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## Conservation Pledge

I give my  
pledge as an American  
to save and faithfully to  
defend from waste the  
natural resources of  
my country—its soil  
and minerals, its  
forests, waters  
and wildlife

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SHRIMP CHRISTMAS TREE

- 3 pounds shrimp, fresh or frozen
- 2 quarts water
- ½ cup salt
- 4 large bunches curly endive
- 1 styrofoam cone, 2½ feet high
- 1 styrofoam square, 12 x 12 x 1 inch
- 1 small box round toothpicks
- Cocktail sauce

Thaw frozen shrimp. Place shrimp in boiling salted water. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and tender. Drain. Peel shrimp, leaving the last section of the shell on. Remove sand veins and wash. Chill. Separate and wash endive. Chill. Place cone in the center of the styrofoam square and draw a circle around the base of the cone. Cut out the circle and insert cone. Cover base and cone with overlapping leaves of endive. Fasten endive to styrofoam with toothpick halves. Start at the outside edge of the base and work up. Cover fully with greens to resemble Christmas tree. Attach shrimp to tree with toothpicks. Provide cocktail sauce for dunking. Serves 12. (Photos by Albert Tullier.)

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# PASS-A-LOUTRE PUBLIC HUNTS

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**D**UCK HUNTERS throughout the state have the opportunity in 1967 as in the past to participate in the public hunting program on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. Pass-a-Loutre is a 66,000 acre tract of delta marshland located in the Southeastern part of the state, and lies 15 miles Southeast of Venice, the closest automobile access point.

Again this year the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission announces that 11 public hunts will be conducted during the waterfowl season. Each hunt will last two days plus an additional day for traveling. Shooting will be permitted on four meetings each week; Tuesday-Wednesday and Saturday-Sunday. This prevents over shooting the area and maintains a huntable population of waterfowl throughout the entire season.

Public camp hunters enjoyed record breaking success during the 1966-67 duck hunting season on Pass-a-Loutre. The average daily kill per hunter effort (3.3) was the highest recorded for the past three years. Again this year hunters can expect excellent shooting as the reports from Canada by Ducks Unlimited show good production on the nesting grounds and the fall flight of ducks can be comparable to that of last season.

The marshes of the lower delta are in excellent condition at this time as a result of the high river stages of the Mississippi River. Each year the river overflows its banks and deposits tons of top soil carried from the central United States on the marshes of the lower delta. This material is dropped in the marsh ponds as the water slows down and creates ideal conditions for the production of desirable waterfowl food plants.

From detailed ecological studies conducted on delta duck potato and fresh water three-square grass, the two most highly favored waterfowl food plants on Pass-a-Loutre, indicate bumper

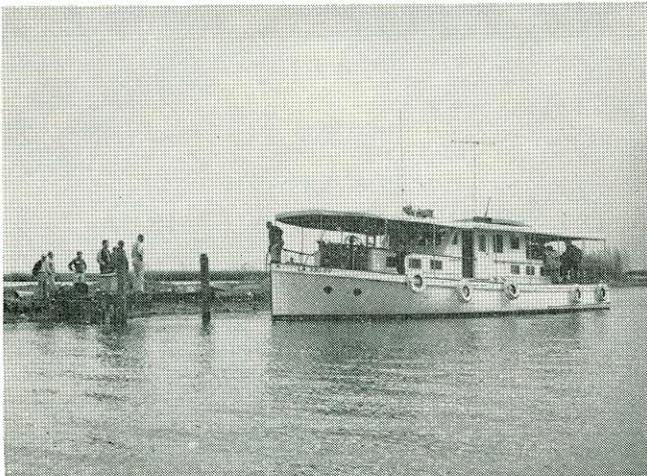
crops have been produced this past growing season. Production for delta duck potato exceeded 12,000 pounds per acre, and fresh water three-square grass produced over 600 pounds per acre. Production figures such as these insure a waterfowl population on Pass-a-Loutre in abundance necessary to supply continual waterfowl hunting throughout the entire duck season.

Nine hunting camps are available to persons who wish to take advantage of the excellent waterfowl shooting to be had on this area. Each camp is capable of accommodating up to 8 men with utensils, beds, decoys, boats, and butane provided by the Commission. The use of these camps is restricted to duck hunters who make application to the Commission and are selected by drawings.

In addition to the 20,000 acres set aside for the camp hunters, the Commission has a portion of the area open to the general public who wish to use their own equipment and facilities, and seasonal permits are issued at no cost to the hunter. This area lies west of South Pass, Southeast Pass, and Pass-a-Loutre. Duck hunting on these areas is equally as good as the portion reserved for the camps and has been improving for the past three years. During the past waterfowl season hunters on the open area were asked to keep records after each hunt on the number of waterfowl bagged. This was done to determine the seasonal harvest and number of days hunted on this area. The results of this survey indicate hunters on the open area of Pass-a-Loutre had an average daily kill per hunter effort of 3.7 ducks. The total kill of waterfowl on Pass-a-Loutre for the 1966-67 waterfowl season was found to be 10,055 birds in 2665 hunter efforts. This made up the actual kill from the public camps and the projected kill of the free permit areas.

Although the majority of the open area hunting took place in the South Pass marshes, the highest kill per hunter effort was recorded in the marshes of Southeast Pass, followed closely by the marshes along Pass-a-Loutre. The South Pass area recorded the lowest kill per hunter effort.

A portion of this area lying west of South Pass



Transportation to the area is provided by the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's Enforcement Division's patrol boats.

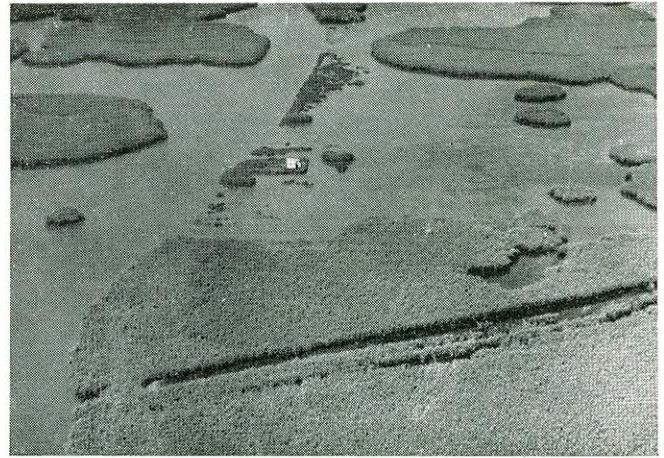


Duck boats, decoys and camp gear are furnished to the hunters by the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

has been opened for afternoon shooting to take advantage of the Blue and Snow geese which utilize this portion of Pass-a-Loutre.

#### HOW TO APPLY

1. Make application direct to Ted Joanen, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130.
2. You may apply in a group not to exceed eight (8) persons, naming each person in the application.
3. No person may submit more than one application for each week. A second choice for the other hunt that week should be indicated, if possible, in this application. If the name of any person is received in more than one application for the same week, it will be disqualified.
4. You must make application for the hunts desired as specified below.
5. Be sure to specify the dates you wish to hunt, and your mailing address.
6. All applications must be made THROUGH THE U.S. MAIL and postmarked during the application dates for the hunt as listed in the table below.
7. The two-day hunting trip fee is \$5.00. No refunds can be made if you fail to meet the boat; permits can be transferred. Enclose check or money order in full amount for your party. If not selected, full refund will be made.
8. Facilities limited to men over 16; persons under 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.
9. Seventy-two hunters can be accommodated on each hunt. Camps will be assigned by Commission personnel in charge.



Open ponds surrounded by stands of roseau cane provide good hunting near each of the public camps.

10. No rifles, private boats or motors are allowed. DON'T BRING ANY!
11. Duck, goose, and coot shooting only is permitted. Waterfowl retrievers may be used.

*Application Period	Drawing	Hunting Dates
Oct. 30-Nov. 6	Nov. 9	Nov. 18 & 19; 21 & 22.
Nov. 6-Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 25 & 26; 28 & 29.
Nov. 13-Nov. 20	Nov. 22	Dec. 2 & 3; 5 & 6.
Nov. 20-Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 9 & 10; 12 & 13.
Nov. 27-Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 16 & 17; 19 & 20.
Dec. 4-Dec. 11	Dec. 13	Dec. 23 & 24.

\*Letters must be postmarked between these dates and received prior to drawing.



A check is made of all waterfowl killed by hunters using the public camps and last season proved to be the best season for hunting since the program started.