

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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Chairman Jack Cappel, presiding:

Members Present:

Mr. George Gray
Dr. Don Hines
Mr. Mark Roberts
Mr. Dale Vinet

Mr. J. Burton Angelle was also present.

The minutes of the meeting of November 8, 1985 were approved.

At Thursday's meeting Harry Schafer gave the Survey Report. During the period of November 1-30, 1985 78 surveys were scheduled, 50 were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. Lease rental collected was \$12,845.36, survey fees collected were \$5,479.75 and 27 new leases were issued.

Corky Perret presented a resolution to close the shrimp season. This was passed unanimously.

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

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497A provides for a closed shrimp season in Louisiana offshore territorial waters, and

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WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497A also states this closed season cannot last more than 60 days,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission sets the 1986 closure for the shrimp season in Louisiana's offshore waters to run from 12:01 AM on January 15 through 12:00 (midnight) on March 15.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This closure shall extend to all of Louisiana's statutorily defined territorial offshore waters as shown on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) 1:80,000 scale navigation charts.

Ray Montet presented the Enforcement Report at Thursday's meeting for the month of October, 1985.

The Commission voted not to concur with the Terrebonne Parish Ordinance concerning alligator preserves. Dr. Hines stated that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission not concur with Terrebonne Parish Council Ordinance #3701 which creates an alligator preserve on Minor's Canal because:

1. This action will set a precedent that will create future problems for this department.
2. This regulation is probably unnecessary since we have assurances from the property owners adjacent to Minor's Canal that they will restrict alligator harvesting in this area through their leasing mechanism.

The Commission also voted not to change any existing rules or regulations with regard to veterans having preference for alligator farming.

Bennie Fontenot presented a resolution to the Commission concerning special commercial fishing season on Lake Bruin. The ratification of this rule was passed unanimously.

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

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes a special 71 day commercial fishing season allowing the use of nets in Lake Bruin, Tensas Parish, Louisiana, for the period beginning at sunrise December 20, 1985 and to close at sunset February 28, 1986.

The use of nets in Lake Bruin will be limited to:

Freshwater gill nets and trammel nets greater than or having at least a minimum mesh of 3 1/2" bar and 7" stretched.

Freshwater fish seines greater than or having at least a minimum mesh of 2" bar or 4" stretched.

Commercial fishermen will be required to obtain a special permit from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to fish with nets in Lake Bruin during this special season and will also submit a monthly catch report to the Department.

Net fishing will be permitted during daylight hours only, except that trammel and gill nets can remain set overnight but fish captured may be removed during daylight hours only.

The Commission voted to approve authorization of the rules promulgated to allow raising and selling of gamefish fingerlings for stocking private ponds in Louisiana as authorized by Act 402 of the Louisiana Legislature 1985. Bennie Fontenot presented a Notice of Intent.

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

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission advertises its intent to promulgate and enact rules, as authorized by Act 402 of the 1985 Louisiana Legislature, that will allow a Louisiana residents to raise and sell freshwater gamefish fingerlings for stocking private waters. The proposed rules are as follow:

1. The proposed hatchery site must be first inspected by a fish biologist employed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. An administrative fee of \$50.00 payable by certified check, must accompany the permit application to qualify for inspection.
2. A fish farmer raising and selling gamefish must obtain an annual fish farmers certificate (license) at a cost of \$15.00.
3. Gamefish sold from an approved gamefish farm shall not exceed a total length of three (3) inches.
4. The sale of fingerling gamefish obtained from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is prohibited.
5. A fish farmer raising and selling gamefish must maintain a record of all sales and shipments of fish and these records must be open for inspection by designated employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
6. Gamefish farmers transporting gamefish fingerlings for sale must notify the Enforcement Division forty-eight (48) hours prior to shipment and must possess a bill of lading which shall accompany each shipment showing species of fish contained in the shipment, number, the origin of the payload, destination of the shipment, the name of the cosignee and cosignor, and the grower's name and fish farmer's license number.
7. All trucks transporting gamefish fingerlings for sale must have the words "GAMEFISH FARMER" prominently displayed with a minimum of three (3) inch block letters.
8. Fish farmers holding permits are not granted any fishing privileges greater than those stated in Title 56 of the

Louisiana Revised Statutes and must abide by all statutes pertaining to domestic fish farming.

9. Permits will be valid for one (1) calendar year.
10. The Secretary may revoke any or all permits issued for the raising and selling of gamefish fingerlings at any time.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rules until 4:30 PM, Tuesday, February 4, 1986, at the following address: Mr. J. Burton Angelle, Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 15570, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895.

Bob Beter gave the Wildlife Management Report for District VIII at Thursday's meeting.

A hunting season update on waterfowl and deer was presented by the Game Division on Thursday.

The date for the April meeting was set for Thursday and Friday, April 3-4, 1986 in Baton Rouge.

The Commission set the dates for the May meeting also. The meeting will be in New Orleans on Thursday and Friday, May 1-2, 1986. The shrimp hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM May 1st.