasonably priced and they look good. I'm all in favor of it."

Nature lovers, Mr. Joanen says, should consider that the farmers who skin alligators also are returning healthy four-footers to the wild. "If you want to help the marsh, and the alligator," he says, "buy an alligator handbag."



RESOLUTION

1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 4, 1989 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and

WHEREAS, Biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S. 56:498 on August 21, 1989, and

WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the third Monday in August will be August 21,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1989 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497), to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 and 3 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday August 21, 1989,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay or close the 1989 Fall inshore white shrimp season, (by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3), in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

Dr. Don Hines, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

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

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
August 3-4, 1989

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 6-7, 1989
3. Declaration of Emergency - Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl - Tommy Prickett and Robert Helm
4. Duck Stamp Program Update and Announce 1989 Contest Details - Dave Morrison
5. Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management - Bennie Fontenot
6. Setting the 1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
7. Setting the 1989/1990 Oyster Season
8. Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989
9. Notice of Intent, Confidentiality - Phil Bowman
10. Ratification of Thistlethwaite WMA Lease Amendment - Don Puckett
11. Notification of Alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season - Johnnie Tarver
12. Resolution of National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989 - Carla Faulkner
13. Law Enforcement Report - Winton Vidrine
14. Set October Meeting Date

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BASIC FRAMEWORK - DUCKS

Season Length - 30 days

Framework Ending Date - January 7, 1989

Bag Limit - 3 bird conventional bag. The daily bag limit of ducks is 3, and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 2 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 1 redhead and 1 pintail. Canvasback may not be taken at any time with either option.

OR POINT SYSTEM OPTION

<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>35</u>
Mallard Hen	Mallard Drake	Blue-winged Teal
Pintail	Wood Duck	Green-winged Teal
Black Duck		Gadwall
Hooded Merganser		Wigeon
Redhead		Shoveler
		Mottled Duck
		Scaup
		All Others Not Listed

Shooting Hours - 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Duck and Coot Seasons Recommendations

Conventional Bag Option -

West Zone

Nov. 11 (Sat.) - Nov. 23 (Thurs.) - 13 days
Dec. 22 (Fri.) - Jan. 7 (Sun.) - 17 days

East Zone

Nov. 18 (Sat.) - Nov. 23 (Thurs.) - 6 days
Dec. 15 (Fri.) - Jan. 7 (Sun.) - 24 days

BASIC FRAMEWORK - GEESE

Season Length - White-fronted - 70 days
Snow and Blue - 80 days

Framework Ending Date - February 14, 1989

Bag Limit - 7 Geese. Daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of blue, snow, or white-fronted geese of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted.

Shooting Hours - 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset

Goose Season Recommendations

West Zone

Nov. 11 (Sat.) - Dec. 5 (Tues.) - 24 days (WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)
Dec. 6 (Wed.) - Dec. 15 (Fri.) - 10 days (SNOW GOOSE ONLY)
Dec. 22 (Fri.) - Feb. 4 (Sun.) - 46 days (WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)

East Zone

Nov. 18 (Sat.) - Jan. 26 (Fri.) - 70 days (WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)
Jan. 27 (Sat.) - Feb. 5 (Mon.) - 10 days (SNOW GOOSE ONLY)

DUCK STAMP SALES IN LOUISIANA

1934 - 1988

<u>Year</u>	<u>Stamps Sold</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Stamps Sold</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1934 ₁	20,081	1.00	56	102,734	"
35	10,242	"	57	102,224	"
36	13,721	"	58	92,091	"
37	19,366	"	59	66,585	3.00
38	31,190	"	60	62,358	"
39	33,870	"	61	35,940	"
40			62	31,060	"
41			63	66,672	"
42			64	86,162	"
43	35,199	"	65	81,322	"
44	45,455	"	66	105,398	"
45	56,876	"	67	108,682	"
46	53,490	"	68	90,278	"
47	62,998	"	69	105,274	"
48	80,701	"	70 ²	129,046	"
49	71,923	2.00	71	120,874	"
50	71,834	"	72	125,525	5.00
51	74,339	"	73	99,511	"
52	83,072	"	74	103,168	"
53	84,103	"	75	110,006	"
54	88,237	"	76	122,027	"
55	106,316	"	77	122,348	"
			78-79	125,301	"
			79-80	126,341	7.50
			80-81	127,351	"
			81-82	118,399	"
			82-83	126,142	"
			83-84	124,699	"
			84-85	121,529	"
			85-86	104,505	"
			86-87	105,022	"
			87-88	95,063	10.00
			88-89	66,614 (preliminary)	"
			89-90		12.50*
			90-91		"
			91-92		15.00

1 - Least stamps sold

2 - Most stamps sold

* Initial year for \$5.00 state stamp

**A LISTING OF LOUISIANA WATERFOWL SEASON DATES
AND BAG LIMITS
1937-1953**

Year	Days	Daily Limit Possession	Daily Limit Mallards	Season Dates	Daily Limit Geese	Total Days	Season Dates
1937	30	10-10	10	Nov. 27-Dec. 26	5	30	Nov. 27-Dec. 26
1938	45	10-20	10	Nov. 15-Dec. 29	5	Same as Ducks	Same as Ducks
1939	45	10-20	10	Nov. 15-Dec. 29	5	"	"
1940	60	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Dec. 31	3	"	"
1941	60	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Dec. 31	3	"	"
1942	70	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Jan. 10	2	"	"
1943	70	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Jan. 10	2	"	"
1944	80	10-20	5 ⁽¹⁾	Nov. 2-Jan. 20	6 ⁽²⁾	"	"
1945	80	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Jan. 20	6 ^(2-A)	"	"
1946	45	7-14	7	Nov. 23-Jan. 6	4 ⁽²⁾	"	"
1947	30	4- 8	4	Dec. 8-Jan. 6	4 ⁽³⁾	"	"
1948	30	4- 8	4	Nov. 12-Dec. 11	4 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1949	40	4- 8	4	Nov. 18-Dec. 27	4 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1950	35	4- 8	4	Dec. 2-Jan. 5	4 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1951	45	4- 8	4	Nov. 2-Dec. 16	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1952	55	4- 8	4	Nov. 5-Dec. 29	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1953	55	4- 8	4	Nov. 17-Jan. 10	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"

A LISTING OF LOUISIANA WATERFOWL SEASON DATES
AND BAG LIMITS
1954-1974

Year	Days	Daily Limit Possession	Daily Limit Mallards	Season Dates	Daily Limit Geese	Total Days	Season Dates
1954	50 ⁽⁵⁾ (55)	4- 8	4	Nov. 1-Nov. 25 Dec. 17-Jan. 13	5 ⁽⁴⁾	Same as Ducks	Same as Ducks
1955	70	4- 8	4	Nov. 5-Jan. 13	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1956	63 ⁽⁵⁾ (70)	4- 8	4	Nov. 1-Nov. 25 Dec. 7-Jan. 13	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1957	70	4- 8	4	Nov. 2-Jan. 10	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1958	70	4- 8	4	Nov. 1-Jan. 9	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1959	40	4- 8	4	Nov. 26-Jan. 4	5 ⁽⁴⁾	70	Oct. 31-Jan. 8
1960	36 ⁽⁵⁾ (40)	4- 8	4	Nov. 4-Nov. 15 Dec. 15-Jan. 8	5 ⁽⁴⁾ (6)	"	Oct. 31-Jan. 8
1961	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	3- 6	3	Nov. 10-Nov. 29	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	Nov. 10-Jan. 8
1962	25	2- 4	1	Nov. 30-Dec. 24	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 15-Jan. 13
1963	30	4- 8	2	Nov. 29-Dec. 30	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 6-Jan. 14
1964	40	4- 8	2	Nov. 21-Dec. 30	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 7-Jan. 15
1965	40	4- 8	1	Dec. 1-Jan. 9	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 6-Jan. 14
1966	40	4- 8	2	Nov. 18-Jan. 1	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 7-Jan. 15
1967	35	4- 8	2	Nov. 18-Dec. 27	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 6-Jan. 14
1968	30	3- 6	1	Dec. 14-Jan. 12	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 4-Jan. 12
1969	40	4- 8	1	Nov. 15-Dec. 24	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (9)(7)	"	
1970	55	6-12	2	SAT Nov. 7-Nov. 29 SAT Dec. 12-Jan. 12	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 25-Nov. 29 Dec. 12-Feb. 14
1971	50 ⁽¹⁰⁾	6-12	2	THURS Nov. 11-Nov. 28 SAT Dec. 11-Jan. 11	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 11-Jan. 3 Feb. 5-Feb. 14
1972	50 ⁽¹⁰⁾	6-12	2	SAT Nov. 4-Nov. 26 SAT Dec. 16-Jan. 11	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 4-Nov. 26 Dec. 16-Jan. 31
1973	45	10-20(*)	4*	SAT Nov. 10-Nov. 24 SAT Dec. 22-Jan. 20	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 10-Nov. 24 Dec. 22-Feb. 14
1974	50	10-20(*)	3*	Wed Nov. 6-Dec. 7 Wed Dec. 18-Jan. 4	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 7-Dec. 7 Dec. 19-Jan. 26

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AND BAG LIMITS
1975-1980**

Year	Days	Daily Limit Possession	Daily Limit Mallards	Season Dates	Daily Limit Geese	Total Days	Season Dates
1975	55 West Zone 50 East Zone	10-20(*)	3*	Sat Nov. 1-Nov. 30	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 22-Nov. 30 Dec. 10-Feb. 8
				Wed Dec. 10-Jan. 3 West			
				Wed Nov. 19-Dec. 3			
				Wed Dec. 17-Jan. 20 East			
1976	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	4*	Sat Nov. 6-Nov. 28	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 6-Nov. 28 Dec. 11-Jan. 26
				Sat Dec. 11-Jan. 11 West			
				Sat Nov. 20-Dec. 5			
				Sat Dec. 18-Jan. 20 East			
1977	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	4*	Nov. 5-Dec. 4	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 5-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 25 West Nov. 19-Jan. 27 East
				Dec. 17-Jan. 5 West			
				Nov. 19-Dec. 4			
				Dec. 17-Jan. 4 East			
1978	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	3*	Nov. 4-Dec. 3	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 4-Dec. 3 West Dec. 16-Jan. 24 Nov. 18-Nov. 26 Dec. 2-Jan. 31 East
				Dec. 16-Jan. 9 West			
				Nov. 18-Nov. 26			
				Dec. 2-Jan. 11 East			
1979	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	4*	Nov. 3-Nov. 27	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 3-Nov. 27 Dec. 15-Jan. 28 West Nov. 17-Jan. 25 East
				Dec. 15-Jan. 13 West			
				Nov. 17-Dec. 6			
				Dec. 22-Jan. 20 East			
1980	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	4*	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 1-Nov. 30 Dec. 20-Jan. 28 West Nov. 15-Dec. 2 Dec. 20-Feb. 9 East
				Dec. 20-Jan. 13 West			
				Nov. 15-Dec. 2			
				Dec. 20-Jan. 20 East			

- (1) Also not more than 5 pintail or widgeon in the aggregate
- (2-A) Closed season on Canada geese and white-fronted
- (2) Not more than 4 blue and snow geese
- (3) Not to include more than 1 Canada or white-fronted
- (4) Not to include more than 2 Canada, 2 white-fronted or 1 of each
- (5) 10% penalty for split seasons
- (6) Season on Canada and white-fronted same as ducks
- (7) Closed season on Canada geese
- (8) Not to include more than 2 white-fronted geese in aggregate
- (9) White-fronts, Nov. 3-Jan. 11-Blue/Snow, Nov. 15-Dec. 25 and Jan. 17-Feb. 15
- (10) No penalty for split season
- (*) Point System
- (**) Sunrise shooting for ducks and geese.

A LISTING OF LOUISIANA WATERFOWL SEASON DATES
AND BAG LIMITS
1981-88

Year	Days	Daily Limit Possession	Daily Limit Mallards	Season Dates	Daily Limit Geese	Total Days	Season Dates
1981	55 West 50 East	10-20*	4*	Nov. 7-Dec. 6 Dec. 19-Jan. 12 ^{West} Nov. 14-Nov. 30 Dec. 19-Jan. 20 ^{East}	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 7-Dec. 6 ^{West} Dec. 19-Jan. 27 ^{West} Nov. 14-Nov. 30 Dec. 19-Feb. 9 ^{East}
1982	55 West 50 East	10-20*	4*	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 Dec. 18-Jan. 11 ^{West} Nov. 20-Dec. 5 Dec. 18-Jan. 20 ^{East}	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 ^{West} Dec. 18-Jan. 26 ^{West} Nov. 20-Dec. 5 Dec. 18-Feb. 9 ^{East}
1983	55 West 50 East	10-20*	4*	Nov. 5-Nov. 29 Dec. 17-Jan. 15 ^{West} Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 19 ^{East}	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 5-Nov. 29 ^{West} Dec. 17-Jan. 30 ^{West} Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Feb. 8 ^{East}
1984	55 West 50 East	10-20*	4*	Nov. 3-Dec. 2 Dec. 15-Jan. 8 ^{West} Nov. 17-Dec. 2 Dec. 18-Jan. 20 ^{East}	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 3-Dec. 2 ^{West} Dec. 15-Jan. 23 ^{West} Nov. 17-Dec. 2 Dec. 18-Feb. 9 ^{East}
1985	45 West 40 East	5-10*	3*	Nov. 9-Dec. 1 Dec. 21-Jan. 11 ^{West} Nov. 23-Dec. 1 Dec. 14-Jan. 13 ^{East}	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 9-Dec. 1 ^{West} Dec. 21-Feb. 5 ^{West} Nov. 23-Dec. 1 Dec. 14-Feb. 12 ^{East}
1986	45 West 40 East	5-10*	3*	Nov. 8-Nov. 30 Dec. 20-Jan. 10 ^{West} Nov. 22-Dec. 1 Dec. 20-Jan. 18 ^{East}	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 8-Nov. 30 ^{West} Dec. 20-Feb. 4 ^{West} Nov. 22-Jan. 30 ^{East}
1987	45 West 40 East	5-10*	3*	Nov. 7-Nov. 29 Dec. 19-Jan. 9 ^{West} Nov. 21-Nov. 30 Dec. 19-Jan. 17 ^{East}	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 7-Nov. 29 ^{West} Dec. 19-Feb. 3 ^{West} Nov. 21-Jan. 29 ^{East}
1988 ^(**)	30 West 30 East	3-6	2	Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Dec. 26-Jan. 8 ^{West} Nov. 19-Nov. 27 Dec. 19-Jan. 8 ^{East}	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 19-Dec. 7 ^{West} Dec. 26-Feb. 14 ^{West} Nov. 19-Jan. 17 ^{East}

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 4, 1989

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN BATON ROUGE, AUGUST 4, 1989.

- WHEREAS, Department staff have attended the status meeting and public hearings in Washington, D.C. on migratory game birds including waterfowl, and
- WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has established basic frameworks for the hunting of migratory birds including waterfowl, and
- WHEREAS, the status and results of meetings held in Washington were discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, the staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has developed recommendations, in consultation with the Commission, for migratory game birds that include season dates, bag limits and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting season for migratory game birds within the constraints of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, and
- WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service must have Louisiana's selection of season dates for upland migratory birds prior to August 9, 1989, and
- WHEREAS, if the Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service makes additional adjustment in proposed hunting regulations for waterfowl, the Louisiana Wildlife Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department to make any changes that would be appropriate, and
- WHEREAS, there is insufficient time to meet the requirements of the Administration Procedures Act and it is necessary to adopt a Declaration of Emergency, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on August 4, 1989, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency and these dates will be forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as hunting regulations selected for Louisiana's 1989-90 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulation, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these regulations will have the full force of law for 120 days and normal requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act will be met to extend season dates, bag limits and shooting hours beyond the 120 time period.

Don Hines, Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

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

Declaration of Emergency
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967 of the Administrative Procedures Act and under authority of R.S. 56:115, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at it's regular scheduled meeting on August 4, 1989 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana adopted the following hunting seasons, bag limits, and shooting hours for migratory birds:

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary to conform with the time constraints established by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Federal Register Volume 54, No. 107, pg. 24290-24293.

Dove:

September 2-10

October 14-November 12

December 9-January 8

The daily bag limit is 12 with a possession limit after opening day of 24.

Snipe:

November 11-February 25

The daily bag limit is 8 with a possession limit after opening day of 16.

Woodcock:

December 9-February 11

The daily bag limit is 5 with a possession limit after opening day of 10.

Rail:

November 11-January 19

The daily bag limit is 15 Clapper and King in the aggregate and a possession limit of 30 after opening day; 25 Sora and Virginia in the aggregate and possession limit is the daily bag limit.

Gallinule:

November 11-January 19

The daily bag limit is 15 with a possession limit of 30 after opening day.

Ducks and Coots:

West Zone:

Nov. 11-Nov. 23

Dec. 22-Jan. 7

East Zone

Nov. 18-Nov. 23

Dec. 15-Jan. 7

Duck Limits:

The daily bag limit of ducks is 3, and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 2 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 1 redhead, and 1 pintail. Canvasback may not be taken at any time.

Merganser Limits:

The daily bag limit of mergansers is 5 of which only 1 may be a hooded merganser. The possession limit is 10 with only 2 hooded mergansers.

Coots Limits:

The daily bag and possession limits of coots are 15 and 30, respectively.

Geese:

	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
(West Zone)	Nov. 11-Dec. 5	7	14 (WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)
	Dec. 6-Dec. 15		(SNOW GOOSE ONLY)
	Dec. 22-Feb. 4		(WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)
(East Zone)	Nov. 18-Jan. 26	7	14 (WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)
	Jan. 27-Feb. 5		(SNOW GOOSE ONLY)

The daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of Blue, Snow, or White-fronted geese of which not more than two (2) may be white-fronted. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Shooting Hours:

Dove: 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.

All other migratory birds: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

This Declaration will be in effect for 120 days beginning on September 2, 1989.

BASIC FRAMEWORK - DUCKS

Season Length - 30 days

Framework Ending Date - January 7, 1989

Bag Limit - 3 bird conventional bag. The daily bag limit of ducks is 3, and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 2 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 1 redhead and 1 pintail. Canvasback may not be taken at any time with either option.

OR POINT SYSTEM OPTION

<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>35</u>
Mallard Hen	Mallard Drake	Blue-winged Teal
Pintail	Wood Duck	Green-winged Teal
Black Duck		Gadwall
Hooded Merganser		Wigeon
Redhead		Shoveler
		Mottled Duck
		Scaup
		All Others Not Listed

Shooting Hours - 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Duck and Coot Seasons Recommendations

Conventional Bag Option -

West Zone

Nov. 11 (Sat.) - Nov. 23 (Thurs.) - 13 days

Dec. 22 (Fri.) - Jan. 7 (Sun.) - 17 days

East Zone

Nov. 18 (Sat.) - Nov. 23 (Thurs.) - 6 days

Dec. 15 (Fri.) - Jan. 7 (Sun.) - 24 days

BASIC FRAMEWORK - GEESE

Season Length - White-fronted - 70 days
Snow and Blue - 80 days

Framework Ending Date - February 14, 1989

Bag Limit - 7 Geese. Daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of blue, snow, or white-fronted geese of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted.

Shooting Hours - 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset

Goose Season Recommendations

West Zone

Nov. 11 (Sat.) - Dec. 5 (Tues.) - 24 days (WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)

Dec. 6 (Wed.) - Dec. 15 (Fri.) - 10 days (SNOW GOOSE ONLY)

Dec. 22 (Fri.) - Feb. 4 (Sun.) - 46 days (WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)

East Zone

Nov. 18 (Sat.) - Jan. 26 (Fri.) - 70 days (WHITE FRONT & SNOW GOOSE)

Jan. 27 (Sat.) - Feb. 5 (Mon.) - 10 days (SNOW GOOSE ONLY)

DUCK STAMP SALES IN LOUISIANA

1934 - 1988

<u>Year</u>	<u>Stamps Sold</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Stamps Sold</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1934 ₁	20,081	1.00	56	102,734	"
35 ₁	10,242	"	57	102,224	"
36	13,721	"	58	92,091	"
37	19,366	"	59	66,585	3.00
38	31,190	"	60	62,358	"
39	33,870	"	61	35,940	"
40			62	31,060	"
41			63	66,672	"
42			64	86,162	"
43	35,199	"	65	81,322	"
44	45,455	"	66	105,398	"
45	56,876	"	67	108,682	"
46	53,490	"	68	90,278	"
47	62,998	"	69 ²	105,274	"
48	80,701	"	70 ²	129,046	"
49	71,923	2.00	71	120,874	"
50	71,834	"	72	125,525	5.00
51	74,339	"	73	99,511	"
52	83,072	"	74	103,168	"
53	84,103	"	75	110,006	"
54	88,237	"	76	122,027	"
55	106,316	"	77	122,348	"
			78-79	125,301	"
			79-80	126,341	7.50
			80-81	127,351	"
			81-82	118,399	"
			82-83	126,142	"
			83-84	124,699	"
			84-85	121,529	"
			85-86	104,505	"
			86-87	105,022	"
			87-88	95,063	10.00
			88-89	66,614 (preliminary)	"
			89-90		12.50*
			90-91		"
			91-92		15.00

1 - Least stamps sold

2 - Most stamps sold

* Initial year for \$5.00 state stamp

**A LISTING OF LOUISIANA WATERFOWL SEASON DATES
AND BAG LIMITS**

1937-1953

Year	Days	Daily Limit Possession	Daily Limit Mallards	Season Dates	Daily Limit Geese	Total Days	Season Dates
1937	30	10-10	10	Nov. 27-Dec. 26	5	30	Nov. 27-Dec. 26
1938	45	10-20	10	Nov. 15-Dec. 29	5	Same as Ducks	Same as Ducks
1939	45	10-20	10	Nov. 15-Dec. 29	5	"	"
1940	60	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Dec. 31	3	"	"
1941	60	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Dec. 31	3	"	"
1942	70	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Jan. 10	2	"	"
1943	70	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Jan. 10	2	"	"
1944	80	10-20	5 ⁽¹⁾	Nov. 2-Jan. 20	6 ⁽²⁾	"	"
1945	80	10-20	10	Nov. 2-Jan. 20	6 ^(2-A)	"	"
1946	45	7-14	7	Nov. 23-Jan. 6	4 ⁽²⁾	"	"
1947	30	4- 8	4	Dec. 8-Jan. 6	4 ⁽³⁾	"	"
1948	30	4- 8	4	Nov. 12-Dec. 11	4 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1949	40	4- 8	4	Nov. 18-Dec. 27	4 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1950	35	4- 8	4	Dec. 2-Jan. 5	4 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1951	45	4- 8	4	Nov. 2-Dec. 16	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1952	55	4- 8	4	Nov. 5-Dec. 29	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1953	55	4- 8	4	Nov. 17-Jan. 10	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"

A LISTING OF LOUISIANA WATERFOWL SEASON DATES
AND BAG LIMITS
1954-1974

Year	Days	Daily Limit Possession	Daily Limit Mallards	Season Dates	Daily Limit Geese	Total Days	Season Dates
1954	50 ⁽⁵⁾ (55)	4- 8	4	Nov. 1-Nov. 25 Dec. 17-Jan. 13	5 ⁽⁴⁾	Same as Ducks	Same as Ducks
1955	70	4- 8	4	Nov. 5-Jan. 13	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1956	63 ⁽⁵⁾ (70)	4- 8	4	Nov. 1-Nov. 25 Dec. 7-Jan. 13	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1957	70	4- 8	4	Nov. 2-Jan. 10	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1958	70	4- 8	4	Nov. 1-Jan. 9	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	"
1959	40	4- 8	4	Nov. 26-Jan. 4	5 ⁽⁴⁾	70	Oct.31-Jan. 8
1960	36 ⁽⁵⁾ (40)	4- 8	4	Nov. 4-Nov. 15 Dec. 15-Jan. 8	5 ⁽⁴⁾ (6)	"	Oct. 31-Jan.8
1961	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	3- 6	3	Nov. 10-Nov. 29	5 ⁽⁴⁾	"	Nov. 10-Jan.8
1962	25	2- 4	1	Nov. 30-Dec. 24	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 15-Jan. 13
1963	30	4- 8	2	Nov. 29-Dec. 30	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 6-Jan. 14
1964	40	4- 8	2	Nov. 21-Dec. 30	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 7-Jan. 15
1965	40	4- 8	1	Dec. 1-Jan. 9	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 6-Jan. 14
1966	40	4- 8	2	Nov. 18-Jan. 1	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 7-Jan. 15
1967	35	4- 8	2	Nov. 18-Dec. 27	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 6-Jan. 14
1968	30	3- 6	1	Dec. 14-Jan.12	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 4-Jan. 12
1969	40	4- 8	1	Nov. 15-Dec.24	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (9)(7)	"	
1970	55	6-12	2	SAT Nov. 7-Nov. 29 SAT Dec. 12-Jan. 12	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 25-Nov. 29 Dec. 12-Feb. 14
1971	50 ⁽¹⁰⁾	6-12	2	THURS Nov. 11-Nov. 28 SAT Dec. 11-Jan. 11	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 11-Jan. 3 Feb. 5-Feb.14
1972	50 ⁽¹⁰⁾	6-12	2	SAT Nov. 4-Nov. 26 SAT Dec. 16-Jan. 11	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 4-Nov. 26 Dec. 16-Jan. 31
1973	45	10-20(*)	4*	SAT Nov. 10-Nov. 24 SAT Dec. 22-Jan. 20	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 10-Nov. 24 Dec. 22-Feb. 14
1974	50	10-20(*)	3*	Wed Nov. 6-Dec. 7 Wed Dec. 18-Jan. 4	5 ⁽⁸⁾ (7)	"	Nov. 7-Dec. 7 Dec. 19-Jan. 26

**A LISTING OF LOUISIANA WATERFOWL SEASON DATES
AND BAG LIMITS
1975-1980**

Year	Days	Daily Limit Possession	Daily Limit Mallards	Season Dates	Daily Limit Geese	Total Days	Season Dates
1975	55 West Zone 50 East Zone	10-20(*)	3*	Sat Nov. 1-Nov. 30	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 22-Nov. 30 Dec. 10-Feb. 8
				Wed Dec. 10-Jan. 3 West			
				Wed Nov. 19-Dec. 3			
				Wed Dec. 17-Jan. 20 East			
1976	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	4*	Sat Nov. 6-Nov. 28	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 6-Nov. 28 Dec. 11-Jan. 26
				Sat Dec. 11-Jan. 11 West			
				Sat Nov. 20-Dec. 5			
				Sat Dec. 18-Jan. 20 East			
1977	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	4*	Nov. 5-Dec. 4	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 5-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 25 West Nov. 19-Jan. 27 East
				Dec. 17-Jan. 5 West			
				Nov. 19-Dec. 4			
				Dec. 17-Jan. 4 East			
1978	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	3*	Nov. 4-Dec. 3	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 4-Dec. 3 West Dec. 16-Jan. 24 Nov. 18-Nov. 26 Dec. 2-Jan. 31 East
				Dec. 16-Jan. 9 West			
				Nov. 18-Nov. 26			
				Dec. 2-Jan. 11 East			
1979	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	4*	Nov. 3-Nov. 27	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 3-Nov. 27 Dec. 15-Jan. 28 West Nov. 17-Jan. 25 East
				Dec. 15-Jan. 13 West			
				Nov. 17-Dec. 6			
				Dec. 22-Jan. 20 East			
1980	55 West 50 East	10-20(*)	4*	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	5(8)(7)	70	Nov. 1-Nov. 30 Dec. 20-Jan. 28 West Nov. 15-Dec. 2 Dec. 20-Feb. 9 East
				Dec. 20-Jan. 13 West			
				Nov. 15-Dec. 2			
				Dec. 20-Jan. 20 East			

- (1) Also not more than 5 pintail or widgeon in the aggregate
- (2-A) Closed season on Canada geese and white-fronted
- (2) Not more than 4 blue and snow geese
- (3) Not to include more than 1 Canada or white-fronted
- (4) Not to include more than 2 Canada, 2 white-fronted or 1 of each
- (5) 10% penalty for split seasons
- (6) Season on Canada and white-fronted same as ducks
- (7) Closed season on Canada geese
- (8) Not to include more than 2 white-fronted geese in aggregate
- (9) White-fronts, Nov. 3-Jan. 11-Blue/Snow, Nov. 15-Dec. 25 and Jan. 17-Feb. 15
- (10) No penalty for split season
- (*) Point System
- (**) Sunrise shooting for ducks and geese.

A LISTING OF LOUISIANA WATERFOWL SEASON DATES
AND BAG LIMITS
1981-88

Year	Days	Daily Limit Possession	Daily Limit Mallards	Season Dates	Daily Limit Geese	Total Days	Season Dates
1981	55 West 50 East	10-20*	4*	Nov. 7-Dec. 6 Dec. 19-Jan. 12 West Nov. 14-Nov. 30 Dec. 19-Jan. 20 East	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 7-Dec. 6 West Dec. 19-Jan. 27 West Nov. 14-Nov. 30 East Dec. 19-Feb. 9 East
1982	55 West 50 East	10-20*	4*	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 Dec. 18-Jan. 11 West Nov. 20-Dec. 5 Dec. 18-Jan. 20 East	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 6-Dec. 5 West Dec. 18-Jan. 26 West Nov. 20-Dec. 5 East Dec. 18-Feb. 9 East
1983	55 West 50 East	10-20*	4*	Nov. 5-Nov. 29 Dec. 17-Jan. 15 West Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Dec. 17-Jan. 19 East	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 5-Nov. 29 West Dec. 17-Jan. 30 West Nov. 19-Dec. 4 East Dec. 17-Feb. 8 East
1984	55 West 50 East	10-20*	4*	Nov. 3-Dec. 2 Dec. 15-Jan. 8 West Nov. 17-Dec. 2 Dec. 18-Jan. 20 East	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 3-Dec. 2 West Dec. 15-Jan. 23 West Nov. 17-Dec. 2 East Dec. 18-Feb. 9 East
1985	45 West 40 East	5-10*	3*	Nov. 9-Dec. 1 Dec. 21-Jan. 11 West Nov. 23-Dec. 1 Dec. 14-Jan. 13 East	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 9-Dec. 1 West Dec. 21-Feb. 5 West Nov. 23-Dec. 1 East Dec. 14-Feb. 12 East
1986	45 West 40 East	5-10*	3*	Nov. 8-Nov. 30 Dec. 20-Jan. 10 West Nov. 22-Dec. 1 Dec. 20-Jan. 18 East	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 8-Nov. 30 West Dec. 20-Feb. 4 West Nov. 22-Jan. 30 East
1987	45 West 40 East	5-10*	3*	Nov. 7-Nov. 29 Dec. 19-Jan. 9 West Nov. 21-Nov. 30 Dec. 19-Jan. 17 East	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 7-Nov. 29 West Dec. 19-Feb. 3 West Nov. 21-Jan. 29 East
1988 (**)	30 West 30 East	3-6	2	Nov. 19-Dec. 4 Dec. 26-Jan. 8 West Nov. 19-Nov. 27 Dec. 19-Jan. 8 East	5 (8) (7)	70	Nov. 19-Dec. 7 West Dec. 26-Feb. 14 West Nov. 19-Jan. 17 East

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NOTICE OF INTENT

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 expresses intent to continue the prohibition on the taking and possession of paddlefish, Polyodon spathula commonly called spoonbill catfish, or paddlefish body parts, including eggs (roe), for a three year period beginning November 1, 1989 and ending at sunset on October 31, 1992.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., September 22, 1989, at the following address: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70898.

RESOLUTION

1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 4, 1989 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and
- WHEREAS, Biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S. 56:498 on August 21, 1989, and
- WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and
- WHEREAS, in 1989 the third Monday in August will be August 21,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1989 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3, to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 and 3 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday August 21, 1989,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries *to delay* *on* *to* close the 1989 Fall inshore white shrimp season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

Dr. Don Hines, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

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

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RESOLUTION

1989 Oyster Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 4, 1989 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1989 is September 6, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been customary to rotate the opening of the season on the Oyster Seed Reservation when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation was open during the 88/89 oyster season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise September 6, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds and the Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset September 15, and remain closed until they reopen 1/2 hour before sunrise October 16, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" and the shell plant in American (California) Bay will be closed for the 89/90 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container, but will consist of shoveling back on the deck of the vessel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 89/90 oyster season only, no more than 10% loose shell with no oyster on them will be allowed in the bedding operations or seed oyster loads on all the public oyster seed grounds and public oyster seed reservations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 89/90 oyster season only, no water pumps will be allowed to load boats on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or Oyster Seed Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at this time no managerial action is recommended for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas, these seasons will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Dr. Donald Hines, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

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

RESOLUTION

1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 4, 1989 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year for all inside waters, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum size count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, and
- WHEREAS, Biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated white shrimp in coastal Louisiana will average 100 count minimum size or larger as provided for in R.S. 56:498 on August 21, 1989, and
- WHEREAS, Historically the fall inshore "white" shrimp season opened on the third Monday in August, and
- WHEREAS, in 1989 the third Monday in August will be August 21,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1989 fall inshore "white" shrimp season, by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497.3, to open in Shrimp Management Zones 1, 2 and 3 at 6:00 a.m. on Monday August 21, 1989,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries ^{to delay} ~~to~~ close the 1989 Fall inshore white shrimp season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

Dr. Don Hines, Chairman
LA Wildlife & Fisheries Commission

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

RESOLUTION

1989 Oyster Season
apopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 4, 1989 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day which in 1989 is September 6, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the public oyster seed grounds and oyster seed reservations have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been customary to rotate the opening of the season on the Oyster Seed Reservation when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation was open during the 88/89 oyster season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds, and the Hackberry Bay, Bay Junop and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open 1/2 hour before sunrise September 6, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds and the Oyster Seed Reservations will close 1/2 hour after sunset September 15, and remain closed until they reopen 1/2 hour before sunrise October 16, 1989, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservation" and the shell plant in American (California) Bay will be closed for the 89/90 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that oysters for bedding will not be allowed in sacks or any other type container, but will consist of shoveling back on the deck of the vessel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 89/90 oyster season only, no more than 10% loose shell with no oyster on them will be allowed in the bedding operations or seed oyster loads on all the public oyster seed grounds and public oyster seed reservations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the 89/90 oyster season only, no water pumps will be allowed to load boats on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds or Oyster Seed Reservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at this time no managerial action is recommended for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas, these seasons will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S.49:953(b), the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S.49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and R.S.56:325.3 which established an annual quota for spotted seatrout; the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares an emergency and adopts the following rule:

EMERGENCY RULE

Pursuant to R.S.56:325.3 the closure of the commercial fishery for spotted seatrout is hereby extended until midnight, August 31, 1989.

The purchase, barter, trade or sale of spotted seatrout taken from Louisiana waters during the closure is prohibited.

The commercial taking or landing of spotted seatrout in Louisiana, whether caught within or without the territorial waters of Louisiana during the closure is prohibited.

Effective with the closure, no vessel possessing or fishing any seine, gill net, trammel net, or hoop net shall have spotted seatrout aboard the vessel, whether caught within or without the waters of the state.

Pursuant to R.S.56:322 and effective with the closure, the legal commercial mesh size for all gill nets, trammel nets and seine nets used in saltwater areas of the state, other than strike nets, shall be a minimum of 4-1/2 inches stretched and a person shall have in possession or use aboard a vessel no more than two strike nets.

Nothing shall prohibit the possession of fish legally taken prior to the closure and all commercial dealers possessing spotted seatrout taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S.56:306.4.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Louisiana Revised Statute 56:783 authorizes this Commission to lease from private persons or corporations, lands within the state for the establishment of wildlife management areas, and

WHEREAS this Commission leased from the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana on May 30, 1966 certain lands located within the Parish of St. Landry for the establishment of a wildlife management area, and

WHEREAS THISCO, a partnership and successor in title to the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana, and this Commission do hereby mutually desire to amend said lease in certain particulars, specifically to extend the term of said lease until December 31, 2000 and to further provide with regard to legal liability arising from the use of property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby approve the amendment to lease which has been prepared by Department's counsel and which is incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to execute all necessary documents effectuating said amendment to lease and to perform any and all other necessary acts to accomplish same.

_____, Louisiana this ____ day of _____, 1989.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISHES OF EAST BATON ROUGE AND ST. LANDRY

AMENDMENT TO LEASE

BE IT KNOWN, that on this ____ day of _____, 1989, THISCO, hereinafter referred to as "LESSOR", an ordinary partnership formed under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which Articles of Partnership are recorded in the records of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, at Partnership Book 1, Page 595, Entry No. 610610, filed July 8, 1977, and herein represented by Paul A. Thistlethwaite, Hugh W. Thistlethwaite and Hugh W. Thistlethwaite, Jr., hereinafter referred to as the "Managing Partners"; and the LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION, represented herein by Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and hereinafter referred to as "LESSEE", do, by these presents, hereby agree as follows:

I.

In an Act of Lease executed May 30, 1966 and recorded on September 7, 1966 in the records of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana at Conveyance Book K-15, Pages 381-92, Original Act No. 520872, LESSEE leased from the successors to the Thistlethwaite Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana, which successors are listed in the above referenced lease, certain property situated in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana which property is more fully set out and described in the above referenced lease.

II.

Regarding the above property, THISCO is the successor in title to the successors to the THISLETHWAITE Lumber Company, Ltd. of the State of Louisiana, pursuant to an Act of Conveyance filed July 8, 1977 in the records of the Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, at Conveyance Book A-21, Page 424, Entry No. 610611. LESSOR and LESSEE do hereby desire to amend the above referenced lease in the following particulars; all other provisions of the lease to remain as written, to wit:

Paragraph 2 of said lease is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.

That the LESSOR, in consideration of the benefits, uses and advantages, accruing to LESSOR by reason of the LESSEE establishing and locating a Game Management Preserve on the above described lands, and restocking the same with wild game purchased and acquired by LESSEE, and by reason of the development, improvement, preservation and protection of said above described lands in their natural state for the propagation of wild game life at the expense of the LESSEE in accordance with existing laws, DOES HEREBY LEASE, LET AND HIRE the said above described lands for the purpose of establishing a Game Management Preserve thereon for a period of thirty-five (35) years, beginning on the first day of January, 1966, and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2000, unto the LESSEE here present, accepting and acknowledging delivery and possession thereof.

There is further added an additional paragraph to be numbered 6-A which shall read as follows:

6-A.

LESSEE hereby agrees to hold harmless, defend and indemnify LESSOR for any and all claims and/or lawsuits for bodily injury, including death, or property damage arising out of the actions of LESSEE, its officers, employees or agents, or otherwise arising out of the use of the property as a game management preserve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed these presents through their accredited representatives hereinabove named, the LESSOR on the 12th day of July, 1989, and the LESSEE on the day of , 1989, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses who have signed said agreement opposite the names of the representatives

of the aforesaid parties to this agreement, after the reading of the whole.

WITNESSES to signature of LESSEE'S representative

THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BY: VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE,
SECRETARY, LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
AND FISHERIES

WITNESSES to signature of LESSOR'S representatives

THISCO

Cathy Q. Baidelon
Wendy Genovese

BY: Paul A. Thistlethwaite
PAUL A. THISTLETHWAITE
MANAGING PARTNER

Cathy Q. Baidelon
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HUGH W. THISTLETHWAITE, JR.
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BATON ROUGE, PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Before me the undersigned party personally came and appeared Virginia Van Sickle, who being duly sworn did depose and say:

That she is the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the duly authorized agent herein for the LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION, LESSEE herein, and she has been duly authorized to sign and execute the above and foregoing agreement, and that in her aforesaid capacity, and by virtue of the authority conferred upon her she has signed the foregoing agreement in the presence of _____ and _____, competent witnesses, and for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 1989.

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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Before me the undersigned party personally came and appeared PAUL A. THISTLETHWAITE, who being duly sworn did depose and say:

That he is a Managing Partner of THISCO, LESSOR herein, and he has been duly authorized to sign and execute the above and foregoing agreement, and that in his aforesaid capacity, and by virtue of the authority conferred upon him he has signed the foregoing agreement in the presence of Cathy Q. Bordelon and Wendy Genovese, competent witnesses, and for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Paul A. Thistlethwaite
PAUL A. THISTLETHWAITE

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 12th day of July, 1989.

Christine M. Ford
Notary Public

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Before me the undersigned party personally came and appeared HUGH W. THISTLETHWAITE, who being duly sworn did depose and say:

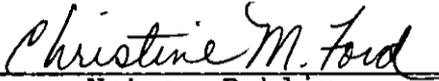
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OCTOBER 1989

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Archery and combi- dal hunting preserve seasons open.	2 Best fishing — largemouth bass and speckle-bass feeding heavily.	3 Pink lotus fox-gloves, partially parasitic on the roots of other plants, bloom across the state.	4 Striped bass herring at Toledo Bend.	5	6 First quarter moon.	7 Rabbit and squirrel seasons open.
8 Yom Kippur.	9 Columbus Day (observed)	10	11 Largest flock of wintering sandhill cranes in Louisiana returns to farmland near Cheneyville.	12	13	14 Full moon.
15	16	17	18 Flea-sized fruits of red blackeye spill open and drop their large seeds in upland habitats across the state.	19	20	21 Third quarter moon.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 New moon.	30	31 United Nations Day.				
Daylight Saving Time ends.		Halloween				

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VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
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July 24, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: Virginia Van Sickle *VS*
RE: August Board Meeting

The next regular public board meeting as set by the Commission will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 3, 1989, at the Community Center in Grand Isle.

On Friday, August 4th, the meeting will be continued at the same location at 10:00 AM.

1. Approval of Minutes of July 6-7, 1989

HUGH BATEMAN

2. Declaration of Emergency - Action on Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl - Tommy Prickett and Robert Helm
3. Duck Stamp Program Update and Announce 1989 Contest Details - Dave Morrison

JERRY CLARK

4. Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management - Bennie Fontenot
5. Setting the 1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
6. Setting the 1989/1990 Oyster Season
7. Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989

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8. Ratification of Thistlethwaite WMA Lease Amendment

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JOHNNIE TARVER

9. Notification of Alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season

BOB DENNIE

10. Resolution for National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23 -
1989 - Carla Faulkner

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11. Law Enforcement Report

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Set October Meeting Date

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cc: Don Puckett
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AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 3, 1989 at the LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quial Drive, Baton Rouge. On Friday August 4th, the Commission will resume its regular meeting at 10AM.

The following items will be on the agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 6-7, 1989
3. Declaration of Emergency - Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl
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12. Resolution of National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989
13. Law Enforcement Report
14. Set October Meeting Date

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
August 3-4, 1989

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 6-7, 1989
3. Declaration of Emergency - Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl - Tommy Prickett and Robert Helm
4. Duck Stamp Program Update and Announce 1989 Contest Details - Dave Morrison
5. Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management - Bennie Fontenot
6. Setting the 1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
7. Setting the 1989/1990 Oyster Season
8. Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989
9. Notice of Intent, Confidentiality - Phil Bowman
10. Ratification of Thistlethwaite WMA Lease Amendment - Don Puckett
11. Notification of Alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season - Johnnie Tarver
12. Resolution of National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989 - Carla Faulkner
13. Law Enforcement Report - Winton Vidrine
14. Set October Meeting Date

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Notice of Intent - "Paddlefish Management"*

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*Nothing, Bob, Dennie
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(Bob Sheldon)

Proclamation For NHFD Sept. 23, ¹⁹⁸⁹ - Carla Faulkner



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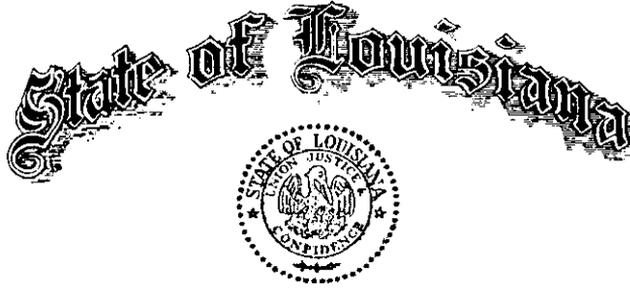
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary Office of Fisheries, Under-secretary, and Division Chiefs Office of Wildlife

FROM: Virginia Van Sickle *VVS*

RE: Commission Meeting - Grand Isle - August 3-4, 1989

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8 Yom Kippur.	9 Yom Kippur.	10 Columbus Day (Observed).	11 Largest flock of wintering sandhill cranes in Louisiana returns to farmland near Cheneyville.	12	13	14 Full moon.
15	16	17	18 Peanut-sized fruits of red hickory split open and drop their large seeds in upland habitats across the state.	19	20	21 Third quarter moon.
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29 New moon.	30	31 Halloween.				

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WHEREAS the Commission, while meeting in executive session acquainted itself with the facts surrounding the dispute and the legal issues associated therewith, and participated as the legal representative of the Department and the Commission negotiated a settlement agreement; and

WHEREAS the terms of the settlement agreement reached between the parties is set forth in the document entitled "Compromise Settlement and Release" which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby approve the Compromise Settlement and Release agreement which is attached hereto, made part hereof and is incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to execute all necessary documents affecting said Compromise Settlement and Release and perform any and all necessary acts to accomplish same.

_____, Louisiana this ____ day of _____, 1989.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

AN AGREEMENT OF COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

entered into this _____ day of _____, 1989, by and between DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, herein represented by its secretary, Virginia Van Sickle, and the LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION herein represented by its chairman as duly authorized by Resolution, hereinafter sometimes collectively called "Wildlife and Fisheries," on the one hand and ROBERT E. PERKINS, a resident of the full age of majority of Route 3, Box 301, Welsh, LA 70591, and SAUROS, INC., a Louisiana corporation, duly authorized by Resolution of the Board of Directors, on the other hand, in words as follows, to-wit:

I.

Reference is made to that certain agreement between Robert E. Perkins and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries executed on February 15, 1978, by J. Burton Angelle, Director, and by Robert E. Perkins on February 24, 1978, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A" (hereinafter sometimes called "Perkins Alligator Agreement"). Reference is also made to that certain letter agreement dated December 20, 1985, executed by J. Burton Angelle, Secretary of Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of the State of Louisiana, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" (hereinafter sometimes called "Angelle Letter").

II.

A dispute has arisen between Wildlife and Fisheries on the one hand and Robert E. Perkins (hereinafter sometimes called "Perkins") and Sauros, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes called "Sauros"), on the other hand, regarding the rights, duties and obligations of the parties to the above mentioned Angelle Letter

and Perkins Alligator Agreement, as well as to what are the rights, duties and obligations of Wildlife and Fisheries, Robert E. Perkins and Sauros, Inc., arising from the longstanding relationship that has existed between the parties in connection with alligator farming. Wildlife and Fisheries contend that it no longer owes to Perkins/Sauros any alligator eggs or hatchlings and, on the other hand, Perkins/Sauros contend Wildlife and Fisheries owes to them at least 10,193 alligator hatchlings.

III.

The parties hereto considering it to their mutual best interests have agreed upon the following settlement and release.

A. Wildlife and Fisheries will furnish to Sauros, Inc., as successor to Robert E. Perkins, 1,000 live alligator hatchlings for each of the seasons of 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992. Sauros, Inc., will take delivery of this total of 4,000 hatchlings at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge headquarters building in Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

B. Wildlife and Fisheries does by these presents release, relinquish and relieve Perkins and Sauros of all obligations arising out of their alligator farming relationship with the exception of the following:

(1) Robert E. Perkins and Sauros, Inc., remain obligated to Wildlife and Fisheries to return five percent of the hatchlings given to Robert E. Perkins for the 1987 and 1988 seasons. Perkins/Sauros shall have the option of (a) providing Wildlife and Fisheries with cash in the amount of fifty percent of the average selling price for this number of alligators, assuming a four foot length at time of sale, or (b) live alligators of a minimum of

three feet in length. Funds are to be sent to Wildlife and Fisheries office within five days of receipt thereof by Perkins/Sauros. Perkins/Sauros shall have no obligation to return any alligators or funds from the 4,000 alligators hereinabove allotted to them in the future.

C. Perkins/Sauros do by these presents:

- (1) Release, relinquish and relieve Wildlife and Fisheries of all responsibilities, obligations and duties (other than those hereinabove specified) arising out of the Perkins Alligator Agreement, the Angelle Letter and their alligator farming relationship.
- (2) Agree to furnish the five percent alligator hatchling return at the option of Wildlife and Fisheries as hereinabove set forth for the alligators received by Robert E. Perkins in the seasons of 1987 and 1988.

THUS DONE AND PASSED before the undersigned Notary Public and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter undersigned, on this _____ day of _____, 1989.

WITNESSES:

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND
FISHERIES OF THE STATE OF
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BY: _____
Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

NOTARY PUBLIC

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROBERT E. PERKINS AND
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Mr. Perkins will construct and maintain facilities in an "exempt Parish" for the incubation and rearing of alligators. Specifically; the alligators will be housed in indoor ferro cement pens consisting of 50% dry and 50% water areas. The facility will have a chemically acceptable water supply. Insulation, ventilation and heating equipment capable of maintaining a year round temperature of at least 23 C. will be incorporated in the facility. Animals will be stocked at the rates approved by the Departments' experimental group at the Rockefeller Refuge:

Hatchlings to 1 year	-	.12 sq. m. per animal
1 year to 2 years	-	.34 sq. m. per animal
2 years to 3 years	-	.46 sq. m. per animal

Sanitary procedures conforming to those at the Refuge project will be maintained. That is, pens will be flushed free of uneaten food and animal wastes three hours after feeding.

Animals will be fed a diet of whole ground fish or other animal protein and a multi-vitamin supplement amounting to approximately 20% of body weight. Feeding will take place for five (5) straight days each week except where gout symptoms are detected.

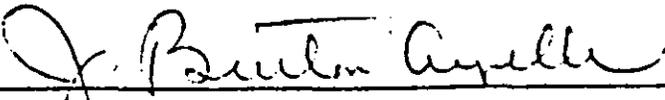
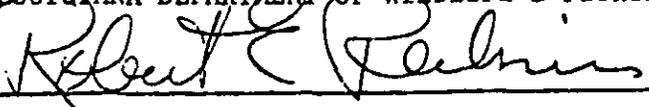
Animals will be constantly segregated according to size.

Each year 5 % of hatchlings will be returned to The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at the age of 12 months.

In the first generation two hundred (200) females and fifty (50) males will be raised to maturity as future breeding stock and a suitable outdoor habitat provided at age three (3).

Recognizing the monetary and personal investment The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will guarantee priority for delivery to Mr. Perkins, nineteen hundred (1,900) eggs in 1978, seventeen hundred (1,700) eggs in 1979, 1980, 1981 and thirty-four hundred (3,400) eggs in 1982, 1983 and 1984, plus the number of eggs the Department wishes returned as hatchlings.

Mr. Perkins will be guaranteed the right to market legal sized hides each year whether or not a State controlled hunt of wild alligators is held.

	<u>2/15/78</u>
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES	DATE
	<u>2/24/78</u>
ROBERT E. PERKINS	DATE

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Dec. 1977 -
met w/ Angelle & Commissioner
Finalized in below

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1978.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is in favor of encouraging the development of new resource oriented industries in the state, and

WHEREAS, biological data collected by Department technicians has established techniques by which American Alligators can be propagated in captivity, and

WHEREAS, the Department has surplus alligators located on refuges located in the portion of the state where alligators are delisted, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Perkins, of North Carolina has made an official request to the Department for assistance in establishing a farm and has agreed to return to the Department 5% of the young alligators hatched from eggs provided by the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary to enter into an agreement with Mr. Perkins to provide alligator eggs to establish an alligator farm.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department can exercise the option of receiving 5% of the hatchlings on an annual basis or waiving this option if the Department technicians determine that there is not a use for these hatchlings for restocking or establishment of additional alligator farms.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Friday, January 27, 1978.



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DEPARTMENT EVALUATION AND RESPONSE TO
THE DEER TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following addresses only Task Force Recommendations that required change or further explanation by the Department.

NUMBER OF AREAS, TIMING, TYPE AND LENGTH OF DEER SEASONS

Item 2--The Area 2 Island in East Feliciana Parish represents a precedent that should be avoided, and it should, therefore, be discontinued.

Response: The biological staff of District 7 has obtained sound biological data over a period of years supporting this measure.

While maintaining the current season structure, departmental efforts will be made to more clearly delineate the entire occupied range of this unique herd and thereby further evaluate the need for expansion or regression of such seasons in that area.

Item 3--Herd declines may warrant changes in area configuration. The Task Force recommends an investigation into the occurrence and causes of deer declines in West Central Louisiana and that the area boundaries and season structure be changed if justified.

Response: Deer numbers in West Central Louisiana have historically been low in comparison with some other sections of the state. This west central region is characterized by soils of poor quality and a long history of land abuse. Habitat quality and, subsequently, deer numbers fluctuate, seemingly at critical levels, in accordance with timber management practices, livestock grazing, etc. Localities supporting reasonably good deer populations today may not do so five years from now, or the reverse may also occur.

Within the entire region 20 percent or less of the total territory supports vegetative types capable of producing and supporting good numbers of deer. These are usually in island or stream bottom strip situations, separated by great expanses of open and/or generally poor understories that are of seasonal and marginal value as deer food and cover.

The aforementioned conditions plus critical lack of suitable escape cover afforded by large streams, lakes, swamplands or even extensive areas of dense understory causes the running of deer with dogs to adversely impact the deer herds in the region. Serious mistakes were made in the past by converting original still hunting only territory into dog hunting areas, all in the interest of continuing a local tradition.

The Department will conduct a special survey of this region; and, based upon these findings and those obtained through the regular schedule of deer range surveys conducted by District 3 and 5, recommendations will be made for changes as may be warranted.

Item 5--The Task Force supports the archery season framework but further recommends that bow restriction be expanded to prohibit electronic sights and that peak draw weight reductions not exceed 65 percent.

Response: For the present time at least, use of such archery tackle is generally limited in Louisiana, and the archery harvest of deer remains at approximately 7 percent or less of the total harvest. The Department proposes no changes in regulations for the 1989-90 season. This will afford sufficient time to receive and evaluate field recommendations from archery organizations, both state and national, as well as from other wildlife conservation organizations.

Item 6--The Task Force supports a return to the original statute pertaining to eligibility requirements for physically impaired crossbow users.

Response: The Department endorses this recommendation. However, general support and drafts for necessary legislative change should originate from organized archery groups and/or the Louisiana Wildlife Federation if it is to be successful.

Item 7--The Task Force recommends a special still hunt muzzleloader season falling between gun season splits and requiring the issuance of a special license.

Response: The Department is currently proposing a season of one week duration to be held between the first and second segments of the regular firearms season. A special license will be required.

BAG LIMIT

Item 3--The Task Force is concerned that harvest is strongly biased against bucks, particularly the yearling class. Since neither a workable tagging system nor non-selective harvest strategy emerged, a gradual liberalization of doe harvest opportunity is recommended.

Response: The average hunter's preference for harvesting antlered deer is well documented. It has also become traditional to hunt antlered deer for a period well in excess of what would be tolerated for hunting antlerless deer. The Department, in agreement with The Deer Task Force recommendation, and like most other southeastern states, plans to continue its policy of liberalization of doe harvest opportunity commensurate with herd needs.

USE OF DOGS

Item 1--The Task Force recommends keeping the current number of dog hunting days but requests the Department investigate the preference of moving the season forward to include the Thanksgiving holidays.

Response: Following repeated requests for several years, primarily from dog hunters, to open seasons later to avoid the warm, dry weather characteristic of November, the Department, in 1985, conducted a study similar to the one now

requested by the Task Force. A statistically-designed, computer-assisted questionnaire survey of deer hunters (addresses taken from records of big game hunting licenses sold) confirmed that 67 percent favored a later opening date for the second segment of deer season. This was implemented in 1986 after purposeful delay for extensive publication and public comments, the majority of which was highly favorable.

Implementing a muzzleloader season between the first and second season segments, as requested by the Task Force, also precludes an earlier opening date for use of dogs.

Item 2--The commission should quantify hunter preference for either dog hunting or still hunting.

Response: The Department will seek to comply with this request by late 1989, utilizing records of the big game license sales.

Item 3--The Task Force asks the commission to investigate and define problem areas in the state that may be suffering negative biological impacts from dog hunting.

Response: The Department has previously moved in the direction as evidenced by Areas 3 and 4 and certain described portions of others being limited to still hunting only. The need to update boundaries and/or include additional territory will be carefully monitored.

Negative biological impacts from any source, dogs included, will be defined as to scope and severity and corrective measures recommended.

Item 4--The Task Force recommends that the commission expand off season training restrictions.

Response: The Department is limited by certain statutes that provide legal provisions for year round running of foxes and bobcats. In addition, others allow for the running of deer and other animals, including game and nongame, for training dogs all or most of the year. The Department will review existing statutes and advise the Commission of possible corrective measures.

Item 5--The Task Force recommends the commission research through a limited permit structure, the use of leashed tracking dogs for recovery of wounded deer.

Response: The Louisiana Wildlife Federation at its convention in February 1989 rejected this proposal due to its potential for serious abuse. The Department is of the same opinion. Crippling losses, although undesirable at any level, have not been known to seriously impact any deer herds within the state.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DMAP)

Item 2--The Task Force strongly feels that the Department should make full use of biological statistics generated by the program.

Response: The Department concurs. Department biologists will strive to assist cooperators by example and instruction in order to provide more and better data for use statewide.

Item 3--DMAP's effectiveness depends on the participant's loyalty in following the Department's harvest prescriptions. Therefore, all antlerless deer harvested should be tagged to verify quota goals.

Response: With the exception of archery harvest, the Department already requires tagging of all antlerless deer harvested. Beginning with the forthcoming 1989-90 season, archery killed deer will also be tagged, in full compliance with this request.

Item 4--The Department should capitalize on the educational value of well-managed deer herds and use them as models that can be repeated throughout the state.

Response: The Department concurs and will strive to maximize their role as educational and operational models.

Item 5--The commission should investigate the merits of imposing a reasonable fee schedule to offset the program's direct costs.

Response: The Department agrees and will propose such a plan for implementation during the forthcoming 1989-90 season. It is expected that a base entrance fee will be assessed for all cooperators, and, in addition, a management or consultant fee of a few cents per acre will be charged.

Item 6--The Task Force strongly endorses the DMAP and recommends resource allocation consistent with demand trends and potential benefits to the resources and its users.

Response: The Department is aware of DMAP's importance here and over the southeast, and will staff and fund it at a sufficient level to insure that it remains a viable part of the statewide deer management program. The Department will further evaluate the feasibility of allowing qualified biologists, other than Department personnel, to carry out DMAP duties. There are both legal and managerial questions to be resolved.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Item 1--The commission should establish a comprehensive management policy for the wildlife management area system.

Response: The Department has for many years prepared 10-year long range plans. In addition, 5-year management plans are developed in accordance with Federal Aid Project standards. These show in considerable detail activities proposed, procedure, schedule, duration, benefits, costs, etc. Management priorities are also outlined for areas on an individual basis. The Department will investigate the need for a "universal type" of written wildlife management area policy.

Item 2--Public use of these lands, other than hunting and fishing, is expected to increase. The Task Force recommends research efforts in a number of areas.

A. To determine profiles of the wildlife management area customers, use preferences, expected level of services, what encourages/discourages public uses.

Response: Department sponsored research of this type has been done by Louisiana State University and will be continued. A considerable amount of knowledge has been gained in these areas through research and experience with the Department's wildlife management area program. Research by other agencies and universities is also regularly reviewed through various avenues of scientific information exchange.

B. To identify what level of use is appropriate to prevent resource damage, avoid safety hazards, etc.

Response: A long history of conducting wildlife management area hunts with systematic collection of biological, hunter use, and other data has made the Department one of the most experienced and knowledgeable in the southeast in these areas of concern. The Department will strive to meet the ever growing need for more data of greater accuracy and better indepth analysis in order to remain knowledgeable and efficient.

C. To find what funding sources are available.

Response: The Department has been diligent in its efforts to secure adequate funding for the wildlife management area program and will continue to be. A system of hunter use fees, will be proposed for the 1989 legislative session and other sources of funding will also be developed.

D. To determine if the private sector can be encouraged to provide services. What services and how will local economies benefit?

Response: The Department concurs and pledges its cooperation. Enlisting specialists in this field, the Department, in cooperation with Louisiana State University, has already conducted research on economic impact of wildlife management areas. These studies will continue with L.S.U. and other sources.

E. To assess the demand for trophy management areas. Are such endeavors worthwhile?

Response: The demand for maximum recreational opportunity, for as broad a segment of the hunting public as possible on the limited number of wildlife management areas available, generally precludes the establishment of special purpose and single use areas.

The Department would welcome development of private areas that are truly productive of reasonable numbers of trophy deer, which could serve as demonstration and educational examples. Many "trophy" animals come from our wildlife management area system each year under existing management.

Item 3--The commission is strongly urged to pursue an aggressive forest management program on state owned forest lands. Considering the asset value and magnitude of potential outputs, a significant expansion of the Department's forestry staff and complementary resources is warranted.

Response: The Department agrees and will work to upgrade the wildlife management area forestry program. The Department forestry staff was recently (1988) upgraded to three (3) full-time biologist/foresters. The other biological and specialist employees of the Game Division are engaged constantly with our forestry management program.

Item 4--The commission should seek to establish strong working agreements with cooperating wildlife management area landowners and maintain them through formal annual meetings that are forums to exchange concerns, ideas, and recommendations. Furthermore, the commission should actively seek cooperation on federally controlled lands as a means to encourage consistent deer management objectives.

Response: The Department now and in the past, has always strived to maintain a good rapport with wildlife management area owners as well as agencies in charge of federally owned lands. It is the Department's opinion that an excellent rapport currently exists. The Department is available for contact daily at both central and district offices. Commission meetings open to the public are held monthly, in addition to several open hearings and other public forums held annually over the state.

The exchange of concerns, ideas, and recommendations has always been welcomed, and the Department will seek avenues by which this may be further enhanced.

Item 5--As a service to the public, hunting regulations of the Forest Service, Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and Department should be published in a single pamphlet.

Response: Investigative efforts toward this goal have determined that with different time constraints and the voluminous explanations and guidelines deemed essential to most federal regulations, one brochure cannot contain regulations for all agencies. By mutual agreement, proposals are for each agency to provide in its own brochure, contact information for the other agency, which hunters may use to obtain permits and information for the areas it controls. As a rule, regulations pamphlets of various agencies are available by request from any of the various government offices.

Item 6--The Department should conduct annual wildlife management area reviews where the appropriate supervisor defends deer population data, target harvest quotas, and recreation potential of each area. Senior Department officials should review wildlife management area regulations to assure compliance with agency goals.

Response: This is done at annual staff meetings where deer management programs and results from each area (district) are reviewed and again in developing annual hunting season proposals. More critical reviews are planned, but they must be

balanced with the knowledge that wildlife management areas are often not as "alike" as they seem and that local biologists familiar with herd and range situations are in a much better position to determine individual management needs.

Item 7-- Innovation in season framework on wildlife management areas is encouraged. These include experimenting with season length, keeping them open until biologically sound to close, and experimenting with more liberal regulations on areas such as Red River, Three Rivers, and Saline. Can these produce more deer hunting recreation (higher either-sex harvest)?

Response: The Department has a record of bold experimentation in wildlife management area deer seasons that is unequalled in the southeast. As outlined previously under Item 2-B, unique insight into management strategies and expertise in their application has been developed. The need for more uniformity in providing recreational opportunity on wildlife management areas is recognized by the Department and commensurate with management needs these measures will be undertaken.

Item 8--Eliminate buck-only seasons from all management areas unless the antlerless target is satisfied and additional days remain in the season.

Response: It is agreed that this would best serve biological management needs. However, as outlined under Bag Limits, Item 3, there is significant hunter preference for harvesting antlered deer. With the subsequent increase in days of recreational opportunity its affords, there is a high demand for a reasonable level of buck hunting opportunity during select periods on the public areas.

Item 9--Explore mechanisms to accelerate permit issuance on popular areas. Lotteries, self-clearing permit stations or advanced issuance may have merit.

Response: As discussed under Item 2, Articles A and B of this section, the Department has considerable experience in conducting managed hunts. The above recommendations have been thoroughly evaluated already and will receive continuing consideration.

Item 10--Encourage district supervisors and their personnel to network and promote technology transfer by visiting selected areas that demonstrate successful projects and procedure.

Response: The Department agrees, and having successfully used this approach in the past, it will be used much more extensively in the future.

Item 11--The Task Force emphasizes the need to establish certain wildlife management areas as research-demonstration areas. The Alexandria State Forest is a strong candidate. The proposal would be:

- A. That the commission promote this through a cooperative agreement with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture, Office of Forestry.
- B. Establish deer as the featured species and demonstrate intensive habitat management techniques.

C. Limit deer hunting to archery only and administer through a fee permit system. Revenues generated would be dedicated to the area.

D. Develop operational cost records, conduct research projects, record and analyze harvest data and publish for distribution to agencies and private citizens.

E. Establish an interagency planning group to guide the overall management.

Response: Considering the scope of change and control the Department would require, conflicts in management between the Department and the controlling agency are highly probable. Cost for the start-up years, allocation of funds, manpower for monitoring and data collection and many other questions would need to be resolved.

In modification of Article E, an interagency planning group should be formed, in which the Department will serve, to investigate the project's feasibility. If favorable, it should develop a plan for installation and management that incorporates Proposals A through D. Preferably other species as well as deer could be featured, and the single use concept represented by archery-only hunting could be avoided. The plan could then be submitted to the commission for consideration.

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONCERNS

Item 1--Information voids, particularly social, should be addressed, and the Department is encouraged to actively communicate pertinent information to the public as warranted. Much of the data collection,, organization and analysis could be contracted to a university thereby harnessing additional resources. Information needs identified elsewhere in this report can be summarized as follows:

A. Social

1. User profiles, preferences for dog or still hunting, etc.
2. Economic impact of state's deer herd
3. Demand trends for public/private management programs
4. Effect of regulatory changes

B. Biology

1. Habitat and decline trends by area; what do forestry, agriculture practices mean long-term
2. New habitat management technology, how to produce more with less
3. Inventory estimates and stability of deer herds
4. Occurrences and causes of herd declines
5. Relative health indices
6. Comprehensive harvest information

Response: The Department is cognizant of these needs and has obtained or has programs to obtain necessary base information pertaining to most all of those listed. This has been affirmed in the preceding discussion. Use of universities for kill surveys, data analysis, and other special services, has been in use for three decades or more.

The Department agrees that there should be active communication of pertinent information to the public. It has strived to provide it and will continue. This is a formidable task, however, that requires specialized equipment and services. The Department will endeavor to provide these in the future with a subsequent increase in the level of communication.

Item 2--Despite this short term austerity, the commission should establish written animal damage procedures and policies as the agency in authority for resident wildlife species. The alternative of choice for deer is to control numbers through sound management and sport hunting regulations as provided, for example, by the Deer Management Assistance Program. There is presently much technology and advice available on nonlethal control measures. As necessary, the Department should provide deer control demonstrations at strategic locations in problem areas.

Response: The Department biologists routinely provide technical assistance and make field trips for on-site surveys and recommendations for damage control. Other sources are available within the U. S. Department of Agriculture or the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to which some complaints are referred. These agencies are leaders in nonlethal animal damage control. A joint effort by the Department and these agencies is also undertaken in some cases.

The development of written procedures that are widely applicable and truly effective still eludes the best of experts, since much depends on a case by case assessment of damage situations. Decades of research and experience has shown that deer in high numbers are not easily controlled by any method other than exclusion by fencing. Using scientific information exchanges to evaluate such work by other agencies, universities, etc., the Department is aware of available control measures and will continue to keep abreast of new developments.

As indicated by The Task Force, the best alternative for control is sound management and deer removal by sport hunting. The Department offers the best and most workable damage assistance available through annual either-sex hunting seasons and the Deer Management Assistance Program.

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AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 3, 1989 at the LA Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quial Drive, Baton Rouge. On Friday August 4th, the Commission will resume its regular meeting at 10AM.

The following items will be on the agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 6-7, 1989
3. Declaration of Emergency - Hunting Seasons for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl
4. Duck Stamp Program Update and Announce 1989 Contest Details
5. Notice of Intent of Paddlefish Management
6. Setting the 1989 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
7. Setting the 1989/1990 Oyster Season
8. Extension of Spotted Seatrout Closure through August 31, 1989
9. Notice of Intent, Confidentiality
10. Ratification of Thistlethwaite WMA Lease Amendment
11. Notification of Alligator Tag Quotas for the 1989 Season
12. Resolution of National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 23, 1989
13. Law Enforcement Report
14. Set October Meeting Date