

SCUBA DIVING GAME FISH SEASON PERMIT REGULATIONS

Dear Permit Applicant:

You must read, understand and agree to abide by the permit regulations described below by signing the "Statement of Compliance" regarding the issuance of permits by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The rules regulating the special scuba game fish season as amended and re-enacted by the commission are as follows:

- 1) The special season shall be limited to Toledo Bend Reservoir, and only in that part of the lake located south of Highway 6 (Pendleton Bridge) on the Louisiana side.
- 2) The special season shall be for four months beginning at sunrise on the first day of June and ending at sunset on the last day of September each year.
- 3) The taking of game fish species shall be permitted during daylight hours only from sunrise to sunset.
- 4) Each diver harvesting game fish is required to have a special permit issued by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the permit must be available for inspection upon request.
- 5) In addition to the special permit the permit holder must have a valid Louisiana sportfishing license.
- 6) Crappie and bream shall be the only game fish species allowed to be taken.
- 7) The daily creel limit shall be 25 crappie and 50 bream; the possession limit shall be the same as the daily creel limit.
- 8) The scuba diver must be submerged in the water and use only standard underwater spearing equipment.
- 9) No permitted diver shall have in his possession (vessel or on his person) any other fishing gear.
- 10) Each permit holder shall submit to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a monthly report of game fish taken, and other information requested on the forms supplied by the department; the report deadline for a specific month shall be on the fifteenth of the following month. All reports should be sent to Ralph Allemand, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000. Each permit holder must submit the monthly report whether they fish or not.
- 11) A legal diving flag shall be conspicuously displayed while diving operations are taking place.
- 12) Permits will expire at the end of each season and shall be renewed on an annual basis.
- 13) Failure of the permittee to adhere to any of the above stipulations shall result in the revocation of the permit by the secretary of the department.
- 14) The secretary of the department shall be authorized to recall permits and/or to close the special season if deemed necessary.

Statement of Compliance

I have been advised and do understand that by applying for and accepting a permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, I am being allowed to engage in an activity which would otherwise be prohibited by law or for which a permit is required. I understand that the permit is not a license and confers no property rights upon me. I specifically agree to abide by all State and Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and all State and Federal laws and regulations which relate to this permit or the permitted activity, and by all other terms and conditions of this permit. I understand that the permit for which I am applying may be suspended, canceled or revoked at any time by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. I agree to immediately surrender the permit issued to me upon demand made upon me by any authorized employee of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. I understand that my failure to fully and completely comply with the laws, regulations, terms, and conditions referred to herein will result in the immediate suspension, cancellation or revocation of this and other permits issued to me by the Department and that I may be denied future permits as a consequence of my actions. I understand and agree that any permit issued to me by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is in the nature of a privilege which is being voluntarily extended to me by the Department and the failure on my part to cooperate fully and completely with the Department or any of its employees can result in the loss of the privilege conferred and the denial of future requests for permits. By accepting a permit, I evidence my agreement to be bound by all conditions and stipulations set forth herein.

PRINT NAME: _____

Signature

Date

THIS STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO BE READ AND SIGNED BEFORE ANY PERMIT CAN BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES, EFFECTIVE 8/18/97.