

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

November 3-4, 1988

DON HINES
Vice-Chairman

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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on October 15 rather than December 1- *Nov 20 - portion closed*
McCall - Pro Cappel & Jenkins yes
- 2-59* 6.7. Update on Waterfowl Season *McCall Cappel & Hines No*
(Approved 11/3/88)
- 2-112* 6.8 Spotted Seatrout Information Report
(Approved 11/3/88)
- I-388* 6.6. Petition to Open Lake Palourde for Shell dredging
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- 7-270?* 6.9. Inside Waters Shrimp Update
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Don Hines, Chairman McCall Cappel - closed
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OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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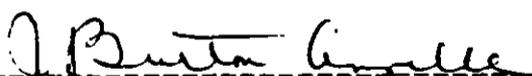
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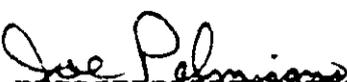
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**ECOLOGICAL
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Mr. M. B. Watson, Coordinator
Ecological Studies Section
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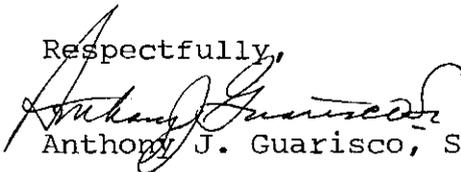
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I would dredge only about ten days a month, no Saturday or Sunday or night dredging. I would like a one year trial lease with one year option to renew.

I understand that should the Board of Commissions grant this appeal that the area will be up for public bid after the approval from St. Martin, Assumption and St. Mary parishes.

Respectfully,


Anthony J. Guarisco, Sr.

AJG, Sr./jean

Enclosure: Map with area marked.

SHELL DREDGING IN LAKE PALOURDE

1. Lake Palourde is a drinking water source for Morgan City.
2. Good commercial and sport fishery.
3. Turbidity has a negative impact on predatory game fish.
4. Dredging in fresh water results in longer term turbidity problems than dredging in salt water. Potential spills and leaks of petroleum products and other potential discharges and spills become a real possibility from heavy equipment used in dredging.
5. Turbidity selects for predatory and non-predatory food fish such as carp, gaspergoo, buffalo, and the cat fishes.
6. Increased populations of species such as carp result in permanent turbidity problems because of their feeding habits and their behavioral environmental manipulation.
7. Re-suspending sediment locked nutrients and or contaminants in a closed water body generally result in exacerbating water quality problems.
8. Because of decreased demand for shells and shell products there is some question of the need for expanding the area subject to shell extraction.
9. Historic and traditional users of shells are actively seeking, and are having a measure of success in finding competitively priced alternative materials to shells.

SHRIMP STATISTICS:
September 1988
(October 20, 1988)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

I. Landings, (all species, headless, thousands of pounds):

| September | Florida West Coast | Alabama | Mississippi | Louisiana | Texas | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| 1988* | 569 | 783 | 870 | 4,133 | 5,278 | 11,633 |
| 1987* | 565 | 1,222 | 952 | 8,288 | 6,381 | 17,408 |
| 1986* | 1,006 | 1,162 | 544 | 9,629 | 8,045 | 20,386 |
| 1985 | 1,039 | 773 | 426 | 6,482 | 6,809 | 15,529 |
| 1984 | 612 | 1,046 | 483 | 5,328 | 6,315 | 13,784 |
| <u>January-September</u> | | | | | | |
| 1988* | 7,363 | 6,391 | 6,508 | 47,806 | 37,814 | 105,882 |
| 1987* | 8,414 | 8,316 | 6,444 | 58,949 | 46,798 | 128,921 |
| 1986* | 12,892 | 10,641 | 6,643 | 65,215 | 45,661 | 141,052 |
| 1985 | 12,272 | 8,388 | 7,795 | 53,090 | 37,952 | 119,497 |
| 1984 | 12,427 | 7,555 | 6,535 | 44,694 | 41,078 | 112,289 |

II. Ex-vessel price, (dollars per pound, Penaeid species only, headless, September):

| Size | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| EASTERN GULF (Florida west coast ports) | | | | | |
| 15/20 | 5.17 | 4.48 | 5.56 | 6.53 | 6.60 |
| 21/25 | 4.27 | 3.80 | 5.20 | 5.11 | 5.60 |
| 26/30 | 3.77 | 3.36 | 4.75 | 3.95 | 4.35 |
| 31/35 | 3.18 | 2.84 | 4.40 | 3.18 | 3.45 |
| 36/40 | 2.86 | 2.69 | 3.75 | 2.63 | 2.71 |
| 41/50 | 2.44 | 2.25 | 3.00 | 2.44 | 2.36 |
| NORTHERN GULF (Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana ports) | | | | | |
| Un/15 | 6.47 | 6.28 | 6.47 | 8.08 | 7.67 |
| 15/20 | 5.40 | 5.27 | 6.20 | 7.18 | 6.61 |
| 21/25 | 4.40 | 4.30 | 5.73 | 5.33 | 5.61 |
| 26/30 | 3.88 | 3.93 | 5.08 | 4.18 | 4.52 |
| 31/35 | 3.30 | 3.35 | 4.38 | 3.34 | 3.63 |
| 36/40 | 2.79 | 3.20 | 4.01 | 2.80 | 2.98 |
| 41/50 | 2.44 | 2.52 | 3.69 | 2.55 | 2.43 |
| WESTERN GULF (Texas ports) | | | | | |
| Un/15 | 5.78 | 6.17 | 6.65 | 8.36 | 7.54 |
| 15/20 | 5.04 | 5.14 | 6.18 | 6.90 | 6.62 |
| 21/25 | 4.19 | 4.15 | 5.26 | 5.14 | 5.08 |
| 26/30 | 3.80 | 3.72 | 4.62 | 4.12 | 4.58 |
| 31/35 | 3.18 | 3.36 | 4.53 | 3.34 | 3.81 |
| 36/40 | 2.82 | 3.29 | 4.20 | 2.95 | 2.95 |
| 41/50 | 2.46 | 2.67 | 3.90 | 2.60 | 2.62 |

III. U.S. cold storage holdings of shrimp, (thousands of pounds):

| September | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988* |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Raw, Headless | 27,438 | 23,142 | 25,026 | 25,892 | 20,750 |
| Breaded | 4,191 | 3,421 | 2,681 | 6,860 | 6,036 |
| Peeled | 13,453 | 13,193 | 8,834 | 14,876 | 12,625 |
| Unclassified | 13,770 | 13,609 | 11,042 | 14,827 | 8,613 |
| Total | 58,852 | 53,365 | 47,583 | 62,455 | 48,024 |

Total Louisiana Shrimp Landings, by Month

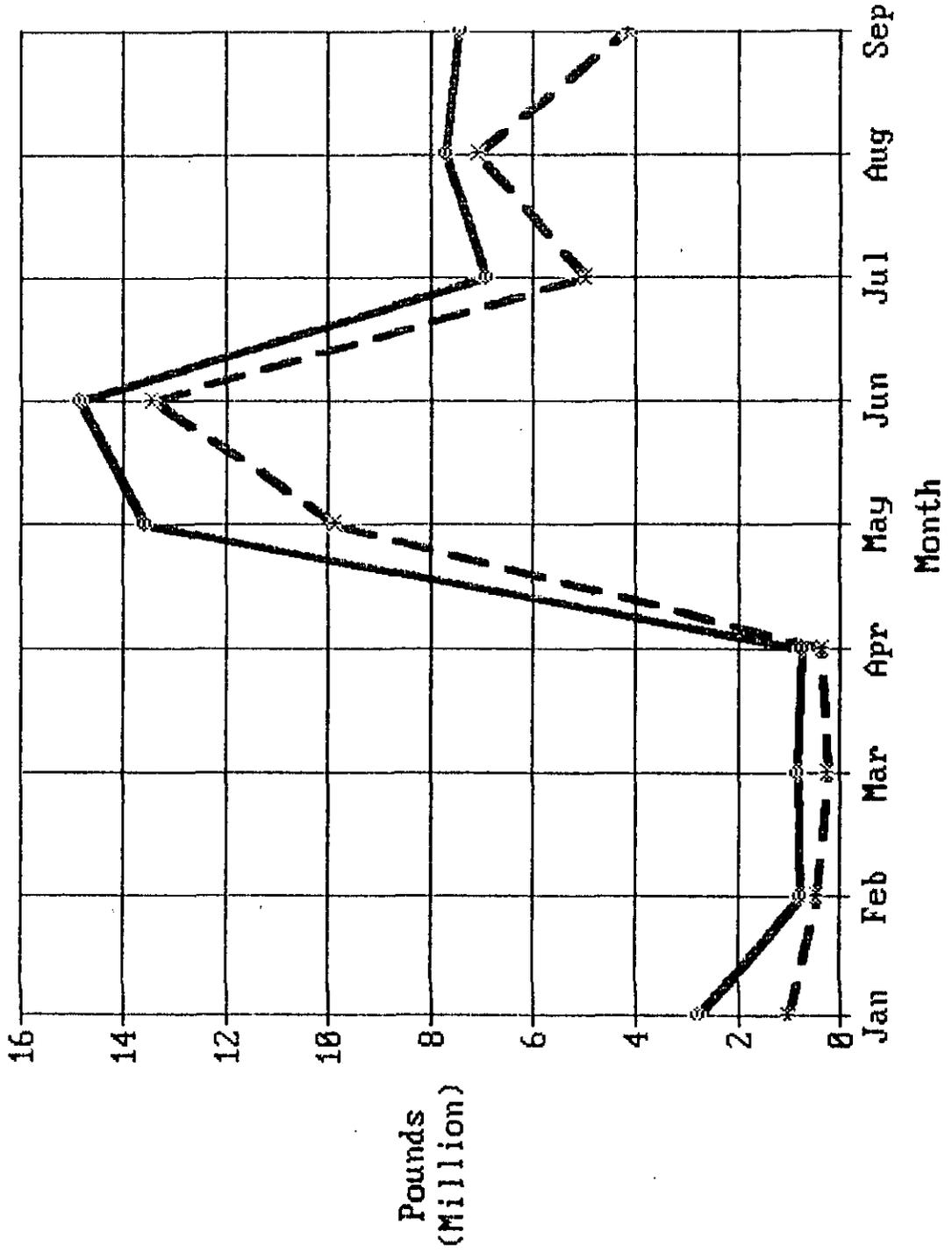
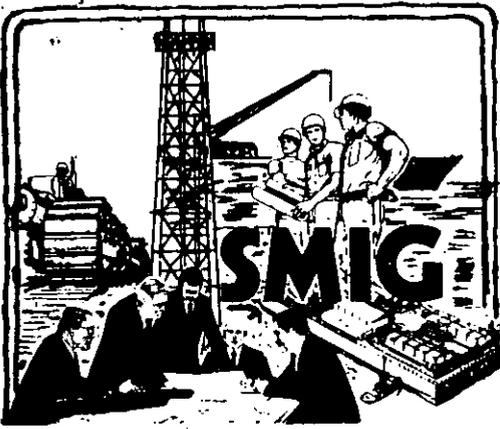


Chart 4. Personnel

| | Below Agency Head Selected By | | | Agency Can Hire Non-resident | | | Conservation Officer Positions | | | | In-service Training Required For Employees | | | | In-service Training Provided Personnel | | | | Number Of Permanent Personnel | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | Civil Service | Other Merit System | Other | Biologists | Technicians | Conservation Officers | Minimum Degree Required | | At Least One per | | By Law | By Commission | New | Established | Periodic For All | Enforcement | Biological | Information and Education | Administrative | Other | Administrators | Enforcement Officers | Wildlife Biologists | Fisheries Biologists | Wildlife Technicians | Fisheries Technicians | Total Personnel | |
| | | | | | | | High School | College | County | 2-3 Counties | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alabama | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 5 | 130 | 25 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 248 | | |
| Alaska | | Y ¹ | Y ² | Y | Y | Y ³ | Y ³ | Y ³ | Y ³ | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 60 | | 103 | 411 | | 535 | 1,895 | | |
| Arizona | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 11 | 86 | 27 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 364 | | |
| Arkansas | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | 50 | 135 | 38 | 25 | 19 | 6 | 397 | | |
| California | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 21 | 364 | 147 | 206 | 3 | 7 | 1,557 | | |
| Colorado | Y | | | | | | | | | | | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 14 | 120 | 35 | 14 | 42 | 85 | 640 | | |
| Connecticut | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 1 | 1 | 19 | 21 | 1 | 5 | | | |
| Delaware | | Y | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | | Y | Y | | | | 6 | 23 | 8 | 7 | | 2 | 107 | | |
| Florida | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | Y ² | 34 | 318 | 63 | 68 | 31 | 29 | 777 | | |
| Georgia | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 1 | 239 | 35 | 30 | 68 | 42 | 477 | | |
| Hawaii | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 1 | | 11 | | 10 | | 106 | | |
| Idaho | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 27 | 90 | 32 | 39 | 2 | 50 | 347 | | |
| Illinois | Y | Y ¹ | Y ² | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y ³ | Y | | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 43 ⁴ | 143 | 59 | 51 | 19 | 22 | 1,426 | | |
| Indiana | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y ¹ | Y ¹ | | Y | Y | | | Y | 15 | 162 | 56 | 22 | 2 | 7 | 206 | | |
| Iowa | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 11 | 81 | 34 | 32 | 25 | 29 | 260 | | |
| Kansas | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 20 | 67 | 25 | 28 | 38 | 18 | 272 | | |
| Kentucky | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 6 ¹ | 101 | 24 | 16 | 12 | 23 | 303 | | |
| Louisiana | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 42 | 190 | 58 | 63 | 80 | 27 | 834 | | |
| Mass | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 2 | 119 | 23 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 276 | | |
| Maryland | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 2 | 235 ¹ | 22 | | 48 | | 77 | | |
| Massachusetts | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 15 | 15 | 145 | | |
| Michigan | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 | 198 | 71 | 63 | 31 | 76 | 2,264 | | |
| Minnesota | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 14 | 149 | 15 | 120 | 12 | 88 | 342 | | |
| Mississippi | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 18 | 164 | 13 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 426 | | |
| Missouri | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 18 | 176 | 84 | 58 | 31 | 66 | 1,037 | | |
| Montana | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 18 | 80 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 500 | | |
| Nebraska | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 18 | 67 | 23 | 35 | 33 | 13 | 423 | | |
| Nevada | Y | | Y ¹ | Y ¹ | Y ¹ | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | 10 | 25 | 32 | 19 | 8 | 16 | 155 | | |
| New Hampshire | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y ¹ | | | | Y | | | | | 14 | 43 | 6 | 14 | 3 | 6 | 136 | | |
| New Jersey | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 13 | 51 | 26 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 266 | | |
| New Mexico | Y | | Y | Y ¹ | Y ¹ | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y ² | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y ³ | 14 | 62 | 23 | 10 | 9 | 33 | 218 | |
| New York | Y | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | | Y | | | | | 35 ² | 269 ² | 80 | 50 | 60 | 90 | 3,100 | | |
| North Carolina | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y ² | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 219 | 26 | 19 | 44 | 11 | 454 | | |
| North Dakota | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | | | | 2 | 29 | 23 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 103 | | |
| Ohio | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 14 | 157 | 47 | 40 | 10 | 14 | 498 | | |
| Oklahoma | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9 | 108 | 24 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 295 | | |
| Oregon | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 14 | 1 | 62 | 141 | 43 | 133 | 825 | | |
| Pennsylvania (Game) | Y ¹ | | Y ¹ | Y ² | | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 32 | 135 | 11 | | 6 | | 680 | | |
| Pennsylvania (Fish) | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 10 | 81 | | 22 | | 17 | 429 | | |
| Rhode Island | Y | | | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | | Y | Y | 5 | 40 | 8 | 12 | | | 64 | | |
| South Carolina | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y ² | Y ² | Y ³ | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 24 | 216 | 21 | 12 | 48 | 34 | 733 | | |
| South Dakota | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | 33 ² | 52 ³ | 5 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 310 | | |
| Tennessee | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 3 | 155 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 45 | | |
| Texas | | | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | Y ² | Y | Y | | Y | Y ⁴ | Y ⁵ | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 46 | 354 | 60 | 64 | 67 | 107 | 2,036 | | |
| Utah | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y ¹ | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 25 | 73 | 53 | 31 | 5 | 34 | 290 | | |
| Vermont | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y ¹ | Y ¹ | Y ¹ | Y | Y | Y | | | | 9 | 49 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 106 | | |
| Virginia | | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | | | | 8 | 159 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 340 | | |
| Washington | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y ² | Y ² | Y ² | Y ² | Y ² | 19 | 118 | 41 | 33 | 32 | 80 | 517 | | |
| West Virginia | Y | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | | | | 12 | 111 ¹ | 24 | 14 | 41 | 38 | 169 | | |
| Wisconsin | Y ¹ | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 31 | 137 | 78 | 84 | 75 | 170 | 2,600 | | |
| Wyoming | | Y ¹ | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 15 | 75 | 30 | 25 | 7 | 14 | 365 | | |
| TOTAL | Yes | 24 | 15 | 20 | 50 | 47 | 35 | 35 | 15 | 38 | 7 | 9 | 28 | 39 | 38 | 19 | 47 | 45 | 34 | 37 | 29 | | | | | | | |
| | No | 44 | 36 | 31 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 7 | 34 | 1 | 1 | 42 | 23 | 12 | 13 | 32 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 14 | 22 | 898 | 6,153 | 1,807 | 2,091 | 1,023 | 2,033 | 30,440 |

Note: Y - Yes; Blank - No; - - Not applicable or unknown.



ST. MARY INDUSTRIAL GROUP

November 1, 1988

Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Department
Secretary, Virigina Van Sickle
Commissioner of Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries

Dear Secretary Virigina Van Sickle:

I represent the St. Mary Industrial Group of St. Mary Parish. In the past this organization has supported shell dredging in the Atchafalaya Bay. When the shell dredging was performed in the Atchafalaya there were studies made by the U. S. Corp. of Engineers, Wildlife & Fisheries, and the U. S. Wildlife & Fisheries. All of them reported that shell dredging would cause no harm to the fish and wildlife there.

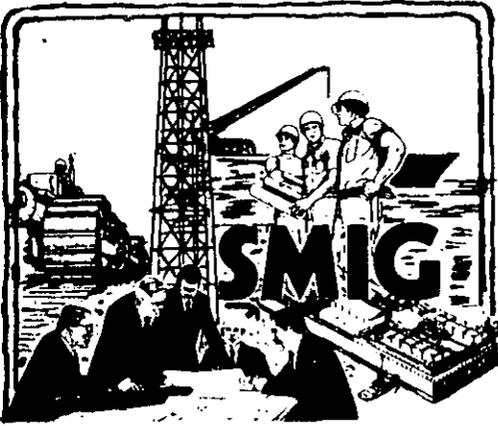
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The St. Mary Industrial Group strongly opposes the shell dredging in Lake Palourde for one reason, there have never been any studies performed to tell if this will harm that area. This is a recreational area, and thus should be studied first to make sure that no harm will be incurred to the Lake Palourde area.

This area had been dredged in 1952 and 1953. If the Lake would have not been dredged then it would still have a solid shell bottom.

In 1982, January 26th, a Mr. T. Guarisco applied for a permit; it was denied.

Lake Palourde is one of the finest recreational areas in the State. The Lake has 25 square miles, with 22 miles of shore line,



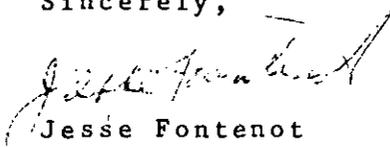
ST. MARY INDUSTRIAL GROUP

2 sides have cypress trees, 1 side has a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of homes, 1 side runs adjacent to Highway 70, Lake End Park is on the edge of Lake Palourde and it has accommodations for 200 RV hookups, in addition the City of Morgan City is building a \$333,000 Marina, \$258,000 for the Breaux-Wallop fund and \$75,000 from the City of Morgan City. Lake Palourde is also a location where Morgan City gets there drinking water.

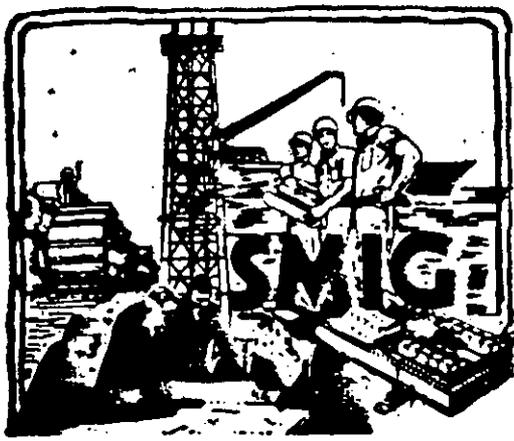
This Lake is used by sportsman and commercial fisherman alike. The national power boat association has had many races on this Lake. Lake Palourde is known as the Billion Dollar Lake.

I am asking this commission not to allow shell dredging in Lake Palourde until a study is performed to see if any harm will be done to the fish and wildlife of this area.

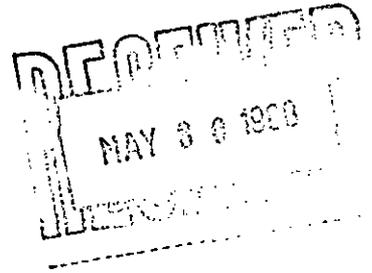
Sincerely,


Jesse Fontenot
Chairman - Wildlife & Fisheries Committee
St. Mary Industrial Group

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ST. MARY INDUSTRIAL GROUP



ORGANIZATION OBJECTIVES

SMIG is a non-profit organization of business and industry incorporated in 1975. The organization functions primarily as a political action group, focusing its efforts on community needs in the area of industrial, economic, and employee/employer concerns of the Tri-City Area.

SMIG's objectives are:

- Promoting a better understanding of problems affecting business and industry.

- Encouraging the application of scientific methods to the problems of business and industry.

- Rendering service to the community on industrial relations matters.

- Joining and supporting allied associations whose goals are generally consistent with those of SMIG.

Members meet on the first Monday of the month at a luncheon which features a guest speaker chosen from state and national political and industrial leaders.

The St. Mary Industrial Group is involved in a wide range of activities. The organization was instrumental in clearing obstacles for the issuing of the permit for Hwy 90, and continues to apply pressure toward its ultimate completion. Twenty members of the group accompanied several local officials to Washington to successfully get funds re-appropriated for the Bouef-Black-Chene channel after they were cut from the budget by the President. SMIG has delivered thousands of postcards voicing opposition to a variety of bills that would have negative impacts on the business climate of the area. The organization has been supportive of state legislative efforts regarding Workers' Compensation, 3rd Party Tort, and Right-To-Work legislation. Locally SMIG has voiced opinions against hazardous waste storage in the parish and the Lake Verret Watershed Project. SMIG provides ongoing monitoring of channel conditions through its Fish and Wildlife Committee. The committee after many years of work was recently successful in getting the channel more adequately marked, thus enhancing safety conditions for marine traffic. The group was instrumental in having a flood insurance survey conducted by FEMA for the purpose of reducing building restrictions. Other committees have directed efforts to the Atchafalaya Basin with particular respect to channel dredging and flood control. SMIG provides an annual \$4000 scholarship to a high school graduate in the Tri-City Area who has exhibited academic and overall excellence in accomplishment. The organization was a primary agent in the structuring of the relationship between the Chamber of Commerce and the Port Commission with particular respect to financial interaction. In addition, members of the SMIG Board of Directors assist the Chamber during its annual membership drive.

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East St. Mary Area CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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November 2, 1988

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Secretary, Virginia Van Sickle
Commissioner of Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries

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I have been informed that a gentleman is petitioning the commission of Wildlife & Fisheries to reopen Lake Palourde for shell dredging.

The Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes the shell dredging in Lake Palourde for one reason; to our knowledge, there have never been any studies performed to tell if this will harm that area. This is an important recreational area, thus should be studied first to make sure that no harm will be caused to Lake Palourde if dredging is permitted.

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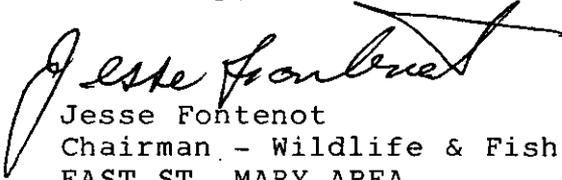
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

In representing the Chamber of Commerce, we are asking this commission to pass a resolution closing Lake Palourde to shell dredging until a thorough study has been completed as to whether shell dredging will have any negative effects on the lake and the area surrounding it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Fontenot". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jesse Fontenot
Chairman - Wildlife & Fisheries Committee
EAST ST. MARY AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JJF/pm

OCTOBER 1988 CASE REPORT

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-64

ENFORCEMENT-62

OTHER -2

6-Boating

2-Angle Without a License (Resident or Non-Resident)

6-Take Undersize Black Bass

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

1-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License

1-Netting In Closed Area

1-Use Illegal Nets

1-Take or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

2-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

1-Blocking Passage of Fish

12-Hunting Without Resident License

2-Hunting With Unplugged Gun or Silencer

14-Buying And/Or Selling Wild Quadrupeds or Wild Birds

1-Harassment Of Persons Lawfully Hunting

1-Take And/Or Possess Overlimit of Squirrel

1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License

1-Hunt or Take Deer Or Bear Closed Season

1-Take Or Hunt Deer Or Bear With Illegal Weapon

1-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Game

1-Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA

2-Resisting Arrest

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REGION 1 CONT'D.

- 1-Aggravated Assault On A Officer
- 1-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road
- 1-Operate ATV On Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

1 shotgun, 10 squirrels, 1 rifle, 9 packs of deer meat, 11 black bass, 17 red fish.

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-44

ENFORCEMENT-44
OTHER - 0

- 3-Boating
- 3-Angle Without a License (Resident or Non-Resident)
- 4-Hunting Without Resident License
- 1-Hunting Without Non-Resident License
- 3-Possession Of Live, Wild Quadrupeds, Wild Birds Without Permit (Except Deer)
- 2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear Turkey)
- 3-Hunt Or Discharge Firearms From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way
- 1-Hunt Without Non-Resident Big Game License
- 4-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours
- 1-Hunt Migratory Game Birds With Unplugged Gun
- 2-Hunting Ducks Closed Season
- 1-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds (No Season)
- 2-Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

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REGION 2 CONT'D.

2-DWI

1-Littering

9-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries

1-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

1 woodpecker, 7 ducks, 1- 1979 Pontiac, 1 shotgun, 1 bag marijuana.

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-62

ENFORCEMENT- 58
OTHER - 4

9-Boating

10-Angle Without a License (Resident or Non-Resident)

4-Fish Without Resident Pole License

2-Take Game Fish Illegally

3-Take Undersize Black Bass

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
(Resident or Non-Resident)

1-Possess Exotic Fish

2-Use Illegal Nets

3-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft

5-Hunt With Unplugged Gun Or Silencer

2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear
Or Turkey)

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

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REGION 3 CONT'D.

- 2-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours
- 1-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Closed Season
- 1-Pelting In Closed Season
- 1-Hunting Ducks Closed Season
- 4-Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
- 1-Resisting Arrest
- 1-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
- 1-DWI
- 1-Simple Assault Of An Officer
- 1-Theft Of Livestock
- 2-Criminal Trespass

CONFISCATIONS:

18 white perch, 1-2 inch gill net, 1-3 inch gill net, 6 bass, 2 wood ducks, 1-2 inch gill webbing, 1 squirrel, 1 shotgun, 1 pistol, 2 bow and arrow, 5 arrows, 1 fox hide, 1 otter hide, 2 yearling cows.

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-41

ENFORCEMENT-27
OTHER -14

- 3-Boating
- 8-Angle Without a License (Resident-or Non-Resident)
- 1-Fish Without Resident Pole License
- 1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License (Resident Or Non-Resident)
- 2-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
- 1-Buying And/Or Selling Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds (Except Deer)

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REGION 4 CONT'D.

- 2-Take And/Or Possess Over Limit Of Squirrels
- 3-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
- 2-Possession Of Pods While Bow Hunting
- 4-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Meat
- 1-Hunt Turkey Closed Season
- 12-Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

1 turkey, 23 squirrels.

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-81

ENFORCEMENT-44
OTHER -37

- 8-Boating
- 15-Angling Without A License
- 2-Angling Without Saltwater License
- 3-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum Or Spotted Sea Trout
- 4-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial Gear License
- 2-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License
- 3-Sell And Or Buy Fish Without Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
(Resident Or Non-Resident)
- 1-Failure To Maintain Records
- 1-Transport Without Required License (Resident Or Non-Resident)
- 1-Leave Nets Unattended
- 1-Buy Commercial Fish From Un-License Fisherman
- 3-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

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REGION 5 CONT'D.

- 2-Hunting Without Resident License
- 4-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 3-Hunting With Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 3-Buying And/Or Selling Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds (Except Deer)
- 5-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear, Turkey)
- 3-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of- Way
- 1-Take And Or Possess Over limit Of Squirrel
- 2-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Game
- 1-Possess FBA Without License
- 1-Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal
- 6-Hunting Migratory Game Birds Over Baited Area
- 2-Field Possession Of Freshly Killed Migratory Game Birds (Closed Season)
- 3-Littering
- 1-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS

1 snipe, 28 doves, 3 red fish, 14 squirrels, 1 deer, 248 lbs. shrimp.

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-236

ENFORCEMENT-212
OTHER - 24

- 53-Boating
- 28-Angle W/O A License (Resident or Non-Resident)
- 8-Angling Without Saltwater License (Resident or Non-Resident)
- 1-Fish In Closed Area
- 3-Possess Over limit of Spotted Sea Trout or Red Drum

REGION 6 CONT'D.

- 32-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum Or Spotted Sea Trout
- 5-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without Commercial License
- 5-Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License
- 6-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License
- 1-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish
- 7-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp
- 1-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off Of A Private Lease
- 19-Hunting W/O Resident License
- 1-Possess Wild Birds Or Quadrapeds Without A License
- 3-Hunting From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 2-Hunting With Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 6-Buying And Or Selling Wild Quadrapeds Or Wild Birds (Except Deer)
- 2-Hunting Wild Quadrapeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except Deer, Bear Or Turkey)
- 1-Take Rabbits Illegal Method
- 1-Hunt Without Resident Big Game License
- 1-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Closed Season
- 1-Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours
- 1-Take Deer Illegal Means During Bow Season
- 1-Take Or Hunt Deer Or Bear With Illegal Weapon
- 3-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Game
- 1-Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
- 6-Take Over Limit Of Raccoons Or Opossums
- 5-Pelting In Closed Season
- 1-Hunting Migratory Game Birds With Unplugged Gun

REGION 6 CONT'D.

17-Hunting Migratory Game Birds Over Baited Area

2-Hunting Doves Closed Season

9-Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA

3-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

51 red drum, 7 squirrel, 18 raccoons, 1 rabbit, 38 doves, 1 pigeon, 1 deer, 192 lbs. shrimp, 1 rifle, 1 shotgun, 1-3 wheeler, 1 ice chest, 13 crab traps, 2 baskets of shrimp, 1 canoe.

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-105

ENFORCEMENT- 99
OTHER - 6

9-Boating

8-Fish W/O License

1-Fishing W/O A Saltwater License

1-Trawl W/O Commercial Fisherman License

1-Take Crabs W/O Commercial License

1-No Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

2-Leave Nets Unattended

18-Hunt W/O Basic License

14-Hunt With Unplugged Gun

3-Hunt From Public Road

1-Possess Of Gun While Bow Hunting

1-Hunting W/O Big Game License

3-Take Deer Illegal Means

REGION 7 CONT'D.

- 4-Hunt Deer Closed Area
- 2-Take Illegal Deer Open Season
- 1-Sell Non-Game Quadrupeds Closed Season
- 2-Failure To Tag Alligator Upon Taking
- 2-Hunt Alligators At Night With Firearm
- 1-Possession Wood Ducks C/S
- 2-Hunting With Unplugged Gun (Migratory Birds)
- 4-Take Doves With The Aid of Bait
- 8-Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations WMA
- 2-Hunt Too Close To Residence (Parish Ordinance)
- 1-Littering
- 6-Trespass (Parish Ordinance)
- 5-Trespass
- 2-Resist Arrest

CONFISCATIONS:

9 shotguns, 1 rifle, 3 ducks, 28 doves, 7 squirrels, 58 raccoons, 4 deer, 2 dead alligators, 3 live alligators, 5 alligator tags, 2 alligator license.

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-541

ENFORCEMENT-349
OTHER -192

- 61-Boating
 - 1-Allow Another To Use Recreational License
- 83-Angling W/O A License (Resident Or Non-Resident)
 - 1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License
- 50-Angle W/O Saltwater License (Resident Or Non-Resident)

REGION 8 CONT'D.

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

3-Possess O/L Of Red Drum In Excess Of 30 Inches

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

6-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

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

24-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

12-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License

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

(Resident Or Non-Resident)

1-Transport Without Required License (Resident Or Non-Resident)

4-Use Illegal Nets

3-Leave Nets Unattended

10-Take Or Possess Undersize Commercial Fish

1-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

3-Blocking Passage Of Fish

1-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

3-Fail To Comply With Closure Order (Red Drum)

2-Fail To Mark Floats

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

6-Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp

4-Failure To Have Written Permission

7-Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms

6-Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)

3-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off Of A Private Lease

1-Fail To Have Typed Instruction Aboard Vessel

REGION 8 CONT'D.

- 8-Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
- 2-Take Oysters Illegal Hours
- 1-Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
- 2-Possession Of Untagged Oysters
- 12-Hunting Without Resident License
- 5-Hunting From A Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
- 6-Hunting With Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
- 14-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours (Except deer, bear and turkey)
- 3-Hunt Or Discharge Firearm From Road Or Highway Right-Of-Way
- 2-Hunting Migratory Game Birds Illegal Hours
- 24-Hunting Migratory Game Birds Over Baited Area
- 3-Hunting Migratory Game Birds From A Vehicle
- 1-Field Possession Of Freshly Killed Migratory Game Birds Closed Season
- 1-Hunting Doves Closed Season
- 1-Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
- 1-Littering
- 4-Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS

473 redbfish, 256 speckled trout, 546 lbs. filet redbfish, 9 gill nets, 31 trawls, 9 rabbits, 1 squirrel, 37 doves, 146 sacks of oysters, 3 dredges, 319 lbs. shrimp, 24 guns, 1 bass, 30 boxes crabs, 2 boats, 1 butterfly net, 2 cast nets, 1 pompano, Unknown quantity of marijuana and paraphernalia (turned over to Sheriff Office).

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S.W.E.P.

DELTA TIDE

ENGINE HOURS 155 HOURS

TOTAL CASES: 37

BOATS CHECKED: 178

9-No Commercial License

11-No Gear License

5-Taking Undersize Shrimp

4-No Vessel License

4-4 Rigging in 2 rig Zone

4-Pulling Oversize Trawls

CONFISCATIONS

Seized 8 Trawls, 2500 lbs. shrimp, 1-44 foot boat-Released after arrest

NOTE: RIP TIDE IN REPAIR

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| <u>TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P.</u> | <u>37</u> |
| <u>TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT</u> | <u>1244</u> |
| <u>TOTAL CASES OTHER DIVISIONS</u> | <u>279</u> |
| <u>GRAND TOTAL</u> | <u>1560</u> |

OPERATION GAME THIEF

STATEWIDE

October, 1988

During the month of October, 17 OGT Calls, 5 cases resulted from the calls in which 14 people were given 16 citations.

800 Line-331 calls on the 800 Line. Of these, 6 cases resulted in which 9 people were given 14 citations.

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LOUISIANA OPERATION GAME THIEF, INC.

Schedule of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
from January 1, 1988 to September 30, 1988

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand, December 31, 1987 | | \$20,460.07 |
| Cash donations received: | | |
| Contributions & associate memberships | \$7,493.57 | |
| Special fundraisers - raffle | \$1,560.00 | |
| | ----- | \$9,053.57 |
| Interest earned - insured money fund | | \$972.29 |
| Rewards: | | |
| Rewards paid February 15, 1988 by check (1) | | (\$3,500.00) |
| Rewards paid May 2, 1988 by check (2) | | (\$1,300.00) |
| Rewards paid August 15, 1988 by check | | (\$1,050.00) |
| Expenses: | | |
| Bank service & check printing charges | | (\$49.64) |
| Data services - mailing lists | | (\$159.13) |
| Purchase of caps | | (\$332.34) |
| Artwork | | (\$250.00) |
| | | ----- |
| Cash on hand at September 30, 1988 | | \$23,844.82 |
| | | ===== |
| Cash available at September 30, 1988 | | |
| consists of: | | |
| LBT checking | | \$158.00 |
| LBT investment (3) | | \$23,686.82 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$23,844.82 |
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- (1) Includes \$300 funded by Wild Turkey Federation which is included in Contributions above.
- (2) Includes \$150 funded by Wild Turkey Federation which is included in Contributions above.
- (3) Current interest rate is 6.6%

LIST OF CASES MADE

OCTOBER 7-18, 1988

MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN, MICHIGAN, OHIO

MINNESOTA - A state and federal road block netted 21 arrests for offenses which included overbag of waterfowl, possession of turkey during closed season and drugs and narcotics.

WISCONSIN - 30 subjects cited were cited for offenses which included overbag of waterfowl, unplugged gun, hunting migratory game birds illegal hours, no stamp, and using lead shot in steel shot zone.

A three day roadblock netted 23 violators, 11 federal and 12 state.

Game seized included 55 ducks, 23 geese, 38 grouse, 4 bald eagle feathers, and over 100 Walleye (Game Fish)

Five people were cited for overlimit of waterfowl.

OHIO - 8 cases were made which included unsigned duck stamp, possession overlimit of ducks, no license, no federal stamp or state stamp, gift of untagged geese, hunt with unplugged gun and using lead shot.

MICHIGAN - 15 people were cited for overlimit of waterfowl. In one case two people were arrested overlimit with 18 ducks.

OPERATION GAME THIEF

24 HOUR 800 LINE

COMPLAINT ROUTING PROCEDURE, AGENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND SYSTEM EVALUATION.

The normal procedure for the routing of complaints received by the Communications Section begins with all pertinent information taken by the Communication Operator. The telephone conversation is recorded on tape on the Communications tape recorder. The operator then contacts the nearest agent and relays the information to him. The time the call is taken and the time the agent is contacted are recorded. Should the operator be unable to contact the nearest agent, he then attempts to contact the next nearest agent, the District Captain, or the Region Office to relay the information, in that order.

Whenever the agent receives the information he is responsible for investigating that complaint. Upon completion of his investigation, he either contacts the Communications Section by phone or mails a case disposition form. In either case he must respond within 48 hours of receiving the complaint. The agent provides evaluation of whether the information is valid or unfounded. He may also comment on a recommended course of action, should further investigation be required.

This is a basic step by step outline of the procedure for handling OGT-800 Line calls. Obviously there are situations when it is necessary to deviate from these guidelines. Common situations such as no agent on duty, complaints in remote areas requiring extensive travel time, boat travel, and inclement weather often arise. At these times several hours or even days may lapse before the area of complaint is checked. These situations often arise with remote area patrol and during heavy activity periods. At these times many complaints are being filed and the agents are already involved in a case and are simply not able to drop their present situation and move to another.

Another problem with the OGT-800 system is a disturbing percentage of the calls received are of little value to the Law Enforcement effort. Many callers do not provide enough information, wait too long after a violation to report it, or simply use the 800 system as a critique line.

Many times false information is provided in an attempt to get agents to patrol areas in which the caller has a personal interest, such as private hunting leases or "no trespass" areas. Some callers will contact the 800 system after reporting a complaint to an agent on a local level. When the agent is unable to make an immediate arrest, as the complainant often thinks he should, he becomes frustrated and calls the OGT-800 Line in a attempt to go over the agent's head. This simply results in duplication of information, since the agent already has the information.

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Many calls are made by people who have discovered evidence of a violation. An example is someone finding the remains of a poached deer and reporting it. The caller's intentions are good, however the violators are long gone and the trail is cold.

The system is, we believe, the best suited for our needs. No doubt, the percentage of calls which result in arrest is low. The percentage drops during slow activity periods, such as late summer. The percentage of arrest rises considerably during the hunting season. This rise and fall is repeated yearly.

We have contacted other states that have similar systems and found that nationwide the average of calls which result in arrest ranges in the area of 12%. Louisiana's system has at times ranged up to 15%. This comparison indicates that we are probably doing as well as can reasonably be expected while continuing to seek ways to improve the system.

OPERATION GAME THIEF CASE DISPOSITION FORM
(48 HOUR REPORT)

Region No.: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Name of Agent: _____

Operation Game Thief Case No. _____

Communications Center Time-Date Code No. _____

Check Appropriate Spaces Below:

Complaint Investigated, No Case Made _____

Complaint Investigated, Case Made _____

Citations Issued (No. of Citations Issued and for what Offenses)

No. of Subjects Cited or Arrested _____

Game or Equipment Seized _____

Information Valid, more time required to investigate, or

Work Complaint _____

Unfounded _____

Comments _____

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(Denied 11/3/88)
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Winton approved 11-3
4. Operation Game Thief Report
Keith Falge approved 11-3
5. Rules/Regulations At Rockefeller-Justification for Closure of Refuge on October 15 rather than December 1 - *Johnnie & Ted Joannou - Resolution*
- ⑤ 6. *Petition to open Lake Palourde - denied 11-3*
6. Update on Waterfowl Season - *butch approved 11-3*
7. ~~Spotted Seatrout Information Report - Phil - zero~~
slide series
8. ~~Petition to Open Lake Palourde for Shell dredging~~
denied 11-3
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Approved 11-3
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cc: Don Puckett
Kell McInnis
Bettsie Baker

none

Bettsie

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*Open 10/25
Hold for
later
meeting*

*① Alligator mgmt, research, monitoring, etc costs
discussion
(we will still begin work on Thursday)
② Rules/Regs @ Rockefeller - justification for closure of
refuge from Dec 1 to Oct 15*

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Comments

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① Spotted SEATROUT informational Report

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Nothing this month - Bob Dennis 10/17/88

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No items. - Don Puckett

Winton

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*(1) Env. Case Report
(2) O.D.T. Report*

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cc: Don Puckett
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Dear Paula:
I have nothing on the agenda
for the Ouland Fest Division.
I want you!

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Assistant Secretary and Division Chiefs
FROM: Virginia Van Sickle *VVS*
RE: Commission Meeting Agenda - November 3-4, 1988

act. Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to me by Wednesday ~~September~~ 26th any agenda items your division may have for the meeting in Baton Rouge at Quail Drive on November 3-4, 1988. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo to me and indicate this on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
October 24, 1988

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**COASTAL & MARINE RESOURCES
SURVEY SECTION
03 - 04
ACTIVITY REPORT**

From September 26, 1988 thru October 21, 1988

During this period field activity consisted of:

187 Surveys that were scheduled.
57 Surveys that were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.

Surveys that were completed consisted of:

56 Leases that were tied into the monument control system.
10 Applications for new area.
54 15-year limitations.
5 Restake applications.

Total field activity:

| <u>1988</u> | <u>1987</u> | <u>1988</u> | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| <u>1416</u> | <u>1135</u> | <u>1382</u> | - Surveys scheduled. |
| <u>1079</u> | <u>618</u> | <u>889</u> | - Surveys performed. |
| <u>308</u> | <u>514</u> | <u>472</u> | - Surveys unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. |
| <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | - Survey where fishermen refused to survey. |
| <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | - Disputes settled. |
| <u>24</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>21</u> | - No shows. |
| <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | - Applications cancelled by request. |

Office activity during this period:

\$ 548.78 - Lease rental collected.
32,128.00 - Survey fees collected.
82 - Applications filed.
14 - New leases issued.
4 - Surveys - Private Surveyor
80 - Surveys - Private Surveyor, 1988

