

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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P R O C E E D I N G S

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 1, 1975

10:00 o'clock a.m.

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. . . . The regular monthly Board meeting of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was held on Tuesday, July 1, 1975, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Harvey Clay Luttrell, Chairman, presiding. . . .

PRESENT WERE:

HARVEY CLAY LUTTRELL, Chairman

MARC DUPUY, JR., Member

JERRY JONES, Member

JEAN LAPEYRE, Member

JIMMIE THOMPSON, Member

DONALD WILLE, Member

J. BURTON ANGELLE, Director

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A G E N D A

1. Approval of minutes of April 18 and April 29, (6)
1975.

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

2. Request for a permit to remove fill material (7)
from Red River in the vicinity of
Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana



by H & H Contracting Company, Inc.

3. Request for renewal of T. L. James and Company permit covering removal of fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 108 AHP along the left bank between Levee Stations 6348 and 6415 near Harahan, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. (8)
 4. Request from W. T. Burton Company, Inc., for renewal of permit to dredge clam and reef shell from Sabine Lake, effective August 1, 1975. (10)
 5. Request from A. Giambelluca Construction, Inc., for a permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, at approximately Mile Post 124.65 at Hahnville, St. Charles Parish. (12)
- MR. ALLAN ENSMINGER
6. Request from Koch Oil Company for right-of-way to install gas line across portion of Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area. (16)
 7. Request from Superior Oil Company to construct (18)



- an access canal to service State Lease 6403, Well No. 1, Rockefeller Refuge.
8. Request from Pennzoil Producing Company to install an access canal on State Lease 2340, Well No. 16, Rockefeller Refuge. (20)
9. Request from C. Glockner for salt water line on St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge. (23)

MR. KENNETH SMITH

10. Discussion of boat ramp funding on Lake Bistineau. (31)
11. Acceptance of bid on Lake Bistineau Channel Markers. (33)
12. Discussion of regulations for Lake Bistineau. (34)

MR. RICHARD YANCEY

13. Additional payment to Ducks Unlimited - \$25,000. (38)
14. Discussion of waterfowl survey in Canada. (40)
15. Consider purchase of Grassy Lake property, 12,000 acres in Avoyelles Parish. (43)
16. Designate name for Schleder Tract. (59)

MR. TED O'NEIL

17. Setting the 1975-76 trapping season. (62)

MR. JOE HERRING



18. Extension of Corps of Engineers boring agreement. (107)
19. Lease agreement on 40 acres of land from Cities Service pertaining to Georgia Pacific Wildlife Management Area. (109)
20. Red River Waterway Commission revetment work on Red River Wildlife Management Area. (112)
21. Setting of 1975-76 hunting seasons and bag limits. (166)

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22. Ms. Doris Falkenheiner: Discussion of policy statement regarding Tensas-Cocodrie Project. (74)
23. Frank Uphop: Present resolutions pertaining to water safety, St. Tammany Parish. (14)
24. Set date for July Commission Meeting. (73)

NOTE: The following items not on the printed agenda were also discussed:

- Sea Robin Pipeline - Direction to fulfill requirements of permit. (27)
- Lake Bistineau drawdown. (35)
- Effect of alligator population on nutria catch. (64)



Forecast of fur market.	(65)
Water hyacinths, fresh water intrusion, Terrebonne.	(66)
Award of Certificate of Appreciation to Dan Greene.	(101)
Request of James Brantley to move house trailer onto Lake Bistineau tract.	(103)
Statement of Mr. Jimmie Thompson re dog hunting.	(106)
Extension of timber cutting contract on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.	(115)
Commission Status under new Constitution.	(118)
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THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to say "Welcome". I appreciate the visitors. I see I have in the audience a beautiful lady that comes pretty often, I don't know just who says when, but we have Mrs. Cook with us this morning. I don't see Brother Cook, though. He's here? O. K. Last time I made a terrible error; I believe I called her Mrs. Campbell, but she forgave me. I don't see any other of our dignitaries that should be here now.

Now, without any further ado, to get this thing on the road so that we can finish as quickly as possible, I would like to have a motion for the approval of the minutes or amendment of the minutes of April 18 and April 29.

MR. WILLE: You've got it, Mr. Chairman. I move.

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: All opposed, no.

(No response)



THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

Dr. St. Amant.

DR. LYLE S. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, there are four items before the Commission today.

The first item is a request for permit to remove fill material from the Red River in the vicinity of Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana, by H & H Construction Company. We have examined this permit and found that it will not cause any problems in the area. There is a mud bar, sand bar, building up in the River at this point and this company desires to dredge this for fill material.

We have examined the request and we recommend that a permit be granted for one year at a royalty of five cents.

MR. THOMPSON: I so move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wille. Any discussion? Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.



(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to H & H CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. to remove fill material from the Red River in the vicinity of Shreveport and Bossier City for a period of one year from July 1, 1975 to July 1, 1976, at a royalty rate of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The second item is a routine request by T. L. James and Company to renew a permit which they have been operating at Mile 108 AHP, dredging for fill material on the left bank of the Mississippi River near Harahan, Louisiana. They have operated this permit for some time and it is no problem to the Commission.

I recommend that we renew the permit for



one year at five cents.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure, gentlemen?

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. JAMES & COMPANY, INC. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 108 AHP, along the left bank between Levee Stations 6348 and 6415 near Harahan, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, for a



period of one year from July 1, 1975 to July 1, 1976, at a royalty rate of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The third item is a request by W. T. Burton Company, Inc., of Lake Charles, Louisiana, to renew their permit for the dredging of clam and reef shell in Sabine Lake. They have an annual permit that runs for one year. Their royalty is 19.5 cents a yard and the present permit will expire at the end of July, the renewal of this permit to become effective August 1.

They have requested one additional item to the permit. They have entered into an agreement with Radcliff Materials, Inc., to use one of their dredges to operate under this permit with the Burton Company. I see no objection to this provided in the permit we make it clear that the Burton Company will be responsible for the royalty for both dredges.

THE CHAIRMAN: You recommend it?

DR. ST. AMANT: I do recommend it.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?



MR. WILLE: I move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille moves.

MR. LAPEYRE: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lapeyre seconds.

Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS W. T. Burton Company,
Inc. requests renewal of their permit
to dredge for clam and reef shell from
Sabine Lake; and

WHEREAS dredging in this lake
has been permitted under agreement with
the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission
for a number of years without affecting
the ecology of the lake; and

WHEREAS permits are granted on
an annual basis so that any changes in



the lake may be detected and the dredging terminated if necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission grants to the W. T. Burton Company a permit to dredge clam and reef shell from Sabine Lake effective August 1, 1975 and terminating July 31, 1976; and that this permit requires the various clauses and restrictions set forth in previous permits and that a royalty of 19.5 cents per cubic yard be paid on all shell removed from the lake.

W. T. Burton Company's further request that the Radcliff Materials Company, Inc. be allowed to dredge under their permit is granted, subject to the provisions of the permit and with W. T. Burton Company being solely responsible for the payment of royalties on all shell dredged from the lake.

DR. ST. AMANT: The final request is



from A. Giambelluca Construction Company, Inc., for a permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, at approximately Mile Post 124.65 at Hahnville, St. Charles Parish.

We have examined this permit request. It will not affect the interest of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and I recommend that the permit be granted for one year at a five-cent royalty.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. LAPEYRE: I move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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



BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to A. Giambelluca Construction, Inc., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, at approximately Mile Post 124.65 AHP at Hahnville, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from July 1, 1975 to July 1, 1976, at a royalty rate of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Gentlemen, we have with us Mr. Frank Uphop this morning, who has another meeting to attend, and he has asked if it was possible to be moved up on the agenda, since he is No. 23. Unless there is some objection, I would like to call him now. Would you come to the mike?

MR. FRANK UPHOP: Thank you. I am Frank Uphop from St. Tammany Parish and we have a



few problems out in St. Tammany Parish. The Police Jury has passed two resolutions which we would like to present to the Wild Life and Fisheries for their consideration and take action on them.

I won't read them but I will give them to the Chairman for your further action, and thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Hand them to our Director, he will handle that. Thank you very much. Thank you, sir.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Uphop, is there anything we need to do in response to this at this time? Are you asking for any Commission action?

MR. UPHOP: We are asking for your consideration, to examine these and see what can be done about the situation that we have. I wouldn't think there would be any particular action at this time except to take them under consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, our Director and our professional staff will make a thorough study and they will so inform us and we promise you we will study that.

MR. UPHOP: My office, planning and



engineering for the Parish, will be more than happy to cooperate and coordinate on this.

THE CHAIRMAN: We want to thank you for coming and bringing it to our attention. We appreciate it.

Mr. Ensminger.

MR. ALLAN ENSMINGER: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Commission, the first item I have on the agenda for your consideration is a request from Koch Oil Company to install a four and a half inch natural gas line across a portion of our Point-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area in Lafourche Parish.

This line will be coming from a Louisiana Land and Exploration well just off the edge of the refuge. It will cross approximately 2,000 feet of the refuge and go over onto Texas Gulf Sulfur property and will supply natural gas fuel for the operation of their sulfur mines on their own property. We would incorporate all of the necessary safeguards to protect our area and require that they backfill the ditch after installation, and therefore I would recommend that we



grant them the right-of-way across this property.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is the pleasure of the Commission?

MR. JONES: So move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wille. Any discussion? Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from Koch Oil Company for a 25-foot right-of-way across a portion of our Point-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area in Lafourche Parish, and

WHEREAS, this request can be granted provided certain requirements



are incorporated in the permit to protect the wildlife interest,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant a right-of-way permit to Koch Oil Company for the installation of a 4-1/2 inch natural gas pipeline across a portion of our Point-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area. This pipeline is to be installed in a push type ditch and backfilled to the extent of the material excavated,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this matter.

MR. ENSMINGER: The next item is a request from Superior Oil Company to install an access canal on our Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge to service State Lease 6403, their No. 1 well location.

This is a tract of land leased to



Superior Oil Company a few months ago by the State Mineral Board. The access canal will be an extension of an existing canal system that services Superior State Lease 2038 on our refuge, and it is the only practical means by which they can gain access to this drilling site.

I would recommend that we grant Superior permission to extend their existing canal to this new well location.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is the pleasure of the Commission?

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. JONES: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Jones. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild



Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from the Superior Oil Company to construct an access canal on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish to service State Lease 6403, Well No. 1, and

WHEREAS, this canal will be an extension of an existing canal system,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Superior Oil Company to construct an access canal to service State Lease 6403, No. 1 location on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the necessary safeguards be incorporated in the permit to protect the interest of the refuge, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this matter.

MR. ENSMINGER: The next item is a



request from Pennzoil Producing Company for an access canal on State Lease 2340, also on Rockefeller Refuge. This is about a 1,000-foot canal, a stub canal off an existing access canal to service their Deep Lake field. They would, of course, install the necessary safeguards around the canal system and I would recommend that we grant Pennzoil Producing this permit.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is the pleasure of the Commission?

MR. JONES: I will move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. DUPUY: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received



a request from Pennzoil Producing Company to install an access canal on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish to service State Lease 2340, No. 16 location, and

WHEREAS, this canal will be off of an existing canal servicing the lease,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Pennzoil Producing Company to construct an access canal on State Lease 2340, to service Well 16,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the necessary safeguards be incorporated in the permit to protect the interest of wildlife on the refuge, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now I believe Nine has been taken care of. Am I right there?

DR. ST. AMANT: Ten has been taken care



of.

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh?

MR. ENSMINGER: The man decided not to put it on the thing at all.

DR. ST. AMANT: The last I talked yesterday, he said he was going to put that pipeline in the canal.

MR. ENSMINGER: The canal isn't on our property.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K.

MR. ENSMINGER: No. 10 request is from a Mr. Cliff Glockner in St. Tammany Parish --

THE CHAIRMAN: No, Nine.

MR. DUPUY: You are looking at yesterday's agenda.

MR. ENSMINGER: O. K. Nine is a request from a Mr. Cliff Glockner to install a water line across a small portion of our St. Tammany Wildlife Refuge in St. Tammany Parish. This will be an inch and a half water line, coming in from Lake Pontchartrain, and will follow a public roadway along the edge of the road and will be installed in an existing canal.



Mr. Glockner needs this water to bring in out of the lake to run his soft shell crab operation. We have examined the proposal and have no objection to it. He has requested, and I think the Board is in agreement in granting this right-of-way at a lower rate per rod than we have as established policy by the Board. As you all are aware, the Commission requires a \$25 right-of-way fee per rod on right-of-ways up to 25 feet.

We have checked with the State Land Office and their minimum right-of-way fee that they charge for state lands is \$6 per linear rod. I would recommend that Mr. Glockner be granted a 25-foot right-of-way to lay the line across our property, utilizing the existing canal, and that the Commission charge him \$6 per linear rod for this right-of-way.

MR. WILLE: So move.

THE CHAIRMAN: In the light of Mr. Ensminger's findings, I will need a motion to suspend the regulations of \$25 per rod, so that we can go to the lower rate. Now, if someone would be kind enough to move that we suspend that.



MR. WILLE: I will move.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre, that the policy of \$25 per rod be suspended for this one action. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

Now we need a motion now to grant the man's request or to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Allan Ensminger. Do I have a motion?

MR. WILLE: I will move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille moves that we charge Mr. Glockner \$6 per rod. Who seconds?

MR. JONES: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jones seconds. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the



resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission has
received a request from Mr. Cliff
Glockner, Jr. to install a 1-1/2 inch
waterline across a portion of St.
Tammany Wildlife Refuge for the
purpose of providing clear water to a
commercial soft shell crab operation,
and

WHEREAS, this line will be
installed in an existing road borrow
canal,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fish-
eries Commission does hereby grant a
25-foot right-of-way to Mr. Cliff
Glockner, Jr. to install a 1-1/2 inch
waterline across a portion of St.
Tammany Wildlife Refuge for a fee of
\$6 per linear rod, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that



the Director is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this matter.

MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, while Mr. Ensminger is up, a couple of years ago we granted to Sea Robin Pipeline a right-of-way across state wildlife refuge, and they agreed to certain undertaking, certain backfilling the canal and maintaining the bulkheads. It is my understanding that they haven't lived up to their arrangement.

MR. ENSMINGER: This is correct. Sea Robin installed a very large line across the refuge, a 36-inch line that had over a foot of concrete coating on the outside of the line, to a massive offshore gas pipeline, and they required a cover of 12 feet across the top of the line, which made it impractical at the time they made the installation to do it any other way except with a large flotation canal to lay it off the barges, and at that time they agreed with the Commission in their permit to backfill the canal with hydraulic fill material out of the Gulf and out of Vermilion Bay to a foot above marsh



elevation.

The original fill subsided and at the present time we have about a foot of water in the existing canal, up to a foot and a half or two feet in the deepest places, and it would be the responsibility of Sea Robin Pipeline to backfill this. We will proceed to write them a letter and inform them and give you a report back as to their reply as soon as we hear from them.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments?

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, do you need a motion requesting Mr. Ensminger to write such a letter and take the appropriate steps to inform Sea Robin?

THE CHAIRMAN: I wouldn't think so.

THE DIRECTOR: How long does the Commission want to --

MR. DUPUY: Do you want to actively pursue this?

MR. JONES: I will make a motion that we call on Sea Robin Pipeline to live up to their agreement.

MR. THOMPSON: I will second that.



THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that we call on Sea Robin Pipeline to live up to their agreement. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

THE DIRECTOR: Mr. Jones, if their answer is that they don't expect to live up to their agreement, then should we also tell them in the letter that we are going to get the job done and bill them for it?

MR. JONES: No. Then we will have our lawyer here next time and we will talk about that.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission granted a right-of-way to Sea Robin Pipeline Company dated July, 1969 for the installation of a 36-inch pipeline, and

WHEREAS, this right-of-way



stipulated that the pipeline canal was to be backfilled to one foot above marsh elevation in order to prevent any wildlife damage from occurring to the State Wildlife Refuge in Vermilion Parish, and

WHEREAS, the original fill has subsided and eroded below marsh elevation to the point where an interchange of water is occurring between the pipeline right-of-way and adjacent water bodies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Sea Robin Pipeline Company to take necessary action to backfill the portion of the pipeline canal on the State Wildlife Refuge which has surface water standing in the pipeline canal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sea Robin Pipeline Company install and maintain adequate bulkheads at



each point where the pipeline enters the emergent marsh property on State Wildlife Refuge.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Smith.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, we have bids that were recently opened by Public Works on the Lake Bistineau boat ramp to be built at the State Park Area No. 2.

The low bid has come in higher than the amount of money available. The low bid on this is \$39,831. The Commission has available \$25,000 for this facility. We have a verbal assurance from Public Works that they will furnish the additional funds for the ramp. At this time we do not have this in writing, so whatever the Commission's pleasure is as to whether they want to go ahead and award this contract or wait until we get assurance in writing that this money is forthcoming.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your recommendation?

MR. SMITH: Well, we are not in any jam on this, we may wait until we get the written assurance before we proceed.



THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille, it is in your backyard. What is your feeling?

MR. WILLE: I am going to move that until we have written assurance and until we have the money, it would be poor fiscal responsibility on our part to go ahead and approve this thing, so I am going to move that we take it under advisement until such time as we get the necessary funds.

THE CHAIRMAN: Written permission. Do I have a second?

MR. JONES: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Jones, that this project be taken under advisement until such time as we have proof of funds. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

Oh, by the way -- where did he go?

THE DIRECTOR: He knew you were going to call on him, so he walked out. I will find him.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Veillon was here, I



just saw him a minute ago.

O. K., go ahead, Kenneth.

MR. SMITH: The second item I have, Mr. Chairman, we have received bids on marking the boat channel on Lake Bistineau. The low bid was \$3,225.15 by Cassard and Cummins of Shreveport. This money is available and Public Works advises the issuance of the contract, and I would so recommend myself that this low bid be accepted.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WILLE: I move.

MR. DUPUY: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

WHEREAS, a bid tabulation was received from the Louisiana Department of Public Works on June 25, 1975 pertaining to the installation of the Lake Bistineau Channel Markers, and



WHEREAS, Cassard and Cummins
of Shreveport was the low bidder in
the amount of \$3,225.15, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Department
of Public Works recommends the contract
be awarded to the low bidder,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission hereby approves awarding of
the contract to Cassard and Cummins.

MR. SMITH: There has become apparent
a need for additional regulations on Lake Bistineau,
for instance, designated areas in which skiing
could be done, water-skiing, certain water-
oriented activities. Some of these areas in
Bistineau where people are skiing have stumps,
logs and so forth, and there have been injuries
in the past.

We have come up with a set of regulations
and the question I have now is, since this has to
be advertised, do you want me to read the regula-
tions at this time, or we will advertise in the
Register and come back at the next meeting.



MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman, I am going to move that we adopt the regulations for Lake Bistineau providing that it meets the Administrative Procedures Act criteria. In other words, I am going to recommend --

THE CHAIRMAN: What you are saying is that we do not need to read all those regulations?

MR. WILLE: No, I don't think so. We are going to advertise them. What I am saying is that I am going to move that we accept those rules and regulations provided it does meet the criteria of the Administrative Procedures Act.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion.

MR. DUPUY: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Disapproval, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. SMITH: The next item, we have received a copy of House Resolution No. 28 by Representatives Drew and Deen. This resolution



asks in effect that the drawdown on Lake Bistineau begin no later than July 15.

For the information of the Commission and guests, the normal recommended time for the drawdown to begin is the day after Labor Day, which is September 2. These people have been concerned about the amount of vegetation in the Lake and they feel that an early start of this drawdown may increase the beneficial effects.

At this time we have research projects underway on the Lake during July of this year, we take vegetative surveys of the Lake. In addition, we have two mechanical weed cutters which we are trying to determine the effectiveness in reducing the vegetation.

In addition, if the water level is lowered during the summer, it will effectively reduce the recreation on the Lake, that is, water-skiing, boating, and it will also encourage the woody plant invasion, such as buck willow and possibly water elm and so forth that may come in on the flats. Since we don't have our biological information and we know the weed situation is bad, we feel



we could get an effective drawdown later in the month, so my recommendation, gentlemen, would be that the drawdown not begin during the summer months, that we at least wait until our vegetation survey is completed to make this determination.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is the pleasure of the Commission?

MR. WILLE: Kenneth, thank you very much for your enlightenment on this. I would like to move that we acknowledge receipt of the urgent request from the legislature and that our biologists at this time would take it under advisement at their regular moss survey or aquatic growth survey and come back to the Commission on the next meeting and make their recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion. Do I have a second?

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Thompson seconds. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)



THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

O. K., Mr. Yancey.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, as authorized by the legislature, Ducks Unlimited is now eligible for another advance payment on the sale of the '74-'75 resident hunting licenses within Louisiana in the amount of \$25,000, and we would recommend at this point that you authorize the Director to send a check in this amount to Ducks Unlimited. Of course, this money would be used for the purpose of developing and maintaining waterfowl production areas in Western Canada to supply ducks to this state each winter.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation, gentlemen.

MR. WILLE: Move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille.

MR. JONES: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Jones.

Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.



(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has statutory authority to allocate 10 per cent of the basic hunting license revenue to Ducks Unlimited for the purpose of maintaining and developing breeding ground areas in Canada that produce waterfowl that winter in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Commission Fiscal Officer advises that Ducks Unlimited is now eligible for an additional payment of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the receipts for the sale of the 1974-75 hunting licenses, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the



Director to forward a check in the amount of \$25,000 to Ducks Unlimited with the condition that this revenue be expended for the purpose of maintaining and developing waterfowl breeding ground areas in Western Canada that produce ducks that winter in Louisiana.

MR. YANCEY: For a number of years the Commission has been making an assessment of waterfowl production in Canada in an aerial survey that is conducted in late July for the purpose of determining what the duck crop outlook is and also in preparation for making recommendations on seasons and bag limits for the hunting of migratory waterfowl.

We would recommend at this time that the Commission authorize another trip of this nature be taken some time later on in July, at a time that we can fit it in with the rather busy schedule that we have later on for this month. This trip would go into the prairie provinces of Western Canada and perhaps on up into the barren lands



that produce geese that winter in this state. We have never made a trip up into that area, mainly because we have never had anything except a single engine airplane to go in, but now the Commission does have a twin-engine plane. This means that such a trip could be made in a relative degree of safety and the opportunity is there.

We would suggest that the Commission go ahead and approve another trip being made for the purpose of assessing just what the duck and goose production picture is for this year. Of course, approval of such a trip would also have to be given to the Commission by the Division of Administration, as we have customarily done in the past.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the request.

MR. JONES: I think one of the reasons Louisiana biologists are so well respected throughout the country, and apparently the Feds are beginning to listen to them a little bit, is that they through the years have spoken from a position of knowledge in that they have gone to Canada and they have looked at these areas and know what they are



talking about.

Also, a couple of years ago we were making an annual flight down to Yucatan in the winter, the biologists were, and we suspended that because of the fact that we had no twin-engine aircraft to do it. I think if the biologists want to do it again this winter, I think we ought to authorize the Canadian trip plus the one down to Yucatan so they can make the duck counts down there. I would further suggest if there are seats available on the aircraft, after the waterfowl biologists occupy the seats, that any members of the Commission that have not gone on either one of those trips take the trip as an education.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to say this, and I heartily agree with you. A large percentage of the ducks that come down through the United States comes through the state of Louisiana and goes on into Yucatan, and if we are going to manage ducks and manage them favorably and with good common judgment, it is necessary that we have information, firsthand information, of not only the habitat but the supply and the movement of these



ducks so I heartily agree with Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: I would like to make a motion that we authorize both of the trips.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., Mr. Jones, it has been moved and it has been seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, since 1954 the Commission has had the Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area under lease from the Southwestern Improvement Company and during the time that this area has been under lease efforts have been made at different intervals to see if the company would be willing to sell this property to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Recently conferences were held with Mr. George Stanley representing the corporation and we have a letter from him which states that if the Commission still persists in its intention to



acquire these properties, he would wish to know the final value per acre offered with supporting appraisal and documentation.

Now, an appraisal has just been completed on the 12,000-acre portion of the property by Mr. Russell Doiron of Baton Rouge, and he has furnished us with an appraisal value of \$125 per acre, realizing in this appraisal the mineral rights would be reserved by the seller in the event that the Commission would proceed to acquire this property. Also, there is a timber lease that has been in effect for twelve years and it will continue in effect for another ten. However, the price per thousand is subject to annual adjustment between the owner of the property and the timber company that has a lease.

We would suggest at this time that the Commission authorize the Director to proceed with the necessary steps to acquire title to this property providing, of course, that necessary funds are made available in the capital outlay budget for the next fiscal year. At this point it does appear that there will be some money



available for such a purchase.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation.

MR. THOMPSON: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mr. Thompson.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wille. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is greatly interested in establishing additional wildlife management areas in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Commission initiated a program of land purchase



in 1961 to accomplish this purpose and to preserve at least a portion of the state's largely disappearing game ranges in various regions of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a certain tract of land hereinafter particularly described in Exhibit A annexed hereto and made a part hereof, consisting of a total of 11,859 acres, more or less, located in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, has been offered for sale to the Commission for the full and true sum of \$1,482,375; and

WHEREAS, this tract, if acquired, will make an excellent wildlife management area for waterfowl, furbearing animals, deer, alligators, rabbits and other forms of marsh life; and also will provide additional public hunting and fishing opportunities for sportsmen throughout the State of Louisiana; and



WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property has been carefully considered by the Chairman, the Director, and all members of this Commission, after which consideration it is the conclusion of all members and the Director that the acquisition thereof will be most favorable and advantageous to the future welfare of the fish and wildlife as a wildlife management area and that the acquisition thereof would also be mutually beneficial to the State of Louisiana, this Commission, and the citizens and residents of the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchase from SOUTHWESTERN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY the following immovable property located in Avoyelles Parish, State of Louisiana, totalling 11,859 acres, more or less, described in Exhibit A annexed hereto



and made a part hereof.

The said sale is to be subject to the following conditions and stipulations:

1. The purchase price of this sale by Seller to Buyer, its successors and assigns, for the hereinabove described property - Exhibit A - shall be in the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 (\$1,482,375.00) DOLLARS, payable in cash at the time of the act of sale.
2. Real estate taxes for the year 1975 will be pro-rated to the date of the act of sale. All proper and necessary mortgage and other certificates and tax researches are to be paid by Seller.
3. The Seller shall deliver to Buyer good and merchantable title to the property. The decision as to



whether Seller's title to the property is good and merchantable shall rest solely with Buyer based upon title opinions rendered to Buyer by attorneys of its selection, Buyer reserves the right to obtain title insurance on the said property from a title insurance company authorized to do and doing business in the State of Louisiana. Seller agrees to assist Buyer, its attorney, or the title insurance company in securing any curative matter which Seller may be able to obtain in order to satisfy any requirements of any title opinion or interim title insurance binder rendered to Buyer. All curative matter thus obtained shall be the property of Buyer which is hereby authorized after passage of the act of sale to file same for record. Final approval of title shall be at



the sole discretion of Buyer, its attorneys, and the title insurance company selected by Buyer, and Buyer shall have the right to waive and forego satisfaction of any requirements of any title opinion rendered by its attorneys or title insurance binder hereunder. In the event that the sale is completed, the Buyer agrees to pay all title insurance charges.

4. The act of sale is to be passed before Buyer's notary at the State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or such other location as designated by Buyer within the territorial limits of the State of Louisiana 120 days from the date of this agreement, provided that if bona fide curative work in connection with the title is required, the parties agree to and do extend the time for passage of the act



of sale by an additional thirty (30) days. The sale shall be with full warranty and full rights of subrogation and substitution and shall be in a form acceptable to Seller and Buyer. The property shall be delivered free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, taxes (except taxes for the year in which the act of sale is passed), leases and mortgages (except the encumbrances accepted and agreed to by Buyer) except the timber agreement by and between Southwestern Improvement Co. and Riverland Hardware Company, Inc. dated October 1, 1962.

5. Seller expressly reserves unto itself, its successors, assigns and transferees in perpetuity an imprescriptible mineral servitude covering and affecting all oil, gas, sulphur, salt (including salt



brine), and other minerals, whether similar or dissimilar in, on and under the property herein conveyed; (the exercise of the reservation is subject to reasonable regulations by Buyer in respect to the use of the surface). The reservation is made to the full extent permitted under the provisions of LSA R.S. 31:149 et seq., which are acknowledged by the parties to be applicable. It is understood that specifically excluded from the mineral reservation described herein are the natural resources of sand, gravel and slag.

6. Should the Buyer decide to sell all or any part of the property herein sold at any time or times within a period of fifty years from the date hereof, it shall give Seller written notice thereof;



and Seller shall then have an optional prior right, for a period of 60 days after receipt of the notice, to purchase same for the price paid to Seller by the Buyer, subject to an adjustment upward or downward with the Wholesale Commodity Index for all commodities published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the period from the date on which the repurchase may be made. If this particular index is not being published at that time, the parties hereto agree to base the computation upon a similar or substitute index which may then be in use. The notice to be given to Seller, Room 2905 Equitable Building, 120 Broadway, New York 5, New York.

7. In the event Buyer fails to comply with this agreement within the time



specified, Seller, without formality beyond tender of title to Buyer may declare this agreement null and void, or Seller may, at his option, demand specific performance.

8. In the event Seller fails to comply with this agreement within the time specified, Buyer may, at its option, either declare this agreement null and void or demand specific performance.
9. Concomitantly with the execution of the Agreement of Sale contemplated herein, Seller agrees and covenants to grant Buyer a right-of-way across land owned by Seller to the property contemplated by this conveyance, which right-of-way will generally follow along the banks of Bayou Natchitoches and will measure fifty (50) feet in width.



10. Occupancy shall be available at the time of the act of sale.
11. This agreement and the sale contemplated hereby is subject to and conditioned upon the approval of the Division of Administration, State of Louisiana.
12. The notices, payments and other matters required hereunto shall be delivered or addressed to the Southwestern Improvement Company, Room 2905 Equitable Building, 120 Broadway, New York 5, New York. Notices, payments and other matters required hereunto shall be delivered or addressed to Buyer, Attention: J. Burton Angelle, Director, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 or at such other address as Buyer may designate by written notice.



13. This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns. Where the terms "Seller" and "Buyer" are used herein, this shall be deemed to include their respective heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be, and they are hereby appointed, authorized, and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of this Commission to purchase the aforementioned lands, buildings and improvements and appurtenances thereon, to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents may contain, and to incorporate and include in the said documents and all additional stipulations, conditions and



provisions as they, in their sole discretion, deem to be to the best interest of the Commission.

EXHIBIT "A"

<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Description</u>
T-2-N, R-7-E	3	All of Section
	4	All of Section
	5	All of Section
	8	All of Section
	9	All of Section
	10	All of Section
	11	All of Section
	12	Northwest 1/4 and South 1/2 of Section, West of Red River
	14	All of Section
	15	All of Section
	17	All of Section
	20	All of Section
	21	All of Section
	22	All of Section
	23	All of Section West of Red River



EXHIBIT "A" (Continued)

<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Description</u>
T-2-N, R-7-E	26	All of Section West of Red River
	27	All of Section
	28	All of Section
	29	All of Section

For the purpose of this agreement the above described lands shall be deemed to contain 11,859.5 acres whether they contain more or less.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, would you forgive me if I interrupt you?

MR. YANCEY: Sure.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a man who promised me he was going to be at every meeting, and I saw him a few minutes ago and then when I called for him, he had sneaked out on me.

Now he is here today. I want him to stand up. He did such an awful good job for a number of years. He had an order to attend every meeting of the Commission and my understanding



was he had agreed to that.

Mr. Veillon, we are glad to have you back and I will forgive you for not appearing if you will promise to be here next time.

MR. VEILLON: All right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Glad to see you.

O. K. Thank you, Dick.

MR. YANCEY: Yesterday the Commission acquired title to a 5,267-acre tract of land over in St. John the Baptist Parish from the Schleider Educational Foundation. This tract of land lies on Pass Manchac and it also fronts on Lake Pontchartrain for a distance of about four or five miles.

We would suggest at this time that the Commission give this new tract of land a name so that it can be incorporated into the hunting season pamphlet and the necessary hunting regulations for this fall can be established at this particular meeting. Since the property fronts on Pass Manchac for a distance of about two miles and in line with the procedures used by the Commission in the past, we would propose that this tract of land be



designated as the Manchac Wildlife Management Area.

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have heard the recommendation. Mr. Thompson so moves.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille seconds.

All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, on June 30, 1975, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission completed the purchase of 5,267 acres of land in St. John the Baptist Parish from the Schleider Educational Foundation, and

WHEREAS, this property was acquired for the purpose of establishing a new wildlife management area in



Louisiana to be used for developing and preserving wildlife habitat and also for providing the public with the opportunity to enjoy the many forms of outdoor recreation associated with the management of these areas, and

WHEREAS, this property is located on Pass Manchac and along the shore of Lake Pontchartrain,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby designate the name of this tract to be the Manchac Wildlife Management Area and that this name shall be properly posted on the perimeter of the area and used at all times when referring to the tract or announcing regulations affecting said area.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., Dick.

MR. YANCEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We are glad to see that the Commission is in a good frame of mind this morning, at least up until



this point! (Laughter)

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. O. K., now I believe the next person on the agenda is Mr. O'Neil.

MR. TED O'NEIL: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Commission, as you will remember, last year we made an attempt to better manage our raccoon and mink population in the northern part of the state by zoning the state, and it worked out all right. We had a few hassles, not too much, nothing that we couldn't handle or didn't handle easily.

The attempt in that was to stop the late taking and then putting them on the fur market when they were not prime and also the mink in North Louisiana are real poor in the latter part of February. In fact, they go bad the first of February. We have started on the way to better manage this resource there and we had legislation in this session to compliment this action. As most of you know, our legislation we worked on it very diligently with the Coon Hunters Association and the Federation but we slipped up in the legislature and we got into a hassle and we lost that



completely for this term because it wasn't understood. Maybe this legislation was a little too complicated.

But my recommendation now is to go back to our original season on this. It served for a number of years very well. That is December 1 on all furbearers to February 28, and we will go another year on that, if the Board will go along with me on that recommendation.

MR. JONES: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. We have a motion by Mr. Jones.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Dupuy.
Those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the



that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the trapping season for nutria, beaver, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, opossum, skunk, bobcat and fox for the 1975-76 season, from December 1, 1975 through February 29, 1976.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if additional time is required to prevent the overpopulation of nutria and muskrat in some areas, recommendations for an extended season be presented to the Commission's January, 1976, Board meeting.

MR. O'NEIL: I believe, Mr. Chairman, if I may, I think that we should bring up one other thing. Our fur industry took a drop from the '73-'74 season. Our total economy in that case was \$13,390,953, and last season, the '74-'75 season, was \$10,828,195. We think a lot of that loss came from the western part of the state. Our western nutria were short and our biologist has figured on the alligator population in Cameron and



Vermilion that they were eating 300,000 nutria a year, and it almost showed up to be that in our catch. We are beginning to see that possibly alligator populations do make inroads on furbearers. I think we can prove that. We haven't had enough studies on it but I believe we can prove that.

I just thought I would bring that before the Commission.

MR. DUPUY: You said 300,000?

MR. O'NEIL: 300,000 a year that the alligator population in Cameron and Vermilion are eating each year.

MR. DUPUY: Can't we begin to thin out the alligators on a nuisance basis?

MR. O'NEIL: I think there is going to be an attempt pretty soon to do that with an alligator season.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are not going to chase you up about that. Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: I was just wondering, I see Mr. Butler Marler in the audience and he might be able to enlighten us what the fur business looks like pricewise within the coming year.



MR. BUTLER MARLER: This may be the point Mr. Yancey was talking about!

Gentlemen, the market in New York and Europe is just about stable now and it looks like you can think about the same prices the trappers received last year for nutria. Now, they did receive a little less last year, Mr. O'Neil didn't tell you that but I think the nutria was anywhere from 75 cents to a dollar cheaper to the trapper. I think that had a lot to do with the differential of two and a half to three million dollars in income from the fur producers.

While I am up here -- of course, the reason I said that -- gentlemen -- that this may be the point -- I want to ask you one question. We are having a terrible problem. I know it is not on your agenda but now that I am up here I will ask your permission to talk about it.

We are having a terrible problem in Terrebonne and, of course, I think it is all over South Louisiana, with water lilies. Has the Commission any funds for eradication of these lilies? Not only is it bad for the fishermen, Mr.



Lapeyre can tell you, and the trappers, but it is just bad for the sportsmen and everybody. You just can't get around any more. Our police jury in Terrebonne is getting ready to receive bids, I think tomorrow, Wednesday, from a helicopter concern that sprays them with a gel that is supposed to be O. K. with the EPA. We sprayed them last year. Of course, it is very expensive, but we would consider in Terrebonne we have anywhere from 40 to 75,000 acres of water lilies.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Marler, this question has been discussed very thoroughly, and I will ask our Director to answer that for me.

THE DIRECTOR: Mr. Clay, I will be happy to expound on it because I am very, very familiar with it from the time the hyacinth comes out of its seed to where it gets to about four feet high. However, we have the chief of our Fish Division and that hyacinth section comes under his jurisdiction and responsibility. I would like him to come up to the mike and advise Mr. Marler what the problem is, what we are doing as far as control of the water hyacinths statewide. It is not



only in the Houma area. It is about 1,400,000 acres that we have to fight with in this state.

Kenneth.

MR. MARLER: With Mr. Smith's permission, gentlemen, I would just like to make one more statement and then I will sit down. It will probably take me about two minutes, and of course then he can say if I am right or wrong.

I have been watching this situation, the water lily situation and the changing habitat among our wildlife in general all over South Louisiana, and I hear people screaming their heads off that we have had salt water intrusion and that is causing a lot of our trouble in our marshes. Well, gentlemen, the thing that I have noticed -- I am an owner of property myself; my family owns approximately 17,000 acres of land in Terrebonne and Lafourche -- we don't have salt water intrusion. We have fresh water intrusion from the Atchafalaya Basin.

Now I have a tract of land where people that I am talking about, kids have been out there with me and have seen muskrat just a few years ago.



Where I used to catch redfish from the wharf of my camp, gentlemen, I go every weekend and I catch bass now and breams, and I will give any man \$50,000 if he can catch a redfish there, and we used to catch redfish.

Now what is happening with us, with the East Side Levee -- I don't know whether you are familiar with it, but there is 18 or 19 or 20 miles of East Side Levee and of course they have diverted I don't know how much of the Mississippi water into the Atchafalaya Basin through the Old River and of course that is coming down the river and flowing over all our marshes instead of going out into the Gulf. Of course, the Atchafalaya can't take it. You have got about 15 feet of water. If you dredge it this year to 25 or 30 feet, the following year the silt is back in there, so the water cannot get to the Gulf. The water is going over all our marshes. That is what is happening to us.

In these areas I am talking about, nobody had water lilies before, water hyacinths, but we have them now, widgeon grass where you don't



have the water hyacinths. You cannot even pass with an outboard in six feet of water with this widgeon grass all over that area.

Now, there is a possibility, too, that all of this fresh water may be hurting the shrimp industry. Mr. Lapeyre is likely familiar with that. I am not in the shrimp industry. But I think it is hurting the oyster industry, too. Of course, I think it is wonderful for our ducks; there is a lot of duck feed there.

Gentlemen, I thank you for your time. I think it is something that is very serious, the influx of fresh water into our parishes, that you should look into.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Glad to have you. Appreciate your coming up. Mr. Smith.

I would like to say this. I will agree with you about the water going down the Atchafalaya. I would like to see someone stop that Mississippi water from coming down the Atchafalaya so that the Red River water where I live could get out.

THE DIRECTOR: Everybody is looking for that answer.



THE CHAIRMAN: You find a way to get them to drop the gates on the Old River structure. Of course, I think they are afraid that they will cave in if they do. Pardon me, Mr. Smith.

MR. SMITH: I suspect part of the answer would be money, which we all know. We spend approximately one-third of our total hyacinth budget in the Atchafalaya Basin, Mr. Marler, and this includes on down into lower Terrebonne. On two different occasions in recent months we have taken two mud boats and crews into those bayous and all the stuff we could reach with our boats down in there, but we have not done any aerial spraying. We have gone into those canals and bayous and treated these areas and immediately there will be an influx of hyacinths coming out through the basin, water continues to move out of the basin into these areas, and as you were saying, the fresh water in this area has been a factor in the growth of hyacinths. The mild winters these last few years we have had have been a very serious factor.

We have made an estimate -- we will never eradicate the hyacinth, I think, so I won't use



that word -- but we have made an estimate and we feel that to effectively treat the infestation over the state would probably take over four million dollars, to get into the aerial application. We have done some of that and it is very effective but as you say, it is very expensive.

We have our full crew in these areas and we are in the Atchafalaya Basin in that part up here now trying to treat this. We are certainly aware that you have problems. We have a Commission member that keeps us well posted about our problems down there. He isn't here today but he keeps us, you know, up to date. We appreciate your problem. It is increasing not only here in the basin but waterfowl, hunters, trappers so forth are suffering from this, and at our present level of operation we just can't keep up with this new invasion. We can't get our crews back into the shallow ponds and lakes.

MR. WILLE: Kenneth, we might mention at this time, we don't know whether it is ever going to materialize or not but our plans in the future, we will be able to get into these inacces-



sible places if we get the request that we have made for these helicopters.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Angelle is making an effort now to obtain four surplus helicopters which we hope we can move into this operation. I don't want to paint too big a picture but this is something we are trying to do. This is the only way we feel like we can effectively increase this program, to move to aerial application.

MR. WILLE: It might be a ray of hope, anyway.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would suggest this, that we say this is a possibility.

MR. WILLE: Right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is a possibility.

Gentlemen, I see that we have Ms. Doris Falkenheiner in and I have one other small item that should be finished and, Joe, if you would forgive us, since yours is so long, I will move you, with the permission of the Commission, to last.

Let me announce now that the next meeting of the Commission will be on July 22.

Miss Doris Falkenheiner.



THE DIRECTOR: Here in New Orleans.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, here in New Orleans.

Miss Falkenheiner, we record this. Would you give us your name and who you represent and all the information so we can have it in the minutes in proper order. I would appreciate it.

MS. DORIS FALKENHEINER: Here are an original and copies of my presentation this morning. (Distributing copies)

My name is Doris Falkenheiner. I reside in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I would like to thank you, Mr. Luttrell and Members of the Commission and Mr. Angelle, for allowing me to make this presentation. I am going to speak about two very closely related topics and I will attempt to be as brief as possible since you have had a long day and many items to make decisions on.

THE CHAIRMAN: Had you intended to read this or give us a brief on it, please? We will include this in the record as written.

MS. FALKENHEINER: What I have handed you includes my speech today. I am not going to read



all of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. We have a very lengthy item after this, and I am just explaining why I was asking the question. Thank you very much.

MS. FALKENHEINER: I am appearing today in a dual capacity. I am first, and always, a native of Concordia Parish. I was born there, as was my father; my parents, aunts, uncles and many, many cousins live there today. I own a small piece of property there and I frequently visit the area for outdoor recreation. In fact, I was in Concordia Parish on two weekends in recent months for canoe trips on Wild Cow Bayou and Cocodrie Bayou.

I have been active also in the last five years in many levels of state and federal government activity which pertains to or affects Concordia Parish and Cocodrie Bayou.

My second hat is as the Chairperson of the Conservation Committee and Member of the Executive Committee of Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club. Our chapter's geographical limits are the



states of Louisiana and Mississippi, and it represents the statewide conservation interests of more than 1,300 Sierra Club members who, I might add, also are frequent users of the Louisiana Wildlife Management Areas and the state's natural and scenic rivers system.

I am here today to ask the Commission to adopt two resolutions. I have copies of the resolutions for each of you. They are the last three pages of the packet I have handed you.

The first resolution is a statement of policy on the 12,800 acres of mitigation lands which Congress authorized in 1965 for Louisiana. The second resolution is a statement of policy or position on the Tensas-Cocodrie Pumping Plant and Channelization Project of the Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers.

The Flood Control Act of October 27, 1965, authorized the Corps of Engineers to buy 12,800 acres of bottomlands to replace the hardwood bottomland swamp destroyed or altered to some other landform by the Catahoula Diversion Canal, a part of the Red River Backwater Project. Here



(indicating) is a map of the project which shows you how the canal cut across the 60,000-acre Saline Wildlife Management Area. Here is a copy of the map for each of you (distributing copies).

We now approach the tenth anniversary of the Act, and the Corps of Engineers has not honored its debt to the people of Louisiana. The facts involved in this project are astounding. Within one year of Congressional authorization for mitigation, all available bottomlands had been converted to agriculture and so, there being no land in the immediate area of the project, the Corps dropped the whole thing. In May, 1972 (six years later) the Rapides Wildlife Association pointed out that in the nearby area of Concordia Parish there were significant acres of bottomlands being offered for sale to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and so the Corps started looking into the possibility of buying lands outside the immediate area. As usual, they moved with all due deliberation.

In September, 1973, the Corps issued its Letter Report to the Mississippi River Commission. Succinctly, that report says the Corps



decided on three possible tracts of land, but it thinks new Congressional authorization is necessary to go outside the immediate area of the project, even though the new site will be within the Red River Backwater Area Project, of which the Catahoula Diversion Canal was a smaller part.

The Corps solicited public reaction to their proposal, and there was tremendous support for purchase of the 12,800 acres. Then, as before, nothing happened. Many of us became concerned about the delay, including Mr. Angelle I believe, who inquired as to the status of the Corps' efforts, only to be told by the District Engineer, Colonel Galloway, that the President's proposed budget for 1976 does not include money to buy the lands. The key word in his reply is, of course, "President's". He, of course, did not say why or how this happened.

Omissions of significant facts are quite common, I have found, in correspondence with the Corps of Engineers. So I asked my Congressman to find out why the President's proposed budget did not contain adequate funds, and was told that the Corps itself tells the President what its priority



items are and the President then submits a proposed budget to Congress. In other words, the funds were not requested because the Corps did not ask for them.

So, here we are almost ten years later, and still no closer to receipt of the mitigation lands. Last month I received a press release and enlarged glossy back and white photograph of the Corps of Engineers turning over 15,000 acres of bottomlands in the Yazoo River Basin for operation as a wildlife refuge in Mississippi. Our Delta Chapter newsletter carried an article about that event, since we are also involved in Mississippi. I am informed that other southern states have received significant acreage of mitigation acreage. Where is ours?

In the next few years, as the Corps continues construction of the other parts of the Red River Backwater Project, you will be faced with this same problem, only doubled or tripled. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in their 1959 report on the fish and wildlife aspects of the Red River Backwater Project (in which the Commission



concurrent, I might add) estimates that a total of 57,000 acres will be required to replace the wilderness areas to be converted to agriculture as a result of the entire project. In view of the events since that 1959 Report, I am willing to say that I believe that the Fish and Wildlife Service would very much increase their estimate if they were to submit a supplemental report today.

Gentlemen, you have been very kind and polite to the Corps so far. You have given them ten years to honor their debt to the people of Louisiana. You have been more than kind and generous but it appears that they have no intention of paying their debt any time soon. If the Corps were a private citizen, we would call it a deadbeat.

Do you plan to sit back and let the Corps get away with not paying its debt to the people of Louisiana? I certainly hope not, and so request that you begin now to actively, militantly, seek collection of the bad debts of the Corps of Engineers.

The first step is adoption of the



resolution I have handed to you.

Secondly, the Tensas-Cocodrie Pumping Plant is a part of the Red River Backwater Project. Congress authorized a 3,000-cubic foot per second plant to be installed at the point where Bayou Cocodrie enters Red River. This project is shown on the map I gave you earlier. Here also is a copy of my letter of May 7, 1975 to the District Engineer, Colonel Galloway, wherein I discuss various legal and factual points which are described in the Corps' own draft environmental impact statement of May 1974 (distributing copies). I have received an acknowledgment of my letter, but no detailed reply as yet.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in its 1959 Report, says that 35,000 acres of habitat replacement should be acquired by the Corps. I wonder if the Corps plans to honor this recommendation any better than it did the 12,800-acre recommendation.

The area of the Tensas-Cocodrie Project, as you probably know, is the Dismal Swamp, which is shown on most maps as a significant natural



feature of Louisiana. The 1959 Report stated that:

"Although this area has been subject to vast change as a result of existing flood control measures, it still remains as one of the few extensive swamp areas of the Mississippi Valley. Black bear have managed to survive in this area and other native game is abundant. A tract of about 35,000 acres should be acquired to preserve this ecological type and provide hunting and fishing opportunities that are reapidly disappearing."

The Corps' draft EIS on this project mentions the recommendation that 35,000 acres of land be bought, but says nothing whatsoever about buying them. The only mitigation described in the draft EIS is minimal.

So, what are some of the foreseeable effects of this project on the fish and wildlife resources of the people of Louisiana?

For many years members of the profes-



sional staff of the Commission have worked very hard and very long to evaluate the fish and wildlife aspects of this project and those of the entire Red River Backwater Project, as you are asked to recognize, by the way, in the first resolution I presented you. Your staff estimated that expected results of installation of the project described in the draft EIS (which, I might add, is significantly different from that project Congress authorized) will be:

- (1) To induce clearing of 64,368 acres of bottomland hardwoods;
- (2) To clear an additional 1,692 acres for the project itself, including about 376 acres of which will be in the Red River Wildlife Management Area, purchased with BOR funds;
- (3) To channelize 22 miles of a virtually unaltered Delta stream, Cocodrie Bayou. The Delta Chapter Executive Committee resolved on June 14, 1975 that the southern 22 miles of Cocodrie Bayou and Wild



Cow Bayou be included in the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System; and

- (4) To lead to the deterioration of water quality and thereby fisheries in Cocodrie Bayou.

Your professional staff has said also that:

- (1) The mitigation proposed by the Corps (i.e., \$30,000 annual cost for mitigation in return for the net annual loss of \$176,000 -- in other words, \$30,000 for \$176,000) is far from adequate and only token mitigation at best;
- (2) The estimated annual losses are nearer to \$460,000 than \$176,000, a discrepancy of about \$280,000 in one year;
- (3) This is what your staff said -- the Corps should come to the Administrator of the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System to seek an evaluation



of the proposed weir in Cocodrie Bayou above Wild Cow Bayou (i.e., the part of Cocodrie which is protected by Act 398 of 1970) but they have not done so, I might add; and

- (4) The Corps should seek a Class B Use Permit from the System Administrator for the project activity and project-induced activity that will adversely affect water quality of the protected part of Cocodrie Bayou -- but they have not done so.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has presented the Corps with a very detailed evaluation, as did the Commission. They, too, have done a lot of hard, tedious work, and it is apparent that they, too, consider the natural values and the wilderness-like qualities of the Tensas-Cocodrie Area of great importance. They stated in their evaluation of February, 1975, that "it is possible that the remaining timber in the Tensas-Cocodrie area constitutes the largest remaining continuous tract of bottomland hardwoods remaining



in Louisiana."

They also stated that:

"Channelization of 16.2 miles of a natural and scenic stream, excavation of a new channel 1.6 miles in length, removal of a streamback share and cover, land clearing and agricultural development, and increases in sediment, water turbidity, pesticide contamination will adversely affect natural resource values. There will be severe losses of habitat for sport and commercial fish, forest game, waterfowl, aquatic animals, and various rare and threatened species of wildlife. . . . Overall biological productivity and the quality of hunting, fishing, and wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities will be severely reduced. . . ."

Their report goes on and on and on in this same vein for eleven pages -- fisheries to be reduced by 90 percent because of impairment of adjacent and upstream fish habitat; reduced water



quality; the "loss of wooded wetlands, in particular, will have far-reaching detrimental effects upon waterfowl resources of regional, national and international importance." There will be a loss of environmental amenities not only for those who hunt or fish, but for those (such as myself) who enjoy the present natural woodlands as photographers, students, observers of nature, and as casual visitors. There will be a loss of habitat for some rare and endangered species and thereby a loss of the species in the project, ad infinitum, for eleven pages -- it is almost a horror story.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service points out the inadequacy of the proposed mitigation plans and states that:

"Economically feasible opportunities to adequately compensate for the anticipated damages are not apparent."

In other words, what will be destroyed by the Corps project is irreplaceable at any price the Corps is willing to pay.

In light of the Corps' unwillingness to pay for the 12,800 acres, it is reasonable to



conclude that the Corps has no intention whatsoever of paying for their damages to our natural resources.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service felt that it must perform the duties delegated it by Congress under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. It stated that it was in total opposition to the project.

A second aspect of the project is that the project, as described in the Corps' draft environmental impact statement (May, 1974) is not the project authorized by Congress. We pointed this out to Colonel Galloway, the Vicksburg District Engineer, on May 3, and he squirmed ever so perceptibly. You must give him credit, however, for attending our meeting. We sat him next to a retired lady from Shreveport whose favorite outdoor activity for some fifty years has been canoeing in the streams of the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas. For those of you who may not be aware of it, Colonel Galloway's Vicksburg District has jurisdiction over a lot of those streams.

He stated that he felt that there was



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authority for him to increase the approved 3,000 CFS plant to 4,000 CFS, and to add all of the 22 miles of channelization, stream realignment, etc., but that he was going to seek Congressional authorization for the additions just to be on the conservative side. Nevertheless, before May 3 and my letter of May 7 (which I have handed to you), it clearly appeared that the Corps was going full speed ahead on the project, over the objections of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A third aspect of the project is its relationship to the Central Concordia Watershed Project. This relationship is not clearly stated by the Corps in its 1974 draft EIS, but it is an issue which has been raised by your staff, the Fish and Wildlife Service, myself, and many other concerned individuals. A historical analysis will clearly show that the Tensas-Cocodrie Pumping Plant and Channelization Project is an integral part of a program which includes both the North and Central Concordia Watershed Projects. Both of these watersheds are well known for the damages they would have led to, and for the lack of compliance with



the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. The Soil Conservation Service provided as little lip-service to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act as the Corps has done with the Tensas-Cocodrie etc. Project.

You showed great concern over the amount of damage to be done by the Central Concordia Watershed Project, as evidenced by your resolution of opposition to that project. The Tensas-Cocodrie Project, which is expected to make the small watersheds feasible, should be of equal concern to you, and I hope that you will display that same concern by adoption of this resolution in opposition thereto.

Thank you again for providing me with this opportunity to speak today. It has been a long day, and I have tried to be as brief as possible about two projects whose facts and issues have been with us for quite a while.

I will be glad to answer any questions you have, but I hope that you will address any technical questions about the projects to the members of your staff who are here today. They



have worked long and hard on the evaluations for these federal projects and have shown great concern about the irreplaceable losses of natural resources which can be expected to occur if the Tensas-Cocodrie Project and the small watershed projects become a reality.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Miss Falkenheiner. I want to assure you that you are touching on something that is very dear to our hearts and that we have worked very hard with and we appreciate anything that you or any other organization can do that would help us force the Corps of Engineers to live up to their promises.

Now, does any member or anyone have a question to ask the lady?

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that this presentation was excellent and I know that the lady has spent a lot of time preparing this thing and we appreciate this type of presentation. It was very informative to me. In fact, I learned some things that I didn't know.

MS. FALKENHEINER: Thank you very much.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, I move that we



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take this matter under advisement. I don't think I am prepared to move the adoption of the two suggested resolutions today.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will have to thoroughly study them, of course.

MR. WILLE: I think under advisement is a good answer, Marc, and let our biologists look it over and come up with their recommendations.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: As to Resolution No. 1, I don't think we have any difficulty. That is consistent with the position this Commission has taken. Of course, we have said that already but there is nothing wrong with saying it again, I guess.

As to Resolution No. 2, Dr. Glasgow I think gave a letter a number of years ago about that pumping plant which okayed it in effect, and I would hesitate today to adopt Resolution No. 2 where we would reverse that position without looking at it and coming back next month with it. But as to No. 1, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we adopt No. 1.



MR. DUPUY: Yes, well, I have no objection to that from the standpoint of just a matter of reiterating what we have said.

MR. JONES: Yes, we have already said it but we can say it again.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, it has been moved by Mr. Jones.

MR. DUPUY: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor of adopting Resolution No. 1, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

It is so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the staff of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has assisted the Corps of Engineers in evaluating projects in the Red River Backwater Area since



the early 1950's;

WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in its 1959 Report to the Corps of Engineers on the fish and wildlife aspects of the Red River Backwater Project, a report concurred in by the Commission, recommended the purchase of 12,800 acres to replace wildlife habitat damaged by the Catahoula Diversion Canal;

WHEREAS, this damaged wildlife habitat in part occupied the lands of the Saline Wildlife Management Area, owned in trust for the people of Louisiana by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission;

WHEREAS, Congress on October 27, 1965, authorized the Corps to purchase 12,800 acres as replacement of lost habitat;

WHEREAS, we are informed that the proposed federal budget for 1976 does not include funds for purchase



of the 12,800 acres; now

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission urges that the federal budget for 1976 include adequate funds for purchase of the 12,800 acres in Louisiana; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission solicits the support and affirmative votes of the Louisiana Senatorial and Congressional delegation for these funds.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

MR. DUPUY: By way of explanation to the people in the audience, No. 1 is simply a resolution asking that our Congressional delegation assist in being sure that the Corps' budget does include adequate funds for the purchase of this mitigation property in the 1976 budget.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, and I might explain that by two letters and by telephone I have been



in touch with our representatives, including the two Mr. Longs and several others, requesting that they amend that budget this year, and they are working on it.

MS. FALKHEINER: Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: And Colonel Galloway has assured me that he also has requested an amendment to that budget by telephone.

MR. JONES: May I ask one more question? Do you have an alternate to Resolution No. 2?

MS. FALKHEINER: It is possible that we could come forward with an alternate to No. 2, yes. It would be premature to suggest that we do it at this time because --

MR. JONES: May I suggest that in the interim between this meeting and next month that maybe, Bob Murray, you could discuss that with her.

MS. FALKHEINER: We would be glad to do that. I would like to have an idea if this is going to be brought up at the next meeting so that I can arrange to take another day of vacation to come down here.

MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I would like to



suggest that it be put on the agenda for next meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

THE DIRECTOR: That is about twenty days from now, our next meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: July 22. Do you have enough time, Ms. Falkheiner?

MS. FALKHEINER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., we will have it on the agenda for the 22nd of July.

MS. FALKHEINER: Thank you very much. I would like to point out that our Delta Sierra has just been published for the month of July and that we have on our first page a request of our members to write to both Senator Long and President Ford, which a number of us have already done, saying that we want this now before eleven years pass.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

MR. THOMPSON: Let me correct you, if I may, on one statement you have, which may be of some value down the road. This is on Page No. 2, that within one year all the land had been put into farming operation. This is not correct.



MS. FALKHEINER: I said "available".

MR. THOMPSON: That is not correct.

MS. FALKHEINER: Available in the sense that it is offering to the public for public purchase.

MR. THOMPSON: I am not arguing with you. I am just trying so in your future statements you won't be caught with your hair down.

MS. FALKHEINER: Thank you.

MR. THOMPSON: You didn't let me finish telling you about it. I am going to tell you, anyhow, if you don't want to listen I will give it to somebody else. It was the Honey Island Swamp that was available at the time that the Corps was anticipating buying this land, which would be on the edge of Black River, which would be just north of the canal to the eastern section. This land was stopped from being purchased by the Lions Club and the policy jury, et cetera, et cetera, of -- is that LaSalle Parish?

MR. BERRY: And the Levee Board.

MR. THOMPSON: Yes, and the Levee Board, who put up a very vigorous fight against this land



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being purchased, due to the fact that they did not want the land off of the public tax rolls, and that is the reason, but this land was available at the time and continued to be available for quite some time until eventually it was bought by the Beene Company from Nebraska. This thing goes a little bit deeper and I just tell you this so that you won't get caught with your hair down.

THE CHAIRMAN: I want to explain this to Ms. Falkheiner. This man feels just as deeply about this 12,800 acres as you ever can feel, and I have known him for years and I know he has worked very hard and sincerely and he agrees with me about the Corps, and I do, too. I hear these policies. I don't believe them.

Mr. Veillon.

MR. EDGAR VEILLON: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, I am Edgar Veillon and I am here today representing President Francis Braud regarding the issue that Miss Falkheiner has just discussed with you. We are completely familiar with both of these proposed resolutions and the values at stake here and the Louisiana



Wildlife Federation is in complete support of this proposed action and we hope that the Commission can, after whatever deliberation is necessary, go on record and be as helpful in any way as possible.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Veillon.

Ms. Falkheiner, feel free, does this conclude your report or do you want to answer other questions or what?

MS. FALKHEINER: If you have any questions that I can answer --

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I just want to be certain that we hadn't in any way cut you out of saying something you wanted to say.

MS. FALKHEINER: Thank you very much.
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THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Edgar Veillon has a presentation to make if you have a minute.

THE CHAIRMAN: We do have. I recognize Mr. Veillon. You have a presentation to make, Mr. Jones said.



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MR. VEILLON: Yes, thank you.

Mr. Chairman, I have a Certificate of Appreciation that I would like to take the opportunity to present this morning. I have been trying to make this presentation since our convention and I haven't been able to catch up with the recipient of it and he is here this morning, so I appreciate it.

I would like to recognize a man who through the use of his newspaper column has provided a forum for the Louisiana Wildlife Federation's program and newsworthy items. He has on occasion taken unpopular stands in the cause of conservation and has shown an ardent and sincere interest in the sportsmen and natural resources of the State of Louisiana. For his consistent support of our overall program, I have chosen to honor Mr. Dan Greene, writer of the "All Outdoors" column of the Times-Picayune. Dan.

(Applause)

MR. DAN GREENE: Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dan, is that the only speech you are going to make?



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THE DIRECTOR: Ed and Dan, if you would stay around, I have asked Lloyd Poissenot to get his camera so he can pick up photographs of this so stick around a little while, we will get you in the newspaper, Dan! (Laughter)

THE CHAIRMAN: Dan, once in a while I run out of words, but a newspaper man to run out of words and just say one little word for a speech

I recognize Mr. Wille.

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, we have an individual, Mr. James Brantley, who is a biologist who has been assigned to Lake Bistineau on a permanent basis to operate our research station up there. Mr. Brantley had requested from me permission to move his trailer, his house trailer, onto the property of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries. This is not uncommon. Most all of our biologists live on the areas in which they operate, with this exception, we do not have quarters for him up there, so he has asked to move his private trailer.

I have the necessary contract which would relieve the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission



of the responsibility and also him taking the responsibility and also preventing him from making any future claim on this land after living on it.

I would like to put it in the form of a motion that we as a Commission accept Mr. Brantley's request. Peter Duffy has drawn up the necessary papers and we would authorize the Director to sign them.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion. Do I have a second?

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman, there is one other thing I would like to point out. By the man living on the property, it will save the Commission many, many dollars over a period of years, especially since it is going to be under construction over there and there is a lot of vandalism in that



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area.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has recently purchased a 2-1/2 acre tract of land on the north end of Lake Bistineau for the purpose of constructing a fisheries field station, and

WHEREAS, there is no Commission employee residing near or assigned to look after the lab facility, and

WHEREAS, the Commission employee, James Brantley, recently assigned as the Lake Bistineau biologist has a house trailer and is willing to move his trailer onto the property and to sign a waiver of any future claims insofar as the property is concerned,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED



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that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree to permit Mr. Brantley to move his trailer onto the 2-1/2 acre tract providing he signs the abovementioned document.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. That is a very good move.

I believe this takes up all of our report and again I want to thank you, Miss Falkenheiner, and I hope we have extended you all the time necessary and I would like to say that we can profit by all of the help that you can give us. We are working very hard on exactly what you are talking about.

I believe we are down to Joe, am I right?

MR. THOMPSON: I would like to say something while he is getting ready. Go ahead and get ready, Joe. I know it is going to take him a few moments --

THE CHAIRMAN: It took him all night!

MR. THOMPSON: Well, a few more. You had better listen to this, too, Joe, as you are



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passing out this literature. I know something is going to be said about dog hunting during the presentation here, I feel sure there will, and at this time I would like to publicly apologize to all of the biologists in the state of Louisiana or anywhere in the world as far as that is concerned. I have been making a grave error. On many occasions in the past I have come before the Commission and before this microphone and I have said the biologists are against dogs and dog hunting. I was in error and I sincerely apologize to you who are not against dog hunting in the state of Louisiana. Now, from now on, I will direct all of my comments to those biologists who are against dog hunting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Jimmie, I am glad you said that. I really am, because they are not all against dog hunting.

Anything else? Any other comment? All right, Joe. Briefly.

MR. THOMPSON: I am going to want to say something else in a minute. Are you about ready, Joe?



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THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead. Go ahead, Joe.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The first item we have on the agenda pertains to the borings and soil surveys that the Corps of Engineers has been doing on our Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area at the Old River Outflow Channel.

In view of the high water in this area, we understand they have been unable to complete these borings so they have asked that we extend this contract with them for one more year, which would carry it to November 1, 1976. In this agreement it would carry the same stipulations that we have had before. This is that they would notify District Supervisor Dan Dennett prior to any operations on the area and no work is to be performed during the 1975-76 hunting season and no work is to be done within 30 feet of roadways, and the Corps of Engineers will be held responsible for any damages to roads, structures of property on this area.

Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that we extend this agreement with them.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recom-



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mendation, gentlemen. What is your pleasure?

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille moves, Mr. Lapeyre seconds. All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the United States Corps of Engineers has requested a one-year extension on their present permit for surveys and soil borings on our Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, these surveys and borings are in connection with flood control studies at the Old River Outflow Channel, Concordia Parish, and

WHEREAS, the Commission



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previously granted a permit to the Corps for a period not to exceed November 1, 1975, and

WHEREAS, due to the high water experienced during this time they were unable to complete the work, and

WHEREAS, the new request would extend through November 1, 1976,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this extension be granted for one year provided (1) the Corps notifies District Supervisor Dan Dennett prior to any operations, (2) no work is to be performed during 1975-76 hunting season, (3) no work is to be done within thirty feet of roadways, and (4) the United States Corps of Engineers will be held responsible for any damages to roads, structures, or property.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The next item we have is a renewal of a lease



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agreement with Cities Service Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have offered to renew their lease to Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for property that they have on our Georgia Pacific Wildlife Management Area.

As in the past, this lease will be to Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission free of charge. I would like to recommend to the Commission that we do accept this additional land to the wildlife management area and also that we congratulate Cities Service for the cooperation that they have given to Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in past years in some of our hunting and fishing programs and other types of wildlife you might say over the state.

I would like to recommend at this time that we do accept this lease from Cities Service Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation.

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Thompson,



seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. Those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered. Please record the Chair's voting because I have only three members seated at the table.

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

WHEREAS, Cities Service Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma has offered to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission forty acres of land as a lease renewal in the Georgia Pacific Wildlife Management Area in Morehouse Parish for no charge, and

WHEREAS, Cities Service Company has been very cooperative on wildlife programs and has shown great interest in the wildlife resources of our State, and

WHEREAS, this land is leased



to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission under the same stipulations as other lands leased to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for Wildlife Management Area purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission accept this lease on behalf of the sportsmen of our State and congratulate Cities Service Company for their cooperation and interest in the management of Louisiana's wildlife resources.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item we have is the Red River Waterway Commission through the Department of Public Works has requested permission for three areas of revetment work projects on the Red River Wildlife Management Area.

The revetment work will consist of a three-inch thick articulated concrete mattress on the underwater bank slope and stone paving on the bank slope above water. The purpose of this is to



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stop erosion in this part of Red River there, and it is on our property so it would be saving Wild Life and Fisheries Commission land in the future. These areas are the Upper Sunk Lake Area, the Chaney Area and the Catfish Bayou Area. Access to the jobsite for heavy equipment used in the performance of work will be over navigable waters, so they will not be coming through our land.

Since this is in the best interests of the Commission in saving our land, I recommend to the Commission then that we do grant this permit to the Red River Waterway Commission through the Department of Public Works to do this.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation.

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dupuy moves, Mr. Wille seconds. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.



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WHEREAS, the Red River Waterway Commission through the Louisiana Department of Public Works has requested permission for three areas of revetment work on the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's Red River Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this revetment work will consist of a three-inch thick articulated concrete mattress on the underwater bank slope and stone paving on the bank slope above water, and

WHEREAS, these areas are described on the Act of Servitude as (1) Upper Sunk Lake area revetment, 5,300 linear feet; (2) Chaney Area, 3,500 linear feet; and (3) Catfish Bayou Area, and

WHEREAS, this work will prevent erosion and save land on our Red River Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, it will destroy some fish habitat so it is recommended that



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the United States Corps of Engineers coordinate their activities with the commercial fishermen in the area so that tackle will not be destroyed, and

WHEREAS, access to the job-site for heavy equipment used in the performances of work will be over navigable waters, no land access will be required,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, since this work will assist in preventing erosion and save land on the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Red River Wildlife Management Area that this work is hereby approved by Commission action.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next item we have is not on the agenda. It came in this morning from the Department of Public Works, Division of Administration, and it pertains to a timber cutting contract for wildlife improvements, on our Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area near Monroe.



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Monroe, Godfrey and Givens Timber Company has had this contract to cull out some timber on 390 acres of land, for which they paid us a total of \$1,200. The cut is 70 percent complete and they have been unable to complete this due to the high waters on our Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, so the contractor through the Division of Administration has asked for a six-months extension on this contract for the purpose of completing this work.

Since it is a wildlife cutting in the best interests of the Commission, I would recommend to the Commission that we do extend this contract to the contractor.

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation and it has been moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wille. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.



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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has been notified by the State Division of Administration that Monroe, Godfrey and Givens Timber Company of West Monroe, Louisiana, contract runs out July 1, 1975, and

WHEREAS, this operation was for wildlife improvement by cutting undesirable trees on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this contract for cutting consists of 390 acres of land for a total sale of \$1,200, and

WHEREAS, due to high waters on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area the contractor has cut only seventy percent of the desired cuts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and



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Fisheries Commission extend this contract for a period of six months for the purpose of completing the wildlife improvement timber cut which is in the best interest of the Commission and our wildlife resources.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will move into the seasons now.

MR. THOMPSON: Joe, you are going to be a pretty good while on this, are you not?

MR. HERRING: Well, possibly.

MR. THOMPSON: I wanted to say something but I wanted Burt to be in here and I would like to say it at this time. Is he right there in the little anteroom? Where is Burt?

MR. DUPUY: He is outside, I believe.

(Director Angelle returned to the meeting room.)

MR. THOMPSON: Burt, I wanted to say something and particularly because you are directly involved in this or a person whom I will be talking about in your position, not yourself as an individual, I thought perhaps you would care to



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be in the room.

Gentlemen, I am extremely disturbed with the situation in relation to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in our new form of government under the new Constitution. In my estimation we are doomed to death as the type of Commission that we have been operating in the past. In fact, if the amendment or whatever the terminology is for the one of the twenty departments is adopted and we become one of those members, as I understand it, the Governor will appoint the Secretary, the Secretary the Director, et cetera, this Commission will be moot, it will have no authority, no power, no nothing.

The thing is the sportsmen of the state of Louisiana have fought for for so many years, an independent board to run the Wild Life and Fisheries, will no longer exist. There will be a board but this board will have no power. It would have some function I feel sure but it will have no power whatsoever. For instance, in Burt's relation to the Commission, we would have no power to hire or fire Burt. In my home or in my business,



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if I am going to be the boss, I have to have the power to hire and fire, at least the top man. This will be taken away from us.

While I have the utmost confidence in Mr. Burt Angelle who is our Director now and supposedly and hopefully will be retained as the Director or whatever the nomenclature for that position will be, I fear that somewhere down the line we are going to get into a jam. This action that will be taken, that I anticipate will be taken, has already passed the House, along with all the other action in the new Constitution, points out to me the fact that our Governor, and also all due respect again to our present Governor, but merely by his position will be one of the most powerful men that this State of Louisiana has ever had in history. The area of years ago where the power may have not been there, just for comparison say the Huey Long days, will be so minute that it will be infinitesimal, I guess would be the word, and any successive Governor down the line will be of this same position.

I would like to see this action in the



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legislature defeated and us remain under the Natural Resources Division, as was originally planned. This is not to my choosing but rather my strategy, which may be wrong, but I still have to say it. If we go under one of the twenty, we are going to be just like the new Constitution. We will have been thrown a bone and we are going to be expected to be content with that bone, which I will not be.

If we stay under Natural Resources, I think this is going to be terrible but I also think that it is going to waken the sportsmen of the State of Louisiana to the boiling point so that they will seek and actively pursue a Constitutional amendment placing the Wild Life and Fisheries in the place that I think proper for it.

I would like to make a motion at this time that we direct the Director and our personnel to at the earliest possible time present or have presented to the legislature the request that a Constitutional amendment be placed before the people of the State of Louisiana, placing the Wild Life and Fisheries back into what I term the old



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position plus the fact that all self-generated funds will be retained, we will retain the Commission form of government over the Wild Life and Fisheries, and all the necessary points that have been previously taken up, and I won't reiterate at this time. I would like to put that in the form of a motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion. Do I have a second? Seconded by Mr. Jones. Oh, do you want to speak?

MR. JONES: I would like to add one amendment to it, that in addition this Commission endorse and strongly urge the passage of appropriate legislation during the present session which would have the effect of maintaining the Commission as a separate state agency and possessing the identical powers and authority as set forth in the Louisiana Constitution of 1921, which would be that our staff would advocate the amendment of House Bill 1000 to do what I just said.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. In other words, you are amending Mr. Thompson's motion.

MR. JONES: By adding another provision



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to it. Is that all right, Jim?

MR. THOMPSON: No, that doesn't say what I am saying. In other words, here is what I am saying to you.

MR. JONES: We are asking them to do two things. Number One, they can't introduce a Constitutional amendment until next time, but we are asking them this time to put into the legislation that is going to the Senate --

MR. THOMPSON: Oh, I see, to amend into the legislation.

MR. JONES: That's right.

MR. THOMPSON: Oh, O. K., I see, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have an amendment to the motion. Of course, naturally we will have to vote on the amendment first. Do I have a second to that amendment?

MR. THOMPSON: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Thompson. Those in favor of the amendment, please say aye.

MR. DUPUY: Discussion, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's right. Do you want to discuss it?



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MR. DUPUY: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K. Mr. Dupuy has the right of discussion before the vote. Since we have called for only one vote, it is legal to rescind the vote and to accept the discussion. Go ahead, Mr. Dupuy.

MR. DUPUY: This matter has not been discussed among the members of this Commission at this particular meeting and I am not knowledgeable about what is behind the motion and the amendment but I recall very clearly that on Friday, May 23, at a regular meeting of this Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in Alexandria this Commission adopted a resolution and if I am not mistaken it was the unanimous motion and resolution and if I am also not mistaken, offered by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Thompson -- by Mr. Berry, excuse me -- that the Commission can best serve the State of Louisiana in exercising its powers, functions and duties allocated to it by being established as one of the twenty executive departments provided for in Article IX, Section 1-B of the 1974 Constitution, and we at that time asked, as a matter of fact



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respectfully, that the Legislature should be respectfully advised and informed that the members of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission are hereby on record as requesting that said Commission be designated as one of the twenty executive departments provided for in this Article of the Constitution and that the Director be instructed and directed to deliver certified copy of this resolution to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Legislature, and this is exactly what he did do.

This is exactly what Mr. Angelle did do at the direction of this Commission on the third of June, in which he appeared before the House Governmental Affairs Committee and asked that the -- he read this resolution to the members of the Committee and asked that this Commission be considered as one of the twenty executive departments.

Now, I was present. The Chairman, Mr. Luttrell, was present. We both supported the amendment that was offered by one of the members of the committee, and the amendment was supported by the Governor and at the Governor's direction Repre-



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representative Tauzin (?) came down and as a member of the Committee said that the Governor was supporting the proposed amendment and the Committee adopted the amendment on the following Tuesday.

THE CHAIRMAN: Marc, I would like to make a little bit of a correction. I was present and I did support the motion as we had it, but now the resolution that went before the House later and before the Committee later was an entirely different resolution from the one we supported.
Mr. Jones.

MR. DUPUY: What resolution are you referring to, Mr. Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: Let me make a statement. There are two issues involved here. Number One, the new Constitution requires that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be a part of the executive branch; we can't get out of that. The issue before was whether or not, where in the executive branch were we going to be put, were we going to be put under the Natural Resources Department, which was one of the twenty, or would we be a



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separate one. This Commission said we wanted to be a separate agency not under the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, so that is one issue, whether or not we were going to be separate.

The second issue, and the one that Jimmie and I are addressing ourselves to now, and to me is the important issue, the House has put us separate but we have no authority. In House Bill 1000 it mentions the Commission one time and that is at the end in that it transfers to the department all of the authority of the Commission that the Commission presently has. We have no authority whatsoever, so we want, and I believe the sportsmen want, what is in the Constitution of 1921, number one, we are a separate agency, number two, we have authority to act as an independent board.

Now, where we are now in House Bill 1000, we are a part of the executive, we are separate, but the Commission itself does not have any authority. I do know that there is another bill that was passed which purports to give, to transfer to the Commission, certain authority that is required in the new Constitution. But why have the conflict



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with House Bill 1000 that puts all of the authority in the department and does not give the authority to the Commission? I don't think the sportsmen want that.

I realize one other thing, it does not take effect until July 1 of '76 and we have the opportunity of having another session of the legislature, but let's face the issue now. If it is wrong, let's get it right before it gets out of the legislature. I don't see this as a fight between who is going to have the authority. I think Mr. Angelle himself, in discussions I have had with him, is not a person who is advocating that the Director have complete authority. I don't think so. I think he goes along with the business that the Commission ought to be the policy-making body, but if you literally read House Bill 1000, this Commission has no function, has nothing to do whatsoever, and I don't believe that that is what the sportsmen want.

So, when the Commission acted in Alexandria we were addressing the question of are we going to be one of the departments or are we going



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to be under another one, and we expressed ourselves, but when the legislature did, they did not transfer to the Commission any authority whatsoever.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson's motion is the exact opposite of what we resolved on May 23, and he is now asking that we no longer be one of the twenty executive departments, that we go back to the situation under the Natural Resources --

MR. JONES: As amended, it does two things.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, Jerry.

MR. JONES: Let me clarify it for him, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

MR. JONES: It does two things. It says our preference is we want to be out of the executive department and we have got to do it by a Constitutional amendment which cannot be done at this session. That is the primary aim that we have. We want to be restored just like we were in the Constitution of '21.

O. K. Secondly, we want in this session to be a separate agency and to give to the Commission



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all of the authority that is permitted by the new Constitution. It is not inconsistent.

THE CHAIRMAN: Bringing back our point of parliamentary procedure, which would be necessary, and I see Marc's point of view, we have left to us by parliamentary procedure one other angle. You can amend an amendment but you can only amend it one time. Now it just might be proper in the proper procedure of things, if you want this thing to be absolutely constitutional, an amendment to rescind the action of the 23 of May and then come back with your amendment --

MR. JONES: No, you don't rescind that. It's proper. That's what we want, a separate agency.

MR. THOMPSON: We just didn't go in depth. Go ahead, Jerry.

MR. JONES: We want a separate agency under the Constitution of 1974, the new Constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, now I have a question. Do you feel there is no conflict between the motion and the amendment today and the one made



in Alexandria?

MR. JONES: Not at all, not at all.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., then you do not need to extend the other --

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman --

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille.

MR. WILLE: I would like to make a suggestion that since Mr. Angelle went to the Governmental Affairs Committee, presented the amendment as we had asked and the Governmental Affairs Committee rejected that amendment, told them to go back and tailor it to every other department within the executive branch, I would like to suggest or attach to the motion that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Jones as members of this Commission present the point in question to the legislature.

In other words, let's don't put the Director in the middle of this damned thing is what I am trying to say. I think that the Commission themselves should do our homework. If we are going to pursue this thing, then I think that we should form a committee of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Jones and possibly one other member, I don't



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know, whatever way you want to do it. Let them go to the legislature, present the case for the Commission, rather than put the Director in the middle, because right now he is in the middle. He is catching hell from the Governor and he is catching hell from the legislature and he is catching hell from us. I am just saying that we are pushing the Director to do this. I say that we should take three Commission members, go to the legislature, present our case, and then if it doesn't pass, we have nobody to blame but us.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now you are adding that as an amendment to the original motion?

MR. THOMPSON: No, wait, Jerry.

THE CHAIRMAN: But I want to clear up what he is trying to do.

MR. WILLE: All I am trying to do is say that we should have a committee --

THE CHAIRMAN: I need to know --

MR. WILLE: -- of two or three Commission members to present this to the legislature.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K.

MR. WILLE: And I think it is only right



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that the Commission themselves go to the legislature on this thing.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K. Discussion only.
Go ahead, Jerry.

MR. JONES: I have personally been twice that I can recall, maybe three times, to testify before the committee, and I testified and I don't mind saying that my position was received the first time, the second time it wasn't well received at all. I guess that is the easy way to put it. We testified before the Natural Resources Committee one time and then the Reorganization Committee, and the proposal that Mr. Thompson and I are making is not well received, I don't mind telling you, by the committees of the legislature. We have testified to that. I don't see any reason to go back and testify before them. We can send this resolution to them.

I want to make it clear to the sportsmen how this board feels about reorganization and we can make ourselves known. I don't see that we have got to go and get in any big argument with anybody about it. They know how we feel. I want



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the sportsmen to know that before it is done how this Commission felt about it because I really believe eventually, as Jimmie said, there is going to be some upheaval about it when they finally realize that we are back where we were years and years ago.

I move the previous question.

THE CHAIRMAN: The previous question has been moved, cuts off discussion. I have a motion that I don't think I can restate, I have an amendment that I don't think I can restate. I don't think I have to.

MR. JONES: It is in the record.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is in the record. We will vote on the amendment first. Those people in favor of the amendment to the motion, please say aye.

MR. THOMPSON: You had better get a hand count.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, we will take a hand count. I think you are correct. Now, by the way, I want to state for the record that Mr. Doyle Berry is out of state and could not be here today.



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All right. Mr. Thompson, aye. Mr. Jones, aye. Do we have any other people voting for the amendment? Mr. Wille, aye. This is for the amendment.

MR. LAPEYRE: Mr. Chairman, I am a little bit confused as to the effect of the amendment frankly and if someone could restate the effect of it I would appreciate it.

MR. JONES: My amendment to the motion?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. JONES: First, Mr. Thompson's move was that this Commission actively support in the next session of the legislature a Constitutional amendment to return the Commission and its authority and organization back to where it was in the Constitution of 1921.

MR. DUPUY: That is not Mr. Thompson's motion.

MR. JONES: Yes, it is. My amendment is, and I will read it again because I was reading it from this piece of paper, the Commission endorses and strongly urges the passage of appropriate legislation during the present session which would



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have the effect of maintaining the Commission as a separate state agency possessing the identical powers and authority as set forth in the Louisiana Constitution of 1921.

MR. LAPEYRE: Is this necessary in lieu of House Bill 1000?

MR. JONES: My interpretation of House Bill 1000 makes a separate agency for us but gives us no authority, and that position may be argued because of another bill that was passed, but House Bill 1000 is clear.

MR. LAPEYRE: Well, in the event that House Bill 1000 does not pass, what would be the situation then? Do we automatically revert to a subdivision of the Natural Resources agency?

MR. JONES: I don't think so.

MR. LAPEYRE: And in that case what happens to the powers of the Commission?

MR. JONES: We will assume that we continue to operate as we are.

MR. LAPEYRE: Is there someone who could throw some --

MR. WILLE: We will revert back, we



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wouldn't go under Natural Resources at all because House Bill 1000 contains the Natural Resources and reorganization, too, Jean, so we would revert back to our original position of this Commission.

MR. THOMPSON: If I might, let me say what I think is confusing Jean. I have made reference to going back under Natural Resources by way of showing that we would be in a bad situation and I merely made that comment to arouse the ire of all the sportsmen to get out of that bad position, and I was using it -- do you follow what I am trying to say? That was not included in my motion. That was just comment telling you how bad off we would be if we did get in it which would make everybody want this Constitution -- I know I am confusing everybody, I am confusing myself. But, anyhow, I want to make you mad enough, by God, that you will fight to get a Constitutional amendment. Now that is what it means.

MR. LAPEYRE: There is no disagreement on my part as to the desirability of maintaining the powers of the Commission. There is no question about that in my mind. The question is, in the



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event that this House Bill 1000 is not passed, does that automatically have the effect that you desire?

MR. WILLE: Jean, it will put the Commission right back where we are.

MR. JONES: Where we are.

MR. THOMPSON: Where we are right now.

MR. WILLE: We won't go under Natural Resources, we won't go as a separate department if House Bill 1000 is defeated. We are already protected by the Drew bill which is in which was signed by the Governor day before yesterday, which clearly outlines the Commission's position and has rewritten itself in the guidelines of the new Constitution. However, I have read the bill myself and it doesn't take any authority away from the Commission other than the hiring of the Director by the Governor, which is in the Constitution, and he has been hiring the Director for years, anyway.

MR. DUPUY: What bill is this you are referring to?

MR. WILLE: The Drew bill.



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THE CHAIRMAN: I don't know anything about that bill.

MR. WILLE: Dick, you get a copy of it and show them.

THE CHAIRMAN: We should have been informed on this, I believe.

MR. DUPUY: You see, we cut off debate and discussion on this before everybody knows what they are talking about in this situation.

Mr. Jones, let me state for the record and certainly for your reassurance and Mr. Thompson's also that I certainly have strong feelings about the retaining of the powers and duties and obligations and rights of this Commission and under no circumstances do I feel that we ought to in any way abrogate those responsibilities. On the other hand, I think we ought to be consistent in our position and I think we have -- and I have stated it before -- been consistently inconsistent, and I would like to just be very careful of what we are doing right now, and I am not real sure of what we are doing right now.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I have permitted



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discussion which is legal for the clarification of a member so that he may vote his convictions, and I think we are going to have to stick with this.

Mr. Lapeyre, have you had enough discussion, are you ready to vote now?

MR. LAPEYRE: Well, my understanding hasn't been greatly improved but when you are in that position I am prepared to vote no, since the process has already taken place.

THE CHAIRMAN: Then you are ready to vote. I didn't ask for the vote but that is perfectly all right.

MR. THOMPSON: We have three votes for it at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have three votes for it, and the Chair will exercise his right to vote, and I vote yea. I vote yes. Those opposed, please hold up your hand and state your vote. Mr. Lapeyre, you have stated no. Dupuy?

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, you have voted?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. DUPUY: Well, in that event, I don't think I understand the situation anyway so I am



going to abstain.

MR. THOMPSON: Clay, withdraw your vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. No, no, I am not going to do that. Why?

MR. THOMPSON: Just do it.

MR. DUPUY: The Chairman votes if it is a tie.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

MR. THOMPSON: What you want to do is make a statement if you were going to vote you would vote yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, in that case I would have to vote yes and I will explain why.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, you have voted.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think the news media has a right to that.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, you have voted already.

MR. THOMPSON: He withdrew it.

THE CHAIRMAN: I withdrew the vote.

MR. DUPUY: Why?

THE CHAIRMAN: At the insistence of my colleagues!



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MR. DUPUY: And you were going to explain your position, sir?

MR. THOMPSON: He is trapping you; don't answer him!

MR. DUPUY: Would you do it, please?

THE CHAIRMAN: No, I don't think that I am being trapped and I don't mind explaining. I attended one meeting and at that meeting I voted for something that I thought was going to happen. At the second meeting there was an entirely different situation that I didn't attend.

MR. JONES: I move the previous question on the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

MR. THOMPSON: You have got to do something, Marc.

MR. DUPUY: Well, I am voting no.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Then the amendment has been defeated. It didn't carry the required majority of four votes.

MR. THOMPSON: It has three to two.

MR. JONES: Three to two.

MR. DUPUY: It doesn't have a majority.



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THE CHAIRMAN: It doesn't have a majority, Jimmie. It has got to have four.

MR. DUPUY: You have been outmaneuvered.

MR. THOMPSON: I have been had! Oh, well, that's all right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Three for, if I rescind my vote.

MR. THOMPSON: You have got it, haven't you? O. K.

THE CHAIRMAN: See, I had the vote --

MR. THOMPSON: I understand. You can't vote.

MR. JONES: He can vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure, I can vote. I can always exercise that, exercise the right to vote.

MR. JONES: Do you want to vote?

MR. DUPUY: Now you want to go back and recharge it, eh?

MR. THOMPSON: That ties the vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: If I vote --

MR. THOMPSON: I don't know anything about this parliamentary procedure, but I know what I want --



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MR. JONES: You have the right to vote,
Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: So that gives one, two,
three, four. Four to two.

THE DIRECTOR: You are voting for the
motion, Don?

MR. WILLE: Yes, sir.

MR. DUPUY: Three to two.

THE CHAIRMAN: For the amendment.

MR. WILLE: Well, what about my amend-
ment?

MR. DUPUY: That was never considered,
Mr. Wille.

THE CHAIRMAN: I asked you if it was an
amendment and you said it was a discussion only.

MR. WILLE: No, I said it was an amend-
ment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, we can have an
amendment to an amendment one time only.

MR. DUPUY: That was never considered,
Mr. Wille. I think --

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, Wille, but I
asked you that.



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MR. WILLE: I withdraw my amendment then and put a motion on the floor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, you can put a second motion on the floor. That's true.

Now, gentlemen --

MR. WILLE: I want a motion now.

MR. JONES: We haven't voted on the motion yet.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am thinking a minute, Mr. Jones. Not being an attorney, I need some consultation and we do not have a parliamentarian, so we will recess for just a second.

(A brief recess was here taken.)

THE CHAIRMAN: I had to consult my legal parliamentarian.

MR. JONES: The legal beagle.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have had a consultation with my parliamentarian and I cast a vote of yes and I declare the amendment passed by the vote of four to two.

We are now ready to vote on the motion as amended.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, I challenge



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the vote. I don't think Mr. Wille understood what the motion was. He made an effort to amend a motion and he thought he was voting on his amendment, which was never considered by this Commission.

MR. WILLE: Well, if he faces this motion as is, Marc, then I want to make another motion --

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, later --

MR. WILLE: -- just another motion, period. No amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: He can make another motion.

MR. THOMPSON: Make it crystal clear that he understands he is voting on the amendment to my motion.

MR. WILLE: Well, I want the amendment but I want it to be presented just like I said.

MR. DUPUY: I would like to have somebody read it.

MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question on the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, we have to keep this in order and Mr. Wille, unless I am greatly wrong, can move because it relates to --



MR. WILLE: Let me move --

THE CHAIRMAN: Not now because I have a motion on the floor. Now, gentlemen, we are voting on the motion as amended, the motion of Mr. Thompson as amended by Mr. Jones. Now I have had a request for a reading of the motion.

(Inaudible discussion among Board members.)

I believe the Director is in a position to make a statement before the vote is taken. You Board members pay attention closely. If you have objections to me suspending this now, voice those objections, but I would like to suspend the action and listen to a statement by the Director. Do we have any opposition? (No response)

Mr. Angelle, we recognize you.

THE DIRECTOR: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, in discussing some of this legislation yesterday morning with the Governor of this state, I asked him if there was some opposition in the Senate to the passage of House Bill 1000. He said he didn't know of any, that he thought the bill was going to sail right on through.



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Then in discussing it, it came about the Commission's position. We discussed the original amendment was offered to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee that was rejected. We discussed the one that was adopted, which is the one that is in controversy today. His position was not to deemphasize any of the programs of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission or its authority and that is why he suggested in his original bill or reorganization that it would be an office under the Natural Resources agency so that the Commission could retain all of its authority that it wanted.

But the Commission chose at the Alexandria meeting that they wanted to be one of the twenty. The Governor abided by the wishes of the Commission, of the people that put the pressure on him, Louisiana Wildlife Federation and what have you, and he has authorized me to say that it was because of the pressure put by Berry, Luttrell, Dupuy and Wille that he abided by and got the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to be one of the twenty departments.

THE CHAIRMAN: And I want to say I think



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he is absolutely correct. We did put that pressure on.

MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, may I say something?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. JONES: I still don't understand his position that because we are a separate agency it means you take all the authority away from the Commission. How can you give them the authority if they are under natural resources but not give it to them if they are their own separate agency? The new Constitution doesn't say that.

THE CHAIRMAN: I can explain it.

MR. JONES: Please.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have made a very, very thorough study of the new Constitution and of the reorganization and if you become one of the twenty commissions you have to have a secretary, a deputy secretary, an undersecretary and so forth, and --

MR. JONES: But you don't have to take the powers away from the Commission. The new Constitution does not say that. We can have a secretary. We are not opposed to having a



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secretary.

THE CHAIRMAN: The format of that entire twenty board group sets the secretary with all the powers in all of them and in every one of those, if you will study them, the secretary is a complete czar and has all powers. I have studied these and it wouldn't take me but thirty minutes if I had my material here to prove this to you.

MR. WILLE: We have done our homework before we ever --

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Now you are talking.

MR. THOMPSON: Let me make a couple of statements while we are waiting --

THE CHAIRMAN: While we are in suspension. We are still in suspension.

MR. THOMPSON: Particularly for the press. I did not make a motion as they understood it that we put back under Natural Resources. I want to clarify that. That was not in my motion. I merely used that if we were put in Natural Resources, and I may have done a bad job, by way of comparison how terrible it would be, how bad it would be, how devastating, how everything it would be if we were



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there, using that as a point to push, that if we were put there, that this was to push the sportsmen, the powersthat be, to put us in our rightful position as I view it. Do you follow what I am saying there? I only used that as a comparison of the bad end of the spectrum that I did not want.

What I really want is my motion which will be read to you in a few minutes. Now, to go back a little bit further than that -- maybe this is not the proper time.

(Whereupon, the tape recording of Mr. Thompson's motion was replayed.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, the tape is back in position. We are ready to tape and we will have to ask our members to come back. Let's see who is missing. Mr. Lapeyre. We do have a quorum, we have five, and we can proceed with the business. I would like Mr. Lapeyre to be present.

Now, the Chair rules that we are now voting on the motion that you have just heard as amended, and we will take a vote by a show of



hands. Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Mr. Wille.

MR. WILLE: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair votes yes.

Mr. Dupuy.

MR. DUPUY: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lapeyre. We are voting on the motion as amended, Mr. Lapeyre.

MR. LAPEYRE: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Did you say "no"?

MR. LAPEYRE: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. The vote is three-three. In the case of a tie vote, Mr. Parliamentarian --

MR. JONES: The motion fails.

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion fails, so the Chair rules that the motion has failed.

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman --

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille, you have asked to make a motion.



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MR. WILLE: Yes, sir. I want to make a motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right.

MR. WILLE: All right. I want to make a motion that the Commission send a resolution to the legislature, asking them to adopt the Drew bill, which is House Bill 491?

THE DIRECTOR: 490.

MR. WILLE: -- 490. This has already been adopted and put into law but we are going to ask them to include that into House Bill 1000 as an amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Hold it!

MR. DUPUY: For clarification.

MR. WILLE: Yes, Marc, this House Bill 490 for anybody's information is readily available up here and we can make copies for the press and everybody to read. This was modeled after the old Constitution, outlining -- and was signed by the Governor I think about three days ago -- and the only change at all from the old Commission form of government which is presently in the Constitution is that the Governor gets to hire the



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Director. Well, I don't know of any time in history that the Governor hasn't hired the Director, he might run it by the Commission for confirmation but we have never hired a Director. The Governor has always hired the Director, and that is the only difference in that bill. That bill is word, verbatim, so my motion is that we ask the legislature to amend House Bill 1000 to include the Drew bill or House Bill 490, which has already been passed, or be adopted to -- however --

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you like to change that since --

MR. WILLE: Or either that or put a provision in House Bill 1000 that they do not rescind the Drew bill.

MR. DUPUY: Well, Mr. Wille, just by clarification, since House Bill 490 is now law --

MR. WILLE: Right.

MR. DUPUY: -- then the amendment to 1000 would be in conflict with existing law, and so I think your idea is simply to say that the amendment to House Bill 1000 which is in the Senate be consistent with 490 and not inconsistent with it.



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MR. WILLE: Well, that would be fine. Whatever way it takes, Marc, I would like to see 490 put in there, but if House Bill 1000 passes as is, it will supersede 490. 490 won't be worth the paper it is written on right now.

MR. DUPUY: No, sir, I don't believe so. This is already existing law.

MR. WILLE: I understand that, Marc, but there is a provision in House Bill 1000 that says any pre-existing laws pertaining to that department will be superseded by this bill. Right, Burt?

THE DIRECTOR: Well, 490 is already law.

MR. WILLE: Right.

THE DIRECTOR: You can't change that.

MR. WILLE: I am not trying to change it.

THE DIRECTOR: Until next year. This has already been signed by the Governor and it is the transition authority now, you know, into law.

I think I know what the hangup is and I have no qualms with it. I think if you go to the Senate committee, I think if you look on page five of your amendments that were adopted on House Bill 1000 under Section 603, which also is



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in all other nineteen departments, not only Wild Life and Fisheries Department. It says, "There shall be a Secretary of Wild Life and Fisheries who shall be appointed by the Governor with consent of the Senate and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor at a salary fixed by him. The Secretary shall serve as the executive head and chief administrative officer of the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries and shall have the sole responsibility for the policies of the department and for the administration, control and operation of functions, programs and affairs of the department."

I think -- I am trying to read this -- that somewhere in this particular paragraph, well, it says, ". . . executive head and chief administrator have the responsibility to recommend to the Commission the formulation -- for their consideration formulation of policy" and so on. I think this is what we are getting to. Is that right, Jim?

MR. THOMPSON: No.

THE DIRECTOR: 490 and everything you



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have been talking about, you know --

MR. THOMPSON: What?

THE DIRECTOR: In House Bill 490 they were trying to incorporate in here --

MR. THOMPSON: No, I haven't been talking about 490, Burt. What I am saying to you is simply this, I want to hire and fire you. That is just as simple as I can put it. I don't know how to put it any simpler than that. And when you take that away from me, just as you have already done -- which incidentally I want everybody to know I have the utmost confidence in Burt Angelle, I have the utmost confidence in him -- but by comparison, you have had a motion before this house, passed, directing you to present a Constitutional amendment to the legislature at -- the one mistake I made -- the proper time, which you chose not to be the proper time because -- and I might as well say it -- the Governor didn't want any Constitutional amendments, this is public knowledge, and you went along with it, which I would have done if I were in your position, but I don't want you to be in that position.



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In other words, right now we have the power to fire you for that, and I want to continue to have that power. I don't intend to fire you. I understand the situation. I understand, Burt, but I want the power if you did flagrantly violate our wishes and just fire you and get rid of you and get another one, and I would.

Now, does that clarify what I am trying to say to you, Burt? Knowing you are powerful --

THE DIRECTOR: What you would need, Mr. Jimmie, is a Constitutional amendment --

MR. THOMPSON: That is what I voted --

THE DIRECTOR: -- to change the provisions of the Constitution which now delegates that authority to the Governor.

MR. THOMPSON: That is exactly the motion I made.

THE DIRECTOR: I never heard that.

MR. THOMPSON: I said to go back like we were. We used to appoint the Director.

MR. WILLE: When has the Commission ever appointed a Director? Seriously.

THE DIRECTOR: O. K., I think we are out



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of position and I think maybe this is what Mr. Jimmie is driving at, that maybe you want to direct me to prepare a Constitutional amendment for Commission consideration during the year and have it available for legislative consideration next session of the legislature. Is that 10-4?

MR. THOMPSON: That is 10-4 but that has been defeated, Burt, so it is moot now. In other words, my colleagues have overridden it, they have defeated it, that is their problem. See, that is moot now. That is of no importance whatsoever. Now you are talking about something else. You are talking about a Drew bill which I will have to vote against simply because I don't know what is in it, just like I voted -- I don't want to make the error I did at Alexandria in May and vote the amendment that Mr. Dupuy read and it not contain what my wishes were. It contained some of them but it took away the thing that I am telling you I want put back, and that is I want to be your boss. Now I don't know how to put that any clearer or anything, or whoever it might be.

Let me point out something to you, Burt.



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While I have the utmost confidence in you, who is going to be next?

THE DIRECTOR: I have no problem with you, Jimmie, and you know we have talked about this.

MR. THOMPSON: O. K., the same token with the Governor. I do have problems with the Governor, I am sorry to say that, but I do respect his position and he has been most fair with this Commission, most fair, so I can't condemn him on those grounds, but how long is he going to be Governor? This is what I am saying to you. Any Governor and any Director, or whatever terminology you will be presented, the best way I can determine or tell you how I view it is that the Governor and your position if you have this title would be similar to God and Jesus. Now that is just about the way I interpret it as the power you have. This Commission has none.

THE DIRECTOR: And that also applies to the other nineteen departments.

MR. THOMPSON: I am not interested in the other nineteen.



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THE DIRECTOR: But the Wild Life Commission is not being excepted.

MR. THOMPSON: I understand, I understand that well. I just want more. I think I have made my position clear and I am not going to say any more about it.

MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, you have a motion but you do not have a second yet.

MR. DUPUY: I will second Mr. Wille's motion, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, now, Mr. Wille, will you restate that motion, and we do have a second.

MR. WILLE: I forgot what the motion was!

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I did, too!

MR. WILLE: O. K.

MR. THOMPSON: Can I withdraw everything I said and let's go home?

THE CHAIRMAN: We have got some seasons to set here. Joe is still hanging around.

MR. WILLE: How about if we incorporate a resolution to the legislature, asking them to add into House Bill 1000 the contents of the Drew



bill, which is already law, or House Bill 490.

MR. DUPUY: And I second that.

MR. WILLE: And I think we should make 490 available to the press so that they can see that it does not take away but one thing which is in the Constitution and we are going to have to get a Constitutional amendment on it, and that is the power to hire and fire. I mean the Governor has that through the new Constitution and you are not going to take it away; we endorsed the new Constitution because of whatever, we did endorse the new Constitution and we are not going to change that unless we get a Constitutional amendment, so what I am saying is that we ask the legislature to incorporate House Bill 490 or the wording of 490 into House Bill 1000 for the protection of the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN: I want to make a statement, as Chairman only, and as your Chairman. To incorporate 490 or whatever the bill is into the new Constitutional organization would not be legal.

MR. WILLE: Well, then, let me rephrase my motion, Mr. Chairman, that we ask that House



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Bill 1000 does not supersede House Bill 490 then, does not supersede 490. In other words, ask them to incorporate in the legislation that House Bill 1000 will not supersede House Bill 490 or the Drew bill.

THE CHAIRMAN: Under the reorganization and the whole state of Louisiana voted for this, there was a concept set up in the Constitutional format, and when we are asking that these things do not supersede or that they are added to or amended to or so forth and so on, then we affect all the other nineteen groups because that format was set up for each group. That is what I am trying to tell you. I am not trying to influence your vote but I am trying to tell you. I believe that Mr. Angelle will back me up in that; it is just one of those true facts.

MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman --

THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

MR. JONES: Mr. Wille has expressed his motion. If somebody is going to second it, let's go ahead and vote yes or no and get it over with.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K. You are correct.



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Thank you, Mr. Parliamentarian. Did you second that?

MR. DUPUY: Yes, I seconded it.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion before the house that House Bill 490 is not superseded by House Bill 1000, am I correct?

MR. DUPUY: May I put that in a different wording, Mr. Wille?

MR. WILLE: Go ahead.

MR. DUPUY: That the provisions of the amendment to House Bill 1000 be amended so as not to be inconsistent with House Bill 490.

MR. WILLE: All right.

MR. DUPUY: Isn't that what you are trying to say?

MR. WILLE: Yes, that is what I am trying to say.

THE CHAIRMAN: That comes closer. All right. Do you understand what we are voting on?

MR. JONES: 10-4.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will vote by roll call.
Mr. Jones.

MR. JONES: No.



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THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille.

MR. WILLE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dupuy.

MR. DUPUY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lapeyre.

MR. LAPEYRE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: I abstain from whatever it is you are voting on.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We have three yeas and two noes and one abstention. I am voting no, as an explanation, because I believe that whatever forum --

MR. DUPUY: You are counting too many people; you have one vote no.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mine, too.

MR. DUPUY: All right, that makes two.

MR. THOMPSON: And one abstaining.

THE CHAIRMAN: And one abstaining, and I want to explain why.

MR. DUPUY: The motion passes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion passes, but I want to explain my vote. I think I have a right



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to do that. I sincerely believe that this motion is not needed so I had to vote no. Did you get that?

THE DIRECTOR: Are we going to get to the seasons after while?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, we are. Any other motions? We have gotten through with all the motions, we have gotten through with all the amendments and, Joe, I now call on you.

THE DIRECTOR: Joe, you are in a hell of a position now!

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, Joe. We have to get away from here.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next we have then the recommendations of the hunting seasons in Louisiana for the '76-'76 year. The first part that I have given out to you is just the license part. It really doesn't have too much to do with the seasons but there possibly will be a change in the legislature there on the resident license and that will be changed prior to the printing of the brochure.

So, next we have then the small game



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seasons and we come down to the days we recommend here. I would just like to include one thing in the minutes here. Much work has gone into the setting of these seasons and the recommendations that we have here. This box over here contains the correspondence that we have received from individuals, police juries, civic clubs and many others, trying to come up with these seasons. It also contains the Commission's public hearing which was held in Alexandria which our personnel have gone through and also numerous meetings of the staff to come up with this.

We feel there has been some improvement this time because we have combined many areas, as you can see on the map.

First, we have the recommendation for the quail season, November 27-February 28; daily bag limit 10, possession 20.

Rabbit season, October 4-February 28, daily bag limit of eight, possession 16.

Squirrel, October 4-January 11, daily bag limit eight, possession 16.

Bear season, October 18-October 26; one



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per day, one per season. That was set up a little bit from last year, the days, so that we could get some earlier hunting as the bear are moving a little bit better in the areas recommended.

The deer season will be covered later but it is one per day and six per season.

Turkey will be covered separately. The bag limit recommended will be one per day and three per season. We recommend raising this from two to three. Last year it was two per season, we are recommending three.

We have included on here for clarification to many people who hunt raccoons or opossum, we have put it in the first part here, explaining the raccoon and opossum season.

Next then will be the archery season, October 1 to January 11.

Gentlemen, the rest of it, commercial hunting preserves, October 1-April 30, penreared birds only.

The next part is just giving the rules and regulations which have been in the publications before, so we will not go into that.



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If you will turn to Page 7 that you have then we will start going through the areas as described. For those that have copies of this, Commission members and the press, on the description of these areas I have made a change in the method of describing. There was a suggestion at one of our meetings from Mr. Yancey and we feel like it will clarify some of this and possibly help the hunters going into an area and know what area they are hunting in much better.

The first part of it in Area 1 there, we give the parishes where the whole parish is open and then those that have portions open are in alphabetical order so that sportsmen can find the area much better.

If you will look at the map that we have we have consolidated some areas and they will be brought up each time for clarification, but last year we had nine separate areas as recommended and this year we have five. We feel like that will be much easier on the sportsmen.

Also, if you will recall back in past years, we had about eighteen or twenty separate



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areas for hunting, so that this was the goal that we had, to eventually come down to just maybe two or three areas, and I think that we are progressing toward that and accomplishing this.

Area 1, I will not read through the parishes but I will request that all of this information we have here be entered into the minutes of the meeting. The map here will show the areas that we have in Area 1. Four days still hunting only, November 15-18. 23 days with or without dogs, November 22-December 14. 23 days with or without dogs, December 20-January 11.

We did add into there, for your information, the old Area 5 that was in there. We combined that into Area 1 to make it simpler there.

Throughout the next few pages then it does give some of the areas that are recommended for doe seasons, and the map over to my left and behind you shows these areas and how many days we have there, so I think from that you can just look and see what is recommended, rather than reading the different pages of the descriptions there.

Gentlemen, the next area is Area 2,



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50 days, and I would like to bring out a change that we did make in this area. We had Area 8 last year, right up there in the northeast corner, and that was described this time into Area 2 but it will maintain still hunting only. It is a small agricultural area, just a small wood lot, and it will remain still hunting but it is described in Area 2. We have done this on areas before and it has worked out well so we hope that it will this year in there.

The parishes are described the same in that, and the days are 21 days of still hunting only, November 1-21. 16 days with or without dogs November 22-December 7. 13 days with or without dogs, December 20-January 1. The either sex seasons are described and shown on the map on the wall.

Area 3, you can see the boundaries on that are the same as last year. 50 days, 21 days still hunting only, November 1-21 and 16 days with or without dogs, November 22-December 7, 13 days with or without dogs, December 20-January 1.

Area 4, the Florida parish area, the



59 — description is the same there but we did exclude some areas that were open for doe hunting last year. It is 50 days, 21 days still hunting only, November 1-21, nine days with or without dogs, November 22-November 30, 20 days with or without dogs, December 20-January 8. We describe the parishes the same as we have in the other areas.

Area 5, all of Area 5 is for still hunting only. We have combined what we had last year in Area 6 and Area 9 together and put the same number of days. The only difference in those two areas had been the number of days that hunting was permitted and so we did combine them and increase the number of days in old Area 6 so it is called Area 5 now, which is the total number of areas that we have. We did add another piece to it, part of Beauregard Parish. There were petitions brought to the Commission at the public hearing in Alexandria and we have had some others contact us pertaining to this. They were from the landowners in this area and the landowners wanted to have still hunting only on their land, so this was recommended then that we do go into this.



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Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendations for the small game and the statewide deer seasons in here.

We will go now to the turkey season as recommended. The areas are virtually the same as we had last year. You will recall we did come back later in the year and we added some areas after surveys from our field people and some other recommendations that we did have, so these have been included this year.

Area A -- I will not go through these but again I am asking that all of this be entered into the minutes. You can see the parishes in Area A, the northern part of the state. Area A is for 30 days, March 27-April 25. Area B is 30 days, March 27-April 25. Area C, the Florida parish area, 37 days, March 20-April 25. Area D, 37 days, March 20-April 25. Area E, nine days, April 3-April 11. Area F, 30 days, March 27-April 25. Area G, Ouachita and Jackson Parishes and Winn and Caldwell, 30 days, March 27-April 25. Area H, 23 days, March 20-April 11. Area I, nine days, April 3-April 11. Area J, nine days,



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Gentlemen, that is the recommendation for the 1976-76 turkey season.

If there are no comments, I will continue to the Wildlife Management Area regulations. The description of the general permits and other things on the Areas, commercial fishing, sport fishing, are the same as we had last year, methods of taking game in the preamble to the description of the Wildlife Management Areas.

Basically all of these seasons are the same as last year or additional days. There has been no cut in it. There have been additional days put into these. If you would like, I can read through all 33 Wildlife Management Areas or if you feel like, with the press having copies and the Commission having copies now, and we have a few copies available here if anyone would like a copy we would be glad to give it to them -- if you would prefer that.

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think it is necessary, Joe. We have really gone over these things



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and hashed them as much as we did the previous question.

MR. DUPUY: Joe, let me direct your attention to one thing. Page 13 of your Management Area regulations.

MR. HERRING: Yes, sir.

MR. DUPUY: With regard to Spring Bayou, for simplicity I believe you can eliminate one of the two sentences by just combining November 22 through 25. You see, you had 22 and 23, and then 24 and 25.

MR. HERRING: Yes, we can do that.

MR. JONES: What is that, Joe?

MR. HERRING: That would be on Spring Bayou. It is described in here. For the benefit of the press, we gave two different dates. November 22 and 23, bucks only, daily permit, and then we said November 24 and 25, bucks only, daily permit. What was recommended there by Mr. Dupuy was just to say November 22-25, bucks only, daily permit, so that is a good suggestion. We appreciate it there and it will be combined.

Mr. Chairman, if there are no other



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suggestions then, I would recommend to the Commission at this time that these recommendations from the staff, from various meetings of the committee appointed by the Commission, from recommendations that were sent in by many sportsmen throughout this state, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, civic clubs, just numerous recommendations, we have tried to combine those just as much as possible to satisfy just as many people as we possibly could and not hurt the game resources of our state.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Joe. I want to say this for the benefit of the press, and I hope I will be quoted. There are people who feel like their input is not considered. I can tell you for certain that it is considered and there are many hours of strong arguments and decisions that go into the making up of this bag limits and seasons. Joe had to work last night until the wee hours to make some adjustments that came in at the direct request of people. I want the people to know that they are being considered. Of course, you cannot put into any of these things what each



individual wants and sometimes a man feel like, since he asked for it for 15 or 20 years and didn't get it, we didn't consider it, but it was considered.

Now, do any of the members of the Commission have any questions to ask Joe before we take a vote? Do I have a motion that we accept Joe's recommendations?

MR. JONES: I move.

MR. DUPUY: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Chief, Game Division, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has presented recommendations for the 1976-76 hunting season, and



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WHEREAS, these recommendations have been compiled from a volume of correspondence from sportsmen, civil and governmental agencies and public hearing in Alexandria, Louisiana, for the purpose of receiving such recommendations, the members of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and staff members of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, these recommendations as presented to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission indicate a thorough study of all recommendations and suggestions received,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that these seasons be accepted by the Chief of the Game Division of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

(Detailed description of areas, dates,



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regulations, et cetera,
governing 1975-1976
hunting seasons and bag
limits, as adopted by
foregoing Commission
action, are appended
hereto and made a part
hereof.)

MR. JONES: I move we adjourn.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to
adjourn. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

. . . Thereupon, at 12:50 o'clock
p.m., Tuesday, July 1, 1975, the
meeting was adjourned. . . .

Kathryn G. Chamberlin,
Reporter.



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FISHING:

1. Resident Expires June 30, 1976-----\$ 2.00
2. Non-Resident Expires June 30, 1976-----\$ 6.00
3. Non-Resident, seven consecutive days-----\$ 3.00

EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS--Hunting and Fishing License fees

1. Any non-resident from a state that has entered into reciprocal hunting or fishing license agreements with the state of Louisiana, may hunt or fish within the state according to the agreement terms.

2. Persons in the Armed forces of the United States, on active military duty, shall for license purposes be allowed to purchase and use resident license.
3. Persons under sixteen years of age, whether residents or non-residents of the state, shall not be required to obtain basic licenses or pay fees to fish or hunt and will be issued a free permit to hunt Deer, Bear, or Turkey if requested.
4. No Fishing license fee is required of a resident using a rod (or fishing pole) or hook and line, without a reel or artificial bait.
5. Any person who has resided in Louisiana for two or more years just prior to application, and 60 years of age or older, shall be issued free hunting and fishing permits.

1975-76 HUNTING SEASONS

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

QUAIL: November 27-February 28; Daily Bag Limit 10,
Possession 20.
RABBIT: October 4-February 28; Daily Bag Limit 8,
Possession 16.
SQUIRREL: October 4-January 11; Daily Bag Limit 8,
Possession 16.
BEAR: October 18-October 26; one per day, one per
season. See Schedule.
DEER: One per day, 6 per season. See schedule & map.
TURKEY: Daily Bag Limit 1, Season Limit 3, Gobblers only.
(Dogs, baiting, handguns and rifles prohibited for
taking of turkey.) See schedule and map.
RACCOON : No closed season, no Bag Limit; Can only be taken
OPOSSUM: at night by two or more hunters with dog or dogs and one .22
Rim Fire Rifle.

ARCHERY SEASON: October 1-January 11; Either Sex. See schedule.
COMMERCIAL HUNTING PRESERVES: October 1-April 30; Penreared
birds only.

HUNTING-GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS - Use of bait and live decoys prohibited.
Hunters of ducks and geese who have reached their 16th birthday must
have a federal waterfowl stamp signed by the licensee or permittee.
A federal waterfowl stamp may be obtained from any U. S. Post Office.
Use of shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than
three shells prohibited. The plug used in guns must be incapable
of being removed without disassembling gun. No persons shall kill
or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable
effort to retrieve the bird and include it in his daily bag limit.
The shooting of crippled waterfowl and other migratory game birds
from running motor boats is prohibited. No person shall take migratory
game birds from or by means of any motor boat or other water craft
having a motor attached unless the motor has been completely shut off
and its forward progress therefrom has ceased; Provided, that a craft
under power may be used to retrieve dead or crippled birds; however,
crippled birds may not be shot from such craft under power. The legal

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possession limits of resident game birds and game quadrupeds may be possessed during the closed season, if they have been legally taken during open season.

RESIDENT GAME BIRDS AND QUADRUPEDS - Use of shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The plug used in guns must be incapable of being removed without disassembling gun.

NON-GAME BIRDS - All resident and migratory wild birds not listed herein as game birds or outlaw birds are protected.

OUTLAW BIRDS - English sparrow, starlings, and when destructive to crops; red-winged black birds (rice birds), grackles (chocks) and crows.

ENDANGERED SPECIES - The taking of the following species is prohibited: Wolf, Florida Panther (Cougar), Brown Pelican, Southern Bald Eagle, Red Cockaded Woodpecker, Peregrine Falcon, American Ivory Billed Woodpecker. The American Alligator is not considered an endangered species in La. by Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission but is on the federal Endangered Species List and may not be taken.

OUTLAW QUADRUPEDS - The holders of a legal hunting license may take (kill) Foxes, Bobcats, Coyotes, and Armadillos year round during legal daylight hours and may run (chase only) them at night with dogs.

1975-76 DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

- A. Bag, one legal deer per day, six legal deer per season.
- B. A legal buck is defined as deer with visible antlers having antler of hardened, polished, boney material that has broken naturally through the skin. The killing of bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and the killing of doe deer is prohibited except where specifically permitted.
- C. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise specifically permitted.
- D. Either sex deer or any deer is defined as male or female deer, except spotted fawns which are protected, taken in any area designed and regulated as such.
- E. Legal muzzleloading firearms may be used during open gun seasons for all game species in season, except no rifles allowed for hunting of wild turkey.
- F. It shall be unlawful to hunt or shoot deer with a rifle smaller than .22 caliber or a shotgun using a shell loaded with shot less than buckshot or rifled slug; use of handguns allowed.
- G. Still hunting only prohibits the use of dogs for hunting or the training of dogs in areas so designated, including wildlife management or refuge areas. In all other areas deer hunting will be permitted with or without dogs.
- H. All areas not specifically designated as being open are hereby closed.
- I. Archery season: Still hunting only; October 1-January 11, inclusive; Either sex deer may be taken in all areas declared open for deer hunting including wildlife management areas. Anywhere a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archery hunters are required to conform to the bucks only regulations, including wildlife management areas. Archery season closed on Pointe-au-

chien and Salvador Wildlife Management Areas. For details, see provisions under wildlife management schedule. Special bow and arrow regulation: Arrows used for hunting deer shall have well sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width; Bow and arrow fishermen must have a legal anglers license and shall not have in possession any arrows with broad-head points unless a big game season is in progress.

The following shall be unlawful:

1. To have in possession any gun while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season.
 2. To have in possession or under control while hunting any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except as specified by law for amputees.
 3. To hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.
- J. HUNTER ORANGE: Deer hunters (except on property which is privately owned and legally posted) shall display a total of 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" material on the head or chest, and/or back. "Hunter Orange" not required for archery hunters hunting during regular archery season provided that gun deer seasons are not in progress in the area being hunted.

WARNING: All deer hunters are cautioned that persons hunting other game or engaged in other activities not requiring "hunter orange," may be encountered during deer seasons.

- K. HUNTING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS: Hunting or the discharge of firearms on or across roads, highways, and levees located in this state is hereby prohibited.

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DESCRIPTION OF AREAS

Area 1 -- 50 days

4 days still hunting only: November 15-18
 23 days with or without dogs: November 22 - December 14
 23 days with or without dogs: December 20 - January 11

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES SHALL BE OPEN:

Assumption	Madison	St. Charles	Terrebonne
Concordia	Orleans	St. James	Tensas
East Carroll	Plaquemines	St. John	West Baton Rouge
Jefferson	Pointe Coupee	St. Martin (Lower)	West Feliciana
LaFourche	St. Bernard	St. Mary	

THESE PORTIONS OF THE PARISHES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS SHALL ALSO BE OPEN:

Ascension - All south & west of the Mississippi River & south & east of La. Hwys. 3089 & 22.	Iberia - All east of U.S. Hwy. 90 and all south of La. Hwy. 14.
Avoyelles - That portion east of La. Hwys. 29 & 115 that lies south of Red River.	Lafayette - All east of U.S. Hwy. 167 & U.S. Hwy. 90.
Catahoula - All east of Boeuf River - All east of Ouachita River lying south of junction with Boeuf River.	Livingston - All south & east of La. Hwy. 22.
East Baton Rouge - Only that portion west of U.S. Hwy. 61.	Richland - That small portion east of La. Hwy. 17 that lies south of U.S. Hwy. 80.
East Feliciana - That portion west of La. Hwy. 61.	St. Landry - All east of La. Hwy. 29 & U.S. Hwy. 167.
Evangeline - All east of La. Hwys. 29 & 167.	St. Martin - Upper - All east of U.S. Hwy. 90
Franklin - All east of La. Hwy. 17 & all east & south of La. Hwy. 4.	St. Tammany - Only that portion west of Tchefuncte River that lies south of La. Hwy. 22.
Iberville - All west of Mississippi River.	Tangipahoa - All south of La. Hwy. 22.
	Vermilion - All south of La. Hwy. 14.

EXCEPT that portion of St. John Parish south of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. Hwy. 51. East of U.S. Hwy. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. Hwy. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. Hwy. 638 from U.S. Hwy. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. Hwy. 638 to Pass Manchac, which will be for STILL HUNTING ONLY.

AND EXCEPT that portion of Plaquemines Parish on the East side of the Mississippi River from the termination of La. Hwy. 39 or the northern boundary of Bohemia Wildlife Management Area to the lower end of the parish, on the west side of the Mississippi River

between the Mississippi River Levee and the back levee from Port Sulphur to Empire and from the lower side of Doullut Canal or Empire-Gulf Waterway to the lower end of the parish which shall be STILL HUNTING ONLY.

AND EXCEPT that portion of St. Landry Parish surrounding Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area, that is bounded on the north and east by La. Hwy. 359, on west by La. Hwy. 10 and on the south by La. Hwy. 103, which will have the same season as Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area.

EITHER SEX HUNTING

ST. LANDRY PARISH:

First 2 days of the second segment, November 22-23, in that portion surrounding the Thistlethwaite W.M.A.; Bounded on the north and east by La. Hwy. 359, on the west by La. Hwy. 10, and on the south by La. Hwy. 103.

Also - First 4 days of the third segment, December 20-23 in all of the parish EXCEPT the portion surrounding the Thistlethwaite W.M.A. and those portions of the parish west of U.S. Hwy. 167.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH:

First 5 days of third segment, December 20-24; in that area south of La. Hwys. 10 and 1 from Morganza to New Roads. West of La. Hwy. 1 from New Roads to Parlange Lane and La. Hwy. 78. West of La. Hwy. 78 from La. Hwy. 1 to U.S. Hwy. 190 at Livonia, East of La. Hwy. 77 and 10 from Livonia to Morganza.

First 5 days of third segment, December 20-24 in that portion of the parish lying north and west of the Lacour levee from the Atchafalaya River to the south end of La. Hwy. 419 and that portion lying north and east of the Morganza Floodway Forebay levee from La. Hwy. 419 to Morganza.

First 5 days of third segment, December 20-24 in that portion of the parish bounded on the north by the south boundary of the Lottie Wildlife Protective Association, on the east by the East Atchafalaya Floodway Levee, on the south by the Iberville Parish line, and on the west by the Atchafalaya River.

First 13 days of the third segment, December 20,--January 1, in that portion of the parish bounded on the north by La. Hwy. 10, on the east by the East Atchafalaya Floodway levee, on the south by U. S. Hwy. 190, and on the west by the Atchafalaya River.

IBERVILLE PARISH:

First 5 days of third segment, December 20-24, shall be legal for either sex hunting in all areas of the parish except that portion north of Interstate 10 lying Northeast of Bayou Grosse Tete from Hwy. I-10 to Maringouin and EXCEPT that portion of the parish lying east of the Mississippi River which shall be closed to either sex hunting.

ST. MARTIN PARISH:

First 5 days of the third segment, December 20-24, in those portions of Upper St. Martin Parish north of Interstate 10 and lying east of the Atchafalaya River; and all south of Interstate 10 and lying east of the West Atchafalaya Floodway Levee.

EAST CARROLL:

First 5 days of the third segment, December 20-24, in that portion of the parish lying east of U. S. Hwy. 65.

First 3 days of the third segment, December 20-22, in that portion of East Carroll Parish lying east of Bayou Macon, North of Parish Road 3333 (Hugo Road) and west of U. S. Hwy. 65.

MADISON, TENSAS PARISHES:

First 10 days of the third segment, December 20-29, in all of Tensas and Madison Parish including those lands lying east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

VERMILION PARISH:

First four days of the third segment, December 20-22, in that portion of the parish lying south of La. Hwy. 14.

CONCORDIA PARISH:

First 5 days of the third segment, December 20-24, in all of Concordia Parish and that portion of West Feliciana Parish known as Turnbull Island.

ASSUMPTION, LAFOURCHE, ST. CHARLES, ST. MARTIN (LOWER), PLAQUEMINES, ST. JOHN, ST. JAMES, JEFFERSON, ST. BERNARD, TERREBONNE, ST. MARY, AND IBERIA PARISHES:

First 2 days of the third segment, December 20-21, in all of the above parishes.

EAST FELICIANA AND EAST BATON ROUGE PARISHES:

First 2 days of the third segment, December 20-21, in those portions of East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge Parishes south of Thompson's Creek from U.S. Hwy. 61 to the Mississippi River, east of the Mississippi River from Thompson's Creek to Baton Rouge, west of U.S. Hwy. 61 from Baton Rouge to Thompson's Creek.

WEST FELICIANA PARISH:

First 2 days of the third segment, December 20-21, in that area north of La. Hwy. 10 from Mississippi River to U.S. Hwy. 61, west of U.S. Hwy. 61 to Mississippi State Line, south of Mississippi State Line to main channel of Mississippi River, west of main channel Mississippi River to La. Hwy. 10.

First 5 days of the third segment, December 20-24, in that portion of the parish known as Turnbull Island.

First 5 days of the third segment, December 20-24, in that portion of the parish known as Raccourci Island.

ASCENSION PARISH:

First 2 days of the third segment, December 20-21, in that portion of the parish south of La. Hwy. 22 and East of La. Hwy. 44.

Area 2 -- 50 days

21 days still hunting only: November 1-21

16 days with or without dogs: November 22-December 7

13 days with or without dogs: December 20-January 1

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES SHALL BE OPEN:

Bienville	Claiborne	LaSalle	Ouachita	Webster
Bossier	DeSoto	Lincoln	Red River	West Carroll
Caddo	Grant	Morehouse	Sabine	Winn
Caldwell	Jackson	Natchitoches	Union	

THESE PORTIONS OF THE PARISHES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS SHALL ALSO BE OPEN:

Allen - All north of U.S. Hwy. 190.

Franklin - All west of La. Hwy. 15
& all west & north of La.Hwy.4.

Avoyelles - All west of La. Hwys.29
& 115 & north of Red River.

Jefferson Davis - That portion
north of U.S.Hwy. 190.

Beauregard - That portion north &
east of U.S.Hwy.190 to Long-
ville, south of Longville
Gravel Pit Road to La. Hwy.113,
east of La.113 & north of La.
394 to U.S.Hwy.171-190. East
of U.S.171-190 to junction of
La. Hwy.112 & south of La.
Hwys. 112 and 113.

Rapides - All south of La.Hwy. 113,
east of La. Hwys. 112 & 28, &
north of La. Hwy. 465.

Richland - All west of Bayou Macon
north of U.S. Hwy.80 - All west of
La.Hwy.17 from U.S.Hwy.80 south.

Catahoula - All west of Boeuf River -
All west of Ouachita River lying
south of junction with Boeuf
River.

St. Landry - That small portion west
of La.Hwy.29 - All south & west of
U.S.Hwy.167 & north of U.S.Hwy.190

Evangeline - All west & south of La.
Hwy. 29 and U.S. Hwy. 167

Vernon - East & south of La. Hwy.113
North of La.Hwy.465, West of La.
Hwy.117 & North of La. Hwy. 8.

EXCEPT those portions of Richland and Franklin Parishes north and west of
La. Hwys. 4 & 17, south & east of La. Hwy. 132, & east of La. Hwy. 15, which
shall be for STILL HUNTING ONLY.

EITHER SEX HUNTING

BOSSIER, BIENVILLE, CADDO, CLAIBORNE, DESOTO, JACKSON, LINCOLN, RED RIVER,
WEBSTER, UNION, WINN, NATCHITOCHEs, SABINE, VERNON, RAPIDES, GRANT,
OUACHITA, MOREHOUSE PARISHES:

The first day of the first and third segments, November 1 and December 20,
in the following parishes: Bossier, Bienville, Caddo, Claiborne, Natchitoches
DeSoto, Webster, Jackson, Union, Lincoln, Red River, Sabine, Rapides, Grant,
Vernon and Winn Parishes.

First day of first segment, November 1, in that portion of Ouachita
Parish lying west of the Ouachita River.

First day of third segment, December 20, in that portion of Richland
Parish south of La. Hwy. 15 and west of La. Hwy. 135.

First four days of the third segment, December 20-23, in that portion of
Morehouse Parish north of La. Hwy. 134 from Oak Ridge to the Lake Irwin Road.
West of Lake Irwin Road to the Lagrone Road. North of Lagrone Road to Swan
Lake Road. East of Swan Lake Road to

La. Hwy. 134, south of La. Hwy. 134 from Swan Lake Road to La. Hwy. 138, east of La. Hwy. 138 from La. Hwy. 134 to Collinston, south of Belle Road from Collinston to La. Hwy. 133, west of La. Hwy. 133 from Belle Road to Oak Ridge.

Area 3 -- 50 days

21 days still hunting only: November 1 - 21
 16 days with or without dogs: November 22 - December 7
 13 days with or without dogs: December 20 - January 1

PORTIONS OF THE PARISHES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS SHALL BE OPEN:

Beauregard - All west of La. Hwy. 27 & south of U.S. Hwy. 190; West of La. Hwy. 111 from junction with U.S. Hwy. 190.

Calcasieu - All west of La. Hwy. 27 & north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

Area 4 -- 50 days

21 days still hunting only: November 1 - 21
 9 days with or without dogs: November 22 - November 30
 20 days with or without dogs: December 20 - January 8

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES SHALL BE OPEN:

St. Helena & Washington

THESE PORTIONS OF THE PARISHES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS SHALL ALSO BE OPEN:

Ascension - All east of the Mississippi River & west & north of La. Hwys. 3089 & 22.

Livingston - All north of La. Hwy. 22.

East Baton Rouge - All east of U.S. Hwy. 61 and the Mississippi River.

St. James - That small portion north & west of La. Hwy. 3089.

East Feliciana - All east of U.S. Hwy. 61.

St. Tammany - All north of La. Hwy. 22 & east of the Tchefuncte River.

Iberville - All east of the Mississippi River.

Tangipahoa - All north of La. Hwy. 22.

EXCEPT THAT portion of East Feliciana Parish east of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi State Line to La. Hwy. 10. North of La. Hwy. 10 from Thompson Creek to La Hwy. 67 at Clinton. West of La. Hwy. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi State Line. South of Mississippi State Line from La. Hwy. 67 to Thompson Creek which will be for STILL HUNTING ONLY.

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EITHER SEX HUNTING

EAST FELICIANA, EAST BATON ROUGE, AND ASCENSION PARISHES

First two days of the third segment, December 20-21. East of the Comite River from the Louisiana-Mississippi State Line to La. Hwy. 37. south of La. Hwy. 37 to U.S.Hwy. 190 at Baton Rouge, east of U.S. Hwy.190 to U.S.Hwy. 61, east of U.S. Hwy.61 to La. Hwy. 42, north of La. Hwy. 42 to the Amite River. West of the Amite River northward from La. Hwy. 42 to the Louisiana-Mississippi State Line. South of the Louisiana-Mississippi State Line westward to the Comite River.

Area 5 - 50 days

21 days still hunting only: November 1-21
 16 days still hunting only: November 22-December 7
 13 days still hunting only: December 20-January 1

ALL OF CAMERON PARISH SHALL BE OPEN

THESE PORTIONS OF THE PARISHES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS SHALL ALSO BE OPEN:

Acadia - All south of U.S.Hwy. 190

Calcasieu - All east of La. Hwy. 27
& south of U.S.Hwy. 90.

Allen - All south of U.S.Hwy. 190

Iberia - All west of U.S.Hwy. 90 &
north of La. Hwy. 14.

Beauregard - North of La.Hwy.12 &
west of U.S.Hwy.171-190 to
Longville; south of Longville
Gravel Pit Rd. to La.Hwy.113;
west of La.Hwy.113 & south of
La. 394 to U.S.Hwy.171-190;
west of U.S.Hwy.171-190 to the
junction of La.Hwy.112;north &
west of La.Hwys.112& 113.
Also east of La. Hwy. 27 and
north of La. Hwy. 12 to the
junction of U.S. Hwy. 190;
north of U.S.Hwy. 190 and east
of La. Hwy. 111.

Jefferson Davis - All south of U.S.
Hwy. 190.

Lafayette - All west of U.S. Hwy. 167 and U.S. Hwy. 90.

St. Martin - That small portion west of U.S. Hwy. 90.

Rapides - All north and west of La. Hwys. 112, 113, and 28; and south of La. Hwy. 465.

Vermilion - All north of La. Hwy. 14.

St. Landry - All west of U.S. Hwy. 167 and south of U.S. Hwy. 190.

Vernon - West and north of La. Hwy. 113, South of La. Hwy. 465, east of La. Hwy. 117, and south of La. Hwy. 8.

EITHER SEX HUNTING

VERNON, RAPIDES, AND BEAUREGARD PARISHES:

First day of the first segment, November 1 and first day of the third segment, December 20 in those portions of the above parishes described as follows: Vernon parish south of La. Hwy. 8 from Sabine River to Leesville, east of La. Hwy. 117 from Leesville to Kurthwood, south of La. Hwy. 465 in Vernon and Rapides Parishes from Kurthwood to La. Hwy. 28; West of La. Hwys. 28, 112, and 113 in Rapides, Vernon, and Beauregard Parishes from La. Hwy. 465 to Sugartown; North of La. Hwy. 112 from Sugartown to U.S. Hwy. 190, north of U.S. Hwy. 190 from La. Hwy. 112 to La. Hwy. 111; East of La. Hwy. 111 from U.S. Hwy. 190 to Bayou Anacoco; North of Bayou Anacoco from La. Hwy. 111 to the Sabine River.

ALLEN, BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU, AND JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISHES:

First day of the first segment, November 1 and first day of the third segment, December 20 in portions of the above parishes lying south ^{of} U.S. Hwy. 190 from Ragley to La. Hwy. 395, west of La. Hwy. 395 from U.S. Hwy. 190 to Interstate Hwy. 10, North of Interstate Hwy. 10 from La. Hwy. 395 to U.S. Hwy. 171 at Lake Charles east of U.S. Hwy. 171 from Lake Charles to Raglèy.

EXCEPTIONSArea 2 - BOSSIER PARISH (BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE)

All game same as outside season except for deer.

Deer: Either-sex deer shall be legal for the entire 50 day season as described for Area 2.

Hunting on this area is regulated by Base Authorities. All killed on this area shall be tagged by Base Authorities.

Area 2 - WEBSTER PARISH (LOUISIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT)

All game same as outside season except for deer.

Deer: Either-sex deer shall be legal for the entire 50 day season as described for Area 2.

Hunting on this area is regulated by the Base Commander and is restricted to employees only. All deer killed on this area shall be tagged by Base Authorities.

Area 1 - AVERY ISLAND

Either sex deer shall be legal during the entire 50 day, deer season as described for Area 1.

BEAR SEASON

Nine (9) days: October 18-October 26; with or without dogs; The taking of cub bears prohibited.

In that part of the Atchafalaya Floodway, located in portions of St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberville, and Pointe Coupee Parishes. Bounded on the north by La. Hwy. 10, on the east by the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, on the south by Interstate Hwy. 10, and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

1976 TURKEY SEASON SCHEDULE

March 27-April 25, 1976

Daily limit one gobbler, Season limit three gobblers still hunting only. The use of dogs or baiting and the use of electronic calling devices in taking or attempting to take turkeys is illegal. It shall be legal to take turkeys with shotguns and longbows and arrows but by no other means whatsoever. The shooting of turkeys from moving or stationary vehicles of any type is prohibited.

TURKEY SEASON OPEN ONLY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Area A. 30 days: March 27-April 25

Portions of Union, Morehouse and Ouachita Parishes as follows: —
Union Parish east of Louisiana Highway 549 from the Arkansas Line to Louisiana Highway 348 at Conway, north of Louisiana Highways 348 and 33 from Conway to Marion, east of Louisiana Highway 143 from Marion to Linville, south of Louisiana Highway 828 from Linville to Bayou DeLoutre, east of Bayou DeLoutre from Louisiana Highway 828 to Louisiana Highway 2, and north of Louisiana Highway 2 to Sterlington; Ouachita Parish north of Louisiana Highway 2 from Sterlington to U. S. Highway 165, and Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes north and west of U. S. Highway 165, Louisiana Highway 139 and 140 from Louisiana Highway 2 to Bonita, and west of U. S. Highway 165 from Bonita to the Arkansas Line. See Wildlife Management Area Schedule for Union and Georgia-Pacific Wildlife Management Areas.

Area B. 30 days: March 27-April 25

Portions of Madison, Franklin, Catahoula, Concordia, and Tensas Parishes. South of U. S. Highway 80 from Tallulah to Louisiana Highway 17, east of Louisiana Highways 17 and 15 from Delhi to Winnsboro to Clayton; west of U. S. Highway 65 from Clayton to Tallulah.

Area C. 37 days: March 20-April 25

All of East Feliciana, St. Helena, and Washington Parishes.

Also these portions of the following parishes: West Feliciana east of Louisiana Highway 969 from the Mississippi State Line to Louisiana Highway 66, east of Louisiana Highway 66 through Turnbull to Louisiana Highway 968; south of Louisiana Highway 968 from Louisiana Highway 66 to the Como Road, south of the Como Road from Louisiana Highway 968 to the Louisiana-Arkansas Railroad, east of the Louisiana-Arkansas Railroad from the Como Road to St. Francisville; East of the Mississippi River in West Feliciana and East Baton Rouge Parishes from Thompson Creek to U. S. Highway 190 and north of U. S. Highway 190 from Baton Rouge to the Amite River; Livingston Parish north and east of the Amite River and Lake Maurepas; Tangipahoa Parish north of Lake Maurepas and west of U. S. Highway 51 from Manchac to Hammond; Tangipahoa and St. Tammany Parishes north and east of U. S. Highways 190 and 90.

Area D. 37 days: March 20-April 25

Within Pointe Coupee Parish bounded on the north by Louisiana Highway 1 and the north Morganza Floodway Levee; on the south by U. S. Highway 190; on the east by the East Atchafalaya Basin protection levee and on the west by the Atchafalaya River.

Area E. 9 days: April 3-April 11

That portion of East Carroll Parish lying east of the main line (new) Mississippi River levee from the Arkansas State Line to the Madison Parish Line.

Area F. 30 days: March 27-April 25

Portions of Claiborne and Union Parishes described as follows:

Claiborne west of U. S. Highway 79 from the Arkansas State Line to Louisiana Highway 2 at Homer; Claiborne and Lincoln Parishes north and east of Louisiana Highways 2, 152, and 151 from Homer to Dubach; Lincoln and Union Parishes north and west of Louisiana Hwy.

151 from Dubach to D'Arbonne Bayou, north and west of D'Arbonne Bayou and D'Arbonne Lake from Louisiana Highway 151 to Corney Bayou; Union Parish south and west of Corney Bayou from D'Arbonne Lake to Louisiana Highway 550, north and west of Louisiana Highway 550 from Corney Bayou to the Arkansas State Line.

EXCEPT that portion of Union Parish bounded on the east by Louisiana Highway 558, on the south by Louisiana Highway 15 and the west by U. S. Highway 167 which shall be closed to turkey hunting.

Area G. 30 days: March 27-April 25

Portions of Ouachita, Jackson, Winn, and Caldwell Parishes.

West of Louisiana Highway 499 from Sikes to Louisiana Highway 4; north of Louisiana Highway 4 to Louisiana Highway 557 at Vixen.

West of Louisiana Highway 557 from Vixen to Louisiana Highway 34. South and east of Louisiana Highway 34 to Louisiana Highway 126. North of Louisiana Highway 126 to Sikes.

Area H. 23 days: March 20-April 11

Portions of Assumption, Iberville, Iberia, and Ascension Parishes.

North of Louisiana Highway 20 from Chacahoula and U. S. Highway 90 at Morgan City; east of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee from Morgan City to the town of Pigeon; east of Louisiana Highway 75 from Pigeon to Louisiana Highway 1; south and west of Louisiana Highway 1 from Louisiana Highway 75 to Louisiana Highway 309; west of Louisiana Highway 309 from Louisiana Highway 1 to Chacahoula.

Area L. 9 days: April 3-April 11

Portions of Tensas Parish bounded on the north by the Mississippi River Levee, the east by Yucatan Lake, Yucatan Chute and the Mississippi River, the west by the Mississippi River levee, and south by the Dubbison Line from the Mississippi River Levee

east to the Mississippi River.

Area J. 9 days: April 3-April 11

Portions of Grant and Rapides Parishes. North of Louisiana

Highway 1 from intersection with U. S. Highway 167 to Louisiana

Highway 8; east of Louisiana Highway 8 to Louisiana Highway 492;

south of Louisiana Highway 492 to U. S. Highway 71; south of U. S.

Highway 71 to U. S. Highway 167; west of U. S. Highway 167 to

Louisiana Highway 1.

Area K. 23 days: March 20-April 11

Portions of Pointe Coupee Parish. In that area south of Louisiana

Highways 10 and 1 from Morganza to New Roads. West of Louisiana

Highway 1 from New Roads to Parlange Lane and Louisiana Highway

78. West of Louisiana Highway 78 from Louisiana Highway 1 to

U. S. Highway 190 at Livonia. East of Louisiana Highways 77 and

10 from Livonia to Morganza.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

GENERAL

All lands lying within the boundaries of wildlife management areas will have the same seasons and regulations as the management area with which they are associated.

The dumping of garbage, cans, bottles, refuse, or trash of any kind on wildlife management areas in other than specifically designated locations is prohibited.

All deer seasons are for legal buck deer only unless otherwise specified.

Specific inquiries or requests for maps of wildlife management areas may be directed to any Commission District Office: P. O. Box 915, Minden 71055; P. O. Box 4004, Monroe 71201; P. O. Box 278, Tioga 71477; P. O. Box 426, Ferriday 71334; 1213 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles 70601; P. O. Box 585, Opelousas 70570; P. O. Box 44095, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge 70804; 400 Royal Street, New Orleans 70130.

PERMITS

Daily Permits: - When daily permits are required, they may be obtained at the permit stations located on or near the respective wildlife management area.

Season Permits: - The basic resident hunting license will serve as a season permit on wildlife management areas when this type of permit is required. No season permit is required of persons under 16 years of age, or 60 years of age or older, or non-residents. When either daily or season permits are used, hunters may enter an area no earlier than one (1) hour before legal shooting hours and must be off the area one (1) hour after legal shooting

hours unless otherwise specified in the current regulations pamphlet, permits, or in official Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission news releases.

Trapping Permits: - Permits to take furbearers, except otter, from specified wildlife management areas may be obtained from the district offices. No trapping is allowed on Alexander State Forest, Ft. Polk, and Peason Ridge. Other special trapping exceptions are listed under each respective wildlife management area season schedule.

Commercial Fishing

Permits: - Commercial fishing permits are required of all commercial fishermen fishing in waters lying within the boundaries of Red River Wildlife Management Area, Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area, and Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

Sport Fishing: - Sport fishing and frog hunting are permitted on all wildlife management areas (except frog hunting not permitted on Salvador and Point-au-Chien) when in compliance with existing State Laws and Wildlife Management Area Regulations.

FIREARMS

No loaded guns are allowed in vehicles at anytime on the wildlife management areas.

~~No loaded guns are permitted on the area before or after legal hunting hours.~~

No firearms of any kind are permitted on wildlife management areas during closed seasons, however, in such cases where it is necessary for a firearm to be transported through the area to private lands within or adjacent to

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the area, the firearm will be cased or broken down and the most direct route of travel will be taken.

No loaded firearms are permitted in the vicinity of check stations or permit stations on wildlife management areas.

No rifle larger than .22 caliber or shotgun shells containing slugs or shot larger than Number 4 can be in possession or used on any wildlife management area except when the area is open for deer hunting.

METHODS OF TAKING GAME

The use of organized drivers and standers in which drivers make noises by shouting, whistling, discharging firecrackers, using whistles, striking objects together, using horns, or other noise making devices, is strictly prohibited.

Baiting of any game including hogs is prohibited on all wildlife management areas.

Unmarked hogs may be taken on certain wildlife management areas only during the open seasons as prescribed for the area and only with guns or bow and arrow as specified, and with proper licenses, permits and other requirements for hunting the game species for which the area is open at the time.

All deer killed on wildlife management areas where daily permits are required must be checked out at a deer checking station.

Deer hunting on wildlife management areas is restricted to still hunting only. No wildlife management area will be open to deer hunting during the early still hunt season except those specifically designated in the regulation pamphlet.

Construction of and hunting from permanent tree stands or similar structures and the use of tree climbing spurs prohibited. All permanent tree stands, blinds and similar structures will be destroyed.

The use of vehicles or horses in taking or attempting to take deer on any wildlife management area is prohibited.

All deer hunters (both gun hunters and archers) on wildlife management areas are required to wear 400 square inches of hunter orange during open gun seasons.

Archery Season for Deer: Still Hunting Only. Either-sex deer may be taken in all wildlife management areas during the entire archery season. EXCEPT when bucks-only seasons are in progress for gun hunting, archery hunters are required to conform to the bucks-only regulations. Archery season may be restricted on some areas. For details, see provisions under wildlife management area schedule.

VEHICLES

The use of vehicles having tires of 900 x 16", or larger is prohibited on specified wildlife management areas.

The testing, racing, speeding, or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and, destruction of forest reproduction.

It shall be unlawful to use airboats on all wildlife management areas.

Driving or parking vehicles on plots and strips specially maintained for wildlife food and cover, is prohibited.

Use of vehicles, including motorcycles and ATV's, are limited to established roads and vehicle trails on specified wildlife management areas.

CAMPING

Camping on wildlife management areas is allowed only in designated camping areas.

No firearms may be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

Each campsite must be completely free of trash, garbage, or any type of refuse when the occupants leave. All refuse must be placed in approved locations.

Persons failing to comply with camping area regulations posted at the entrance to each campground is subject to immediate expulsion and/or citation.

Any damage to trees, shrubs, and wild plants by cutting, sawing, digging, or chopping is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained.

DOGS

Possession of and the use of dogs is prohibited on wildlife management areas except for bird hunting and duck hunting. Recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers only are permitted in quail and migratory bird hunting.

On those areas having experimental rabbit season, beagle hounds only are to be used, which must not exceed 15 inches in height at front shoulder and must have recognizable characteristics of the breed. Dogs on all wildlife management areas are prohibited unless otherwise specified.

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1975-76 SEASON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS HUNTING SCHEDULE

Alexander State Forest:

Deer: November 22-23; either sex; Daily Permit

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20. Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 26-February 28.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except closed during gun hunt for deer

Waterfowl: Same as outside season.

Biloxi:

Same as outside season.

Bodcau:

Deer: Same as outside season EXCEPT still hunt only.

Either sex November 1 and December 21.

All Small Game: Same as outside season, EXCEPT still hunt only.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season, EXCEPT morning hunting only.

(Until 12 noon)

No vehicles allowed on slopes of dams and levees.

Unmarked hogs may be taken at any time during open hunting seasons with gun or bow and arrow.

Bohemia:

Deer: November 22-30 and December 27-January 11.

Either sex only on weekends and on November 27-28.

Daily Permit.

All other days are for Bucks Only. No daily permit required.

Rabbits: Same as outside, EXCEPT closed during deer season.

Still Hunting Only EXCEPT rabbit hunting with beagles only from

Bayou Lamoque to Ostrica, December 1-December 26; and

beagles only on entire area January 11-February 28, EXPERIMENTAL.

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Squirrels: Same as outside season EXCEPT closed during deer season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season.

Snipe: Same as outside EXCEPT closed during deer season.

All Other Game: Same as outside season.

Crawfish: No more than 80 pounds per party per day allowed.

Catahoula:

Deer: November 22-23, November 28-30, Either Sex. Daily Permit.

December 20-January 1, Bucks Only; Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20. Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 6-February 28.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except closed during gun hunt for deer

Dove: Dove hunting permitted only in large plot at the Bear Creek and

Amberg Road Junction. Same as outside season.

Turkey: April 3-11. Gobblers Only.

Unmarked hogs may be taken only during open deer season with gun or bow and arrow.

Caney (Middle Fork and Corney):

Deer: Same as outside season, EXCEPT Still Hunt Only; Either Sex, November 1 and December 21.

All Small Game: Same as outside season, EXCEPT Still Hunt Only.

Turkey: Same as outside season.

Unmarked hogs may be taken at any time during open hunting seasons with gun or bow and arrow.

Cities Service:

Deer: November 22-26, Either Sex, Daily Permit.

December 20-January 1, Bucks Only. Still Hunt Only.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20, EXCEPT closed November 22-26. Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 26-February 28.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except closed during gun hunt for deer

Dove: First segment of season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season, EXCEPT closed November 22-26.

Turkey: April 3-April 11, Gobblers Only.

Raccoon: October 25-November 2 and February 7-15. Permit to be obtained at Monroe Office (EXPERIMENTAL)

Trapping season: December 1-25, entire area. December 26-February 1, south of Hwy. 134. Permit from District Office required.

Concordia:

Deer: November 22, Either Sex. November 23, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

December 27-January 11, Bucks Only. Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20. Still Hunt Only.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season, EXCEPT closed November 22-23.

Use of vehicles with tires 900 x 16 or larger prohibited.

Use of vehicles including motorcycles and ATV's limited to travel on established roads and vehicle trails.

Fort Polk: NOTICE: **DAILY MILITARY CLEARANCE REQUIRED TO HUNT

ALL GAME ON AREA: Available from Provost Marshall Office;

EXCEPT when clearance can be obtained at Commission Daily Permit Station during Either Sex deer season.

Deer: November 22-23. November 29-30, Either Sex. **Daily Permit.

Remainder of deer season same as Area 5 season EXCEPT closed during early still hunt and closed on November 24-November 28.

Bucks Only.

Turkey: April 3-11. Gobblers Only.

All Other Game: Same as outside season, Still Hunt Only EXCEPT bird dogs allowed for bird hunting and no member of a party engaged in quail hunting shall use or have in his possession a rifle, shotgun slugs or shotgun shell larger than number 6.

Unmarked hogs may be taken only during open deer seasons with gun
or bow and arrow.

Georgia Pacific:

Deer: November 22-26, Bucks Only. Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20, December 14-24.

Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 26-February 28.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except no hunting during gun seasons
for deer.

Dove: First segment of season.

Turkey: March 27-April 19. Gobblers Only.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season. Section 16 Same as outside season

EXCEPT still hunt only, The Company Pond Road is treated as a
State or Parish Road. Hunters may transport guns along this road if
broken down or encased when a gun only season is in progress
on outside territory.

Trapping Season: December 1-February 7.

Grassy Lake:

Same as outside season.

Jackson-Bienville:

Deer: 25 days, Either Sex. November 22-30, January 3-18

Daily Permit. (EXPERIMENTAL).

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20, December 1-January 2,

Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 1-January 2; January 19-February 28.

Woodcock, Dove and Waterfowl: Same as outside season, EXCEPT

closed during gun seasons for deer.

Unmarked hogs may be taken at any time during open hunting seasons with
gun or bow and arrow.

Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area:

Deer: November 22-23, Bucks Only; Daily Permit. (Gun Hunt)

Waterfowl: Open mornings only (until 12 noon) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout regular statewide season.

All Other Small Game: Same as outside season EXCEPT Still Hunt Only.

Lutcher-Moore:

Deer: November 22-23, November 28-30, Either Sex. Daily Permit.

December 20-January 1; Bucks Only; Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20. Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 6-February 28.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except closed during gun hunt for deer.

Dove: Same as outside season.

Turkey: April 3-11.

Pass-a-Loutre: (Waterfowl Management Area) Waterfowl Hunting Only. Waterfowl hunting same as outside season west of South Pass. Waterfowl hunting morning only east of South Pass. No special permit required.

Pearl River:

Deer: November 22-December 14, December 20-21, Bucks Only.

Still Hunt Only.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20. Still Hunt Only.

Woodcock: Same as outside season.

Snipe: Same as outside season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT morning hunting only (until 12 noon).

Raccoon: November 1-16. Special Permit must be obtained from District Office in Baton Rouge or from local supervisor. (EXPERIMENTAL).

Turkey: Same as outside season.

Crawfish: No more than 80 pounds per party per day allowed.

Unmarked hogs may be taken during deer seasons only with gun or bow and arrow.

Peason Ridge: NOTICE: DAILY MILITARY CLEARANCE, AVAILABLE
LOCALLY, REQUIRED FOR ALL HUNTING ON THIS AREA.

Deer: November 1-20, Still Hunt Only.

November 1, Either Sex; Daily Permit.

Remainder, Bucks Only; Season Permit.

Turkey: April 3-11

All Other Game: Same as outside season EXCEPT Still Hunt Only.

Bird dogs permitted during quail season.

Point-au-chien: Morning hunting only on all species.

Deer: November 22-26 and December 26-30 bucks only. Still hunt only.

No archery deer season.

All other game - same as outside season. Still hunt only. Except beagles permitted for rabbit hunting from the day after waterfowl season ends to Feb. 28.

Red Dirt:

Deer: November 22-23, November 28-30, Either Sex. Daily Permit.

December 20-January 1, Bucks Only; Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20, Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 6-February 28.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except no hunting during gun season for deer.

Unmarked hogs may be taken at any time during deer season with gun or
bow and arrow.

Use of motorcycles restricted to gravel and blacktop roads during gun
seasons for deer.

Red River:

Deer: November 22, Either Sex. November 23, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

December 27-January 11, Bucks Only. Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbits: October 4-November 20, Still Hunt Only.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT Closed November 22-23.

Use of vehicles with tires 900 x 16 or larger prohibited.

Use of vehicles, including motorcycles and ATV's, limited to travel on established roads and vehicle trails.

Russell Sage:

Deer: November 22-23, Either Sex; ^{Daily Permit} November 24-26 Bucks Only. ^{Season Permit.}
December 20-January 1, Bucks Only. Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-December 7, Still Hunt Only.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except closed during the raccoon season.

Dove: First segment of season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT morning hunting only (until 12 noon) EXCEPT closed November 22-23.

Raccoon: November 1-16, February 14-22. Special permit must be obtained from District Office in Monroe. (EXPERIMENTAL).

Crawfish: No more than 80 pounds per party per day allowed.

Trapping season restricted to: December 1-February 7.

The Chauvin tract on Hwy. 165 North-Same as outside season.

Sabine:

Deer: November 22-23 and November 28-30, Either Sex. Daily Permit.
December 20-January 1, Bucks Only. Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20. Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 6-February 28.

Dove: First segment of season.

Turkey: April 3-11.

Sabine Island: All seasons same as outside season EXCEPT Still Hunt Only.

Sabine Island is located in Calcasieu Parish. It is bounded on the west by Sabine River, on the north by Cutoff Bayou, on the east and south by Old River and Big Bayou. Waterfowl hunting mornings only (until 12 noon).

Saline:

Deer: November 22-23; December 27-January 4, Bucks Only. Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20. Still Hunt Only.

Waterfowl: Same as outside, EXCEPT Greentree Reservoir, morning hunting only (until 12 noon).

Turkey: April 3-4, 1976.

Unmarked hogs may be taken at any time during open hunting seasons

with gun or bow and arrow south and east of Hwy. 28 in fenced area.

Use of vehicles with tires 900 x 16 or larger prohibited. Use of vehicles, including motorcycles and ATV's, limited to established roads and vehicle trails.

All hunters must sign in and sign out at Commission designated entrance points.

Salvadore: Morning hunting only on all species.

Deer: November 22-26 and December 26-30 - Bucks only. Still hunt only.

No archery deer season.

All other game: Same as outside season. Still hunt only except beagles permitted for rabbit hunting from the day after waterfowl season ends to February 28.

Soda Lake:

All Game: Same as outside season, EXCEPT Still Hunt Only.

Spring Bayou:

Deer: November 22-23, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

November 24-25, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

January 2-4, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT morning hunting only (until 12 noon)

Squirrel and Rabbit: Same as outside season EXCEPT Still Hunt Only.

Woodcock: Same as outside, EXCEPT no hunting during gun season for deer.

Pass Manchac:

Deer: Same as outside season, EXCEPT Still Hunt Only. Bucks Only

Waterfowl: Same as outside season, EXCEPT morning hunting only (Until 12 noon)

All Other Game: Same as outside season, EXCEPT morning hunting only during the waterfowl season.

Use of vehicles with tires 900 x 16 or larger prohibited.

Commercial fishing: Permitted on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Permits available at area headquarters.

Thistlethwaite:

Deer: November 22-23, Either Sex. Daily Permit.

November 24-26, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

January 3-4-5, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-28. Daily Permit. Morning Only.

Bag limit for squirrels 16 per day (EXPERIMENTAL).

Still Hunt Only.

Quail: Same as outside EXCEPT no hunting during gun season for deer.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT morning hunting only.

(until 12 noon) EXCEPT closed November 22-23.

Woodcock: Same as outside season EXCEPT no hunting during gun seasons for deer.

Hogs may be taken during archery and gun hunts during deer seasons.

All vehicles restricted to improved roads only.

Three Rivers:

Deer: November 22, Either Sex. November 23, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

December 27-January 11, Bucks Only. Season Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20. Still Hunt Only.

Waterfowl: Same as outside season EXCEPT no waterfowl hunting

November 22-23.

Quail: January 10-February 28.

Snipe: Same as outside season except closed during gun hunt for deer.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except closed during gun hunt for deer.

Turkey: Closed.

Use of vehicles with tires 900 x 16 or larger prohibited. Use of vehicles including motorcycles and ATV's limited to established roads and vehicle trails.

Union:

Deer: November 22-26, November 28-December 2, Either Sex.

Daily Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 16, December 13-21.

Still Hunt Only.

Quail: December 26-February 28.

Turkey: March 27-April 25.

Woodcock: Same as outside season except closed during gun hunt for deer.

Dove: First segment of season.

Trapping season: December 1-February 7.

West Bay:

Deer: November 22-26, Either Sex until 350 deer are taken, remainder of five days, if any, Bucks Only. Daily Permit.

Squirrel and Rabbit: October 4-November 20, December 6-28.

Still Hunt Only.

Quail: Same as outside season.

Woodcock: Same as outside season.

Wisner:

All Game: Same as outside season.