

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 7, 1984

GEORGE N. GRAY

CHAIRMAN

New Orleans, Louisiana

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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Vice-Chairman Wayne Ducote, presiding:

Members present:

Dr. Jack Cappel
Mr. Lyle Crain
Mr. James Farrelly
Mr. Dale Vinet

Secretary J. Burton Angelle was present.

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Wayne Ducote, on Tuesday, August 7, 1984 at 10:00 AM at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans. He also announced his resignation from the Commission at this time.

A roll call was taken.

The invocation was offered by Dr. Jack Cappel.

A motion was made by Mr. Farrelly, seconded by Dr. Cappel, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of July 10, 1984.

Ray Montet gave the monthly enforcement report for the month of June.

Harry Schafer presented the Survey Section Report for the period of July 2-July 26, 1984. During that period, field activity consisted of 64 surveys scheduled, 49 of which were surveyed. Fifteen applications were unable to be surveyed due to bad weather or low tide. Five applicants failed to appear for survey.

Regarding the reconsideration of opening sacking and seeding oyster season on Sister Lake, Harry Schafer stated that the recommendation would stand as it was passed at the last meeting.

Prentiss Cox, Attorney from Terrebonne Parish, spoke and asked for reconsideration of the rule of July 10th meeting. Wilson Voisin, Jr., President of Oyster Dealers Association of Terrebonne spoke in favor of continuing the rule adopted on July 10th. Sherry Scott of Terrebonne Parish spoke in favor of continuing the rule. Ralph Pausina, President of Louisiana Oysters Dealers Association asked for clarification of ruling. No action was taken.

Johnnie Tarver presented information for a boat ramp to be constructed on a small St. Tammany Parish refuge that borders on Lake Pontchartrain in the vicinity of Goose Point. Mr. C. J. Dunaway, Police Jury member, recommended that the boat ramp and parking area be built. He asked for concurrence by the board. A motion was made by Dr. Cappel, seconded by Mr. Farrelly, and passed unanimously.

Johnnie Tarver presented a resolution to set the 1984-85 trapping season. A motion was made by Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Vinet, and passed unanimously, to approve these dates.

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

WHEREAS, The fur industry of Louisiana represents a major resource of economy and income for many of the citizens of our State; and
WHEREAS, This resource is a renewable natural one, which has proven under wise management to increase in importance in our state; and
WHEREAS, An annual harvest of the surplus animals is in keeping with wise wildlife management techniques based on scientific management; and
WHEREAS, Fur prices were depressed for a third year during the 1983-84 trapping season as a result of the world economic situation; and
WHEREAS, This depressed price level dramatically reduced trapping effort in upland and coastal areas resulting in a low harvest; and
WHEREAS, Federal restrictions imposed by the CITES Scientific Authority concerning out-of-state shipment for otter and bobcat furs will again require placement of a possession tag by trappers or buyers to insure state origin; and
WHEREAS, The zonation concept has continued to be beneficial in reducing late caught unprime furs and has produced mainly favorable comments generated within the fur industry; now,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the 1984-85 furbearers trapping season for the northern zone as being November 20, 1984 through February 15, 1985 and the southern zone as being December 1, 1984 through February 28, 1985, and sets a bag limit for daytime and nighttime raccoon and opossum hunting outside the trapping season of one raccoon and/or opossum per hunter per day or night; now
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the attached regulations governing the buying, tagging and shipment of bobcat and otter pelts are adopted for the 1984-85 trapping season.

Joe Herring presented a resolution to ratify the dove and other migratory species seasons except waterfowl. He stated that we have now received the framework, dates, rules and regulations

from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It corresponds with and falls within the dates as tentatively set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July, 1984 meeting. With this he recommended that the Commission ratify the seasons as set. (Copy attached). A motion was made by Mr. Vinet, seconded by Dr. Cappel, and passed unanimously, to ratify these seasons.

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

WHEREAS, personnel of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries attended the hearings in Washington, D. C. on Mourning Doves and Migratory Species Other Than Waterfowl, and WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular July, 1984 meeting tentatively set the 1984-85 Mourning Doves and Migratory Species other than Waterfowl, upon recommendation of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries personnel who attended the Washington meeting, and WHEREAS, the dates, framework, shooting hours, bag limits, etc. were as set forth in the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommendations when received the latter part of July, now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on this date, August 7, 1984, ratify and adopt the Mourning Doves and Migratory Species other than Waterfowl as set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its July, 1984 meeting for the 1984-85 hunting seasons.

Joc Herring also mentioned that Information and Education Division had the pocket size hunting pamphlets.

The location of the November meeting will be Baton Rouge on the 12th and 13th unless the 12th is a holiday, then the meeting will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th and 14th.

Mr. Angelle stated that there is a need for a special meeting to be held in August to set the waterfowl season. The meeting is to be held in Lafayette on August 21st at 7:00 PM.

Corky Perret gave an update on the shrimp season. He stated that Zones 2 and 3 began getting white shrimp in large numbers and higher than last year.

Frank Campo spoke and asked for the Breton Sound to be reopened.

Dr. Cappel said he had several requests from people who asked whether we had studies on restricting nets and creel limits. Corky Perret said Gerald Adkins is conducting studies and has responded to all the letters received. Civil Service has given approval and they are now trying to fill positions for the new Task Force.

A motion was made by Mr. Farrelly, seconded by Mr. Crain to adjourn the meeting.

BOBCAT AND OTTER TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

In order to obtain federal approval to export bobcat and otter out of the United States, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is required to insure that only Louisiana trapped otter and bobcat are tagged with Louisiana export tags.

In order to accomplish this, a special possession tag will be made available to fur buyers.

A blue tag for otter and a red tag for bobcat must be filled out by the trapper at the time the pelt is sold.

The information required includes trapper name, trapper license number, parish caught in and date trapped.

No bobcat or otter pelt shall be purchased from a trapper or be in the possession of a fur buyer without a possession tag.

Dealers shall not purchase bobcat or otter pelts without a possession tag attached.

No bobcat or otter pelt shall be shipped from the state without an export tag attached.

Dealers will obtain export tags for bobcat and otter by providing to the Department one completed possession tag for each pelt to be shipped from the state.

It shall be illegal to falsify possession tags or attach Louisiana export tags to out-of-state bobcat or otter pelts.

Once possession tags have been received and counted by Department personnel, export tags will be mailed immediately.

Trappers shipping bobcat or otter out of state must provide completed possession tags to the Department in order to receive export tags.

(1) DOVES: FRAMEWORK - SEPT. 1-JAN. 15 (3-WAY SPLIT PERMITTED).

	<u>BAG</u>	<u>POSSESSION</u>
<u>NORTH ZONE</u>		
SEPT. 1-9 (9 DAYS)	15	30
OCT. 13-NOV. 4 (23 DAYS)	15	30
DEC. 8-JAN. 4 (28 DAYS)	15	30
TOTAL: <u>60 DAYS</u>		

<u>SOUTH ZONE</u>		
OCT. 13-NOV. 18 (37 DAYS)	15	30
DEC. 8-30 (23 DAYS)	15	30
TOTAL: <u>60 DAYS</u>		

(2) RAILS: FRAMEWORK - SEPT. 1-JAN. 20 (2-WAY SPLIT PERMITTED).

SEPT. 22-30 (9 DAYS)	15	30
NOV. 3-JAN. 2 (61 DAYS)	15	30
TOTAL: <u>70 DAYS</u>		

(3) GALLINULES: FRAMEWORK - SEPT. 1-JAN. 20 (2-WAY SPLIT PERMITTED).

SEPT. 22-30 (9 DAYS)	15	30
NOV. 3-JAN. 2 (61 DAYS)	15	30
TOTAL: <u>70 DAYS</u>		

(4) SNIPE: FRAMEWORK - SEPT. 1-FEB. 28 (2-WAY SPLIT PERMITTED).

NOV. 3-FEB. 17 (107 DAYS)	8	16
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(5) WOODCOCK: FRAMEWORK - SEPT. 1-FEB. 28 (2-WAY SPLIT PERMITTED).

DEC. 8-FEB. 10 (65 DAYS)	5	10
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(5) TEAL: FRAMEWORK - SEPT. 1-30 (NO SPLIT PERMITTED).

SEPT. 22-30 (9 DAYS)	4	8
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SHOOTING HOURS:

DOVES: 12:00 NOON TO SUNSET

RAILS, GALLINULES, SNIPE AND WOODCOCK: 1/2 HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE TO SUNSET.

SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON: SUNRISE TO SUNSET