

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
FOR PUBLICATION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 41:1211, et seq., and R.S. 56:30.3 and 56:799.1 et seq., the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (hereinafter LDWF) will accept sealed bids on or before the **7th of October, 2020** at 10:00 o'clock a.m., for a lease issued for the sole purpose of waterfowl and other game bird hunting, deer hunting, rabbit hunting, recreational reptile and amphibian harvest, alligator trapping and one campsite location to be determined by LDWF on the following described tract in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, *to-wit*:

Township 14 South – Range 1 West

Section 1:

- (1) All acreage lying south of agricultural protection levee.
- (2) A tract herein identified as “Parcel 2” located within the NE/4 of SE/4 of Section 1 and defined by the following coordinates as its corners and more specifically described as follows:

From a point approximately 2,850 feet north of the southeast corner of Township 14 South, Range 1 West, Section 1 to a buried survey marker along the eastern boundary of Section 1 is the northeast corner of Parcel 2 (N29° 51.279'/W-092° 24.660') which shall be called the point of beginning. From the point of beginning to the west approximately 1,050 feet, to the northwest corner of Parcel 2 (N29° 51.279'/W-092° 24.857') then south approximately 565 feet to the southwest corner of Parcel 2 (N29° 51.190'/W-092° 24.857') then east approximately 1,050 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 2 (N29° 51.190'/W-092° 24.660') then north to the point of beginning.

- (3) A tract herein identified as “Parcel 3” located within the E/16 of SE/4 of Section 1 defined by the following coordinates as its corners and more specifically described as follows:

From the southeast corner of Parcel 2 above (N29° 51.190'/W-092° 24.660') which is the northeast corner of Parcel 3 (N29° 51.190'/W-092° 24.660') and which shall be called the

point of beginning, to the west approximately 85 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 3 (N29° 51.190'/W-092° 24.678') then south approximately 1,275 feet to the southwest corner of Parcel 3 (N29° 50.980'/W-092° 24.678') then to the east approximately 85 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 3 (N29° 50.980'/W-092° 24.660') then north to point of beginning.

Section 2: All acreage lying south of agricultural protection levee.

Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29: Entire Sections

Sections 30 & 31: All acreage lying north of White Lake shoreline

Sections 32 & 33: Entire Sections

Sections 34, 35 & 36: All acreage lying north of White Lake shoreline

Township 15 South – Range 1 West

Sections 3, 4, 5 & 6: All acreage lying north of White Lake shoreline

Total lease acreage is approximately 18,545.0 acres and is situated in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

and herein identified as **Tract I.**

The bid submitted shall be for one year's annual rental on the Tract. The award of this lease will be based solely on the highest bid submitted for the annual rental. This is the only consideration that the LDWF will take into account in evaluating bids.

The minimum acceptable bid for this Tract is \$ 206,861.53.¹

The bid submitted shall be on an Official Bid Form prepared by LDWF and shall be in a sealed envelope. The words WHITE LAKE BID and October 7, 2020 (the date of the bid opening) should be written on the outside of the envelope containing your bid so that it will not be opened with the regular mail. All bids must be forwarded by United States Mail to Louisiana Department

¹ This amount is the annual rent for the current year (2020). The actual rental for each year of this new lease, including the first year, is subject to increase in accordance with the cost of living index as established by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor (CPI) or any revision or equivalent of any such index published by the U.S. Government.

of Wildlife and Fisheries, Revenue Section, Post Office Box 80399, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-0399, or hand delivered to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, Revenue Section, 2000 Quail Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 260, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Regardless of means of submitting bids, no bid will be considered which is received after 10:00 a.m., **October 7, 2020**.

Bidders must include within the bid envelope along with the bid, a certified check payable to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in an amount equal to Ten Percent (10%) of the bid submitted. The remaining 90% of the rental for the first year of the lease will be due from the winning bidder before the execution of the lease.

The check of the successful bidder will be deposited immediately in LDWF's account and is nonrefundable.

Bidding on this tract is subject to the provisions of Act 335 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The most recent LESSEE(S) may, at the sole discretion of the Secretary of the LDWF, be offered the option to match the highest bid and continue the lease, except as provided below.

No person, firm or corporation who is indebted to the Department for past due rentals on any WLWCA lease, or for any obligation arising out of any said lease, shall be eligible to bid on, or match any bid on, this lease.

Partnerships, corporations or LLC's shall be required to provide the individual solidary guarantees of the majority ownership or membership interests, as the case may be, for all leasehold indebtednesses and obligations.

THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS IS RESERVED.

Bid forms and a draft of the proposed lease containing the terms and conditions are available from LDWF at the Department's website, (<https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/white-lake-wetlands-conservation-area>) or by contacting Schuyler Dartez at 337-536-6061 or by email: sdartez@wlf.la.gov. Bidders must be ready, willing, and able to comply with all provisions of the draft lease.

Bids will be opened via Zoom only by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on Wednesday, **October 7, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. The public may view the bid opening at: https://wlf-la.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UqrOx2buTwu0afpCFyAdug

Pertinent information regarding the lease: This lease shall commence on **February 1, 2021** and the term of this lease shall end on **January 31, 2031**. The leased acreage is within a large, partially impounded portion of property that includes expansive freshwater marsh. There is one water control structure on the tract, but water can also be manipulated by a structure on the adjacent tract within the same partially impounded property. Access to this tract is by public limestone road. LESSEE shall restrict hunting to no more than eight (8) waterfowl blinds each day, with no more than four (4) hunters per blind. LESSEE shall not conduct or allow waterfowl hunting after 12:00 noon each day on the leased acreage. The alligator harvest tag allotment for this tract in 2020 was 79 tags. A map of the leased acreage is available from LDWF at the Department's website, (<https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/white-lake-wetlands-conservation-area>).

Jack Montoucet
Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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NOTE: SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST PAY THE ADVERTISING CHARGES.