

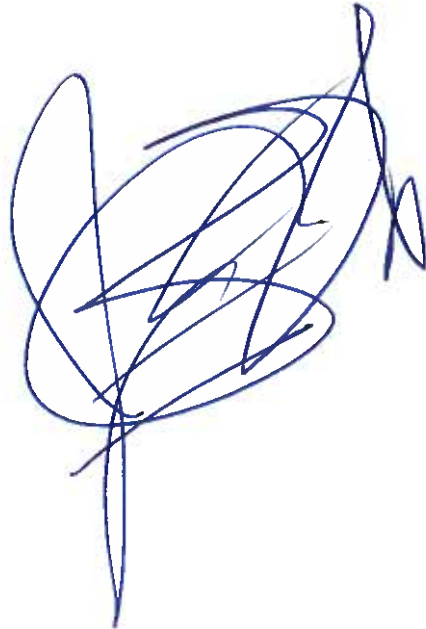
**LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 4, 2021**

**Jerri G. Smitko  
Chair**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

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**AGENDA**  
**Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**  
**March 4, 2021 – 9:30 AM**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Adoption of February 4, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of March 4, 2021 Agenda
6. Commission Special Announcements / Personal Privilege
7. Recognize Sergeant Scott Dupre as the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council 2019 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
8. Enforcement Report, February 2021
9. Receive Public Comments and Consider Amendments for the Notice of Intent for Rule Changes in Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Bird Rules and Regulations, Including General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations, General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, Resident Game Hunting Season Date Adjustments for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and Migratory Bird Season Adjustments for 2021-2022
10. Receive and Consider a Notice of Intent on the Waterfowl Hunting Zones
11. Receive and Consider a Declaration of Emergency to Reopen the Commercial Netting Season in Poverty Point Reservoir (Added during Approval of March 4, 2021 Agenda)
12. Set July 2021 Commission Meeting Date
13. Receive Public Comments
14. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF**  
**LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was **Called to Order** at 9:30 AM on March 4, 2021, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building in the Joe L. Herring Louisiana Room by **Chair Smitko**.

**Commissioner Blanchard** led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Chair Smitko** asked for the **Roll Call**. The following Commissioners were present:

Andrew Blanchard  
Dusty Guidry  
Bill Hogan  
Joe McPherson  
Jerri Smitko

Secretary Jack Montoucet was also present.

Commissioner Al Sunseri was absent from the meeting.

Next, **Chair Smitko** called for **Adoption of February 4, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes**. **Commissioner Blanchard** made a motion to adopt the February 4, 2021 Commission Meeting minutes and it was seconded by **Commissioner Guidry**. The motion passed with no opposition.

**Chair Smitko** asked for **Approval of March 4, 2021 Agenda**. Assistant Secretary Patrick Banks asked the Commission to amend the agenda to consider Poverty Point Reservoir commercial netting season. A local legislator, on behalf of his constituents, requested that the season be extended to the end of March 2021. The item would be listed as: Receive and Consider a Declaration of Emergency to Reopen the Commercial Netting Season in Poverty Point Reservoir. **Commissioner McPherson** made a motion to add the Poverty Point agenda item, seconded by **Commissioner Guidry** and approved with no opposition.

**Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege**, Secretary Jack Montoucet announced that Mr. Rene LeBreton, Public Relations Officer, applied for 2 grants and the Department received one for \$50,000 to help recruit female hunters in the State and the other grant was for \$22,000 that will focus on the Covid-19 anglers. Secretary Montoucet and **Chair Smitko** thanked Mr. LeBreton for his efforts and hard work.

General Counsel Cole Garrett asked the Commission to go back to the agenda item, **Approval of March 4, 2021 Agenda**, as a motion was needed to approve the amended agenda. **Commissioner McPherson** made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by **Commissioner Blanchard** and unanimously approved.

The next item, **Recognize Sergeant Scott Dupre as the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council 2019 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year** was handled by Major Edward Skena, Enforcement Division. He noted The Council's Officer of the Year award acknowledges service above and beyond an agent's duty requirements and recognizes distinguished service, professionalism and dedication to enforcing federal fishing regulations in the Gulf of Mexico. Nominations are accepted from the 5 Gulf states, the U.S. Coast Guard and the NOAA Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement. Sergeant Dupre was noted to have a vast knowledge of state and federal regulations and has made cases for shrimping violations, improper licenses and permits and for possession of undersized or out of season fish. Major Skena described Sergeant Dupre for his good rapport with the public and his work ethics with other agents. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was thankful for the hard work by Sergeant Dupre and Major Skena asked the Commission to help in honoring him.

Major Edward Skena began the **Enforcement Report for February 2021** stating there was 1 boating incident with no injuries and 1 fatality. A total of 579 written citations and 170 written warnings were issued during February and agents responded to 37 public assists. News releases discussed included agents citing a Downsville man for hunting deer during a closed season in West Monroe and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; a Covington woman was cited for not having hunting licenses and failing to comply with deer tagging requirements in St. Mary Parish and could face Civil Restitution of \$2,033 for the replacement value of the illegally taken deer; and a joint investigation between the Department's Enforcement Division and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service resulted in numerous commercial oyster federal fishing violations in and around Calcasieu Lake (investigation occurred between March 1-May 15, 2019). Major Skena added that the oyster case was pending prosecution.

Mr. Tommy Tuma, Biologist Director, was asked to come forward for his agenda item, **Receive Public Comments and Consider Amendments for the Notice of Intent for Rule Changes in Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Bird Rules and Regulations, Including General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations, General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations, Resident Game Hunting Season Date Adjustments for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and Migratory Bird Season Adjustments for 2021-2022**. Mr. Tuma stated the Department received 16 comments relative to the proposed changes as well as 59 general comments. A virtual meeting was held on February 24, 2021 and there were 184 unique registrants, 69 public attended the meeting along with 17 Department employees. He then explained what the public comments related to and added that the public comment period would end that day. There being no questions on public comments, Mr. Tuma stated an amendment was needed on the deer urine regulation which requires a seal of approval from the Archery Trade Association Deer Protection Program. In December 2020, that Program was transitioned to the Responsible Hunting Scent Association and was now in charge of testing deer urine. Mr. Tuma then asked for the Commission's approval on this amendment. (A copy of Mr. Tuma's presentation is included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes.)

**Commissioner McPherson** made a motion to approve the amendment and it was seconded by **Commissioner Guidry**. **Commissioner McPherson** stated he has not been able to find the tested label on bottles of deer urine in sporting goods stores and wondered if Enforcement agents could go into these stores and do an informal survey of what was on the store shelves. Col. Chad Hebert stated he could look into that request and report back but was not sure if agents had regulatory power over what is sold in stores. The **Commissioner** asked what authority do agents have if they cannot enforce this regulation and Col. Hebert stated agents have authority over a hunter in possession of this deer urine but would have to look into the authority in stores. Mr. Tuma noted the regulation does state, "It is unlawful to import, sell, use or possess scents or lures that contain natural deer urine...". **Chair Smitko** felt if an agent was walking around a store looking to buy something and sees it, he would have probable cause as the regulation states it was unlawful to sell. Secretary Montoucet felt the stores that handles this product should be identified first and notify them in writing that if there are any illegal products on the shelves, it should be removed since agents may be checking. **Commissioner McPherson** agreed with Secretary Montoucet and felt the Commission wanted to know what was being sold and does it have the correct labeling. The **Commissioner** added that the stores were responsible stewards just as the Commission was and educating them was the right thing to do. Secretary Montoucet asked Mr. Tuma to work with Col. Hebert to identify the locations that handles this product, notify and inform them of this regulation of which they could be cited if the wrong product was on their shelves. **Chair Smitko** felt it would be nice to send the letter now because if it was hunting season and an agent walks into a store, that agent should be empowered to make the stores remove the product from the shelves as he stood there. The **Chair**, based on where she hunts, has seen the product without the testing label in convenience stores or gas stations and thought a letter may not reach all of these stores. Secretary Montoucet stated the Department could do some public relations on the Department website and could also get the word to those "mom and pop" stores. **Commissioner McPherson** asked if the printer of the hunting brochures could include an advertisement as these pamphlets are generally found next to the deer urine products in many stores. Secretary Montoucet asked Mr. Tuma who produces the brochure and he was told that it was coordinated through the Public Information Section. Mr. Tuma added that there are mechanisms where the Department could place an advertisement or fact sheet into the pamphlet if there are available pages. Secretary Montoucet asked if an insert could be placed into the brochures so this issue can be addressed this year. Mr. Tuma stated he received the first draft of the brochure this week and noted it does not go to the printers until May 15 and June 1 and then vendors receive it during August or September. **Commissioner McPherson** thought he saw a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) page in the current pamphlet and knew that was good; but, he requested a letter to the managers of the facilities be sent along with the new brochures to the end consumers. Mr. Tuma stated, if the amendment was approved, a News Release would be sent out today in which additional language can be included reminding vendors it was illegal to sell deer urine that was not labeled with the logos. Assistant Secretary Randy Myers stated a letter can be drafted and sent to the list of vendors the Department's License Section has that sells hunting and fishing licenses ahead of time. **Commissioner Guidry** asked if this information was actually in the pamphlet and Mr. Tuma stated a CWD fact page was in the pamphlet but it did not include this specific language. **Chair Smitko** felt this language should be included in the pamphlet instead of possibly having an insert which could increase costs. Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Tuma stated a public hearing on this amendment would be held April 21, 2021 at 10 AM in the Louisiana Room of the

Baton Rouge Headquarters Office. General Counsel Garrett reminded the Commission this was the last month to make conditional amendments, public comments only would be accepted at the April Commission Meeting and then the final vote to accept or deny the amendment will occur at the May Meeting.

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

## POTPOURRI

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Public Hearing – Substantive Change to Notice of Intent  
2021-2023 Hunting Regulations and Seasons  
(LAC 76:XIX.Chapter 1)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Department) and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (Commission) published a Notice of Intent to amend its rules in the January 20, 2021 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The Commission proposes to amend the original Notice of Intent to include the Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) Deer Protection Program as an approved management and testing authority which tests natural deer urine products for detecting Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) prior to use afield by hunters in Louisiana. The Department monitors and regulates the use of hunting gear in Louisiana. Action is being proposed as any natural deer urine may contain CWD prions that once introduced in the environment are available for cervids to come into contact with and subsequently become infected with CWD. CWD is a fatal disease for all cervids native to Louisiana. This rule amendment is another step to avoid unintended introduction of CWD into the state, ensuring that any natural deer urine utilized in Louisiana is tested and certified as “CWD not detected”.

## Title 76

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

##### Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

##### §111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. – E.10. ...

11. It is unlawful to import, sell, use or possess scents or lures that contain natural deer urine or other bodily fluids, except natural deer urine products produced by manufacturers or entities that are actively enrolled and participating in the either the Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) or Archery Trade Association Deer Protection Program,

which has been tested using real-time quaking induced conversion (RT-QuIC) and certified that no detectable levels of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) are present and is clearly labeled as such.

E.12. – G.20.c. ...

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31:1611 (July 2005), LR 32:1251 (July 2006), LR 33:1382 (July 2007), LR 34:1429 (July 2008), LR 35:1264 (July 2009), LR 36:1566 (July 2010), LR 37:2190 (July 2011), LR 38:1732 (July 2012), LR 39:2292 (August 2013), LR 40:1540 (August 2014), LR 41:963 (May 2015), LR 42:1112 (July 2016), LR 43:1423 (July 2017), LR 44:1277 (July 2018), LR 45:938 (July 2019), LR 46:961 (July 2020), LR .

### **Public Hearing**

In accordance with R.S. 49:968(H)(2), a public hearing on proposed substantive changes will be held by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on April 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Joe L. Herring Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70808.

Jerri G. Smitko  
Chair

**Chair Smitko** announced the next agenda item was to **Receive and Consider a Notice of Intent on the Waterfowl Hunting Zones** and would be handled by Mr. Larry Reynolds, Waterfowl Biologist. Mr. Reynolds stated he was presenting a proposed rule to repeal Section 319 within Title 76. The Section contains a description of the Waterfowl Hunting Zones from 2001, it was not modified when substantial changes were made in 2012 and 2016. The waterfowl zones and splits were set every 5 years and published in the Federal Register with the framework regulations. Mr. Reynolds noted this Section was unnecessary and asked for the support of the Commission to repeal Section 319. Hearing no comments, **Commissioner Guidry** made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent, seconded by **Commissioner Hogan** and unanimously approved.

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

### **NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

Waterfowl Hunting Zones



(LAC 76:V.319)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to repeal LAC 76:V.319.

In accordance with the federal process for promulgating waterfowl hunting regulations in 50 CFR 20 and as described in 85 FR 51854, states may change zones and splits for duck hunting every 5 years, currently for the 2021-2025 seasons. States are required to inform the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) of any changes in zones and splits by May 1 of the prior year to provide sufficient time for federal approval and public comment periods before the state process for setting hunting regulations begins in January. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) considers changes to zones and splits for duck hunting in conjunction with the annual season-setting process every 5 years and conveys any changes to the USFWS by that May 1 deadline. After federal approval and public comment, zones and splits selections conveyed to the USFWS by LWFC are then published in the Federal Register as Final Rule. Consequently, LAC 76:V.319 is not necessary.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

**Title 76**

**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

**Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds**

**Chapter 3. Wild Birds**

**§319. Waterfowl Hunting Zones**

Repealed.

~~A. — The state shall be divided into East and West Waterfowl Hunting Zones by the following boundary: beginning at the Arkansas-Louisiana border on LA 3; thence south along LA 3 to Bossier City; thence east along I 20 to Minden; thence south along LA 7 to Ringgold; thence east along LA 4 to Jonesboro; thence south along U.S. 167 to Lafayette; thence southeast along U.S. 90 to the Mississippi state line.~~

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 27:1062 (July 2001), repealed LR.

**Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

### **Poverty Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

### **Provider Impact Statement**

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

### **Small Business Analysis**

This proposed Rule has no known impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.2 through R.S. 49:965.8.

### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule to Larry Reynolds, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898, [lreynolds@wlf.la.gov](mailto:lreynolds@wlf.la.gov), no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Jerri G. Smitko  
Chair

The next item, **Receive and Consider a Declaration of Emergency to Reopen the Commercial Netting Season in Poverty Point Reservoir** was added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and was handled by Mr. Patrick Banks, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fisheries. Assistant Secretary Banks began stating this request came before the Commission at last year's February meeting. Last year's request came before the season closed, but this year's was not received until a few days ago. The season officially closed on February 28, 2021 and the request was to reopen the season on Poverty Point Reservoir on Friday, March 5 and run until the end of March. A map of Poverty Point Reservoir was shown and Assistant Secretary Banks noted it was north of Delhi in northeast Louisiana. Poverty Point was a manmade reservoir built for recreational fishing, however, over the last decade there has been an increase in rough fish (buffalo and carp) which tends to keep the water stirred up and impacts gamefish angling success. Assistant Secretary Banks asked that the Declaration of Emergency be approved.

**Commissioner McPherson** asked if sampling occurred to know that the rough fish were out of control in Poverty Point as compared to other reservoirs to which Assistant Secretary Banks noted sampling is done in this lake and there are a lot of rough fish. He added there are several commercial fishermen interested in netting the rough fish for a market they have. Assistant Secretary Banks could not answer the question on comparisons with other reservoirs. The

**Commissioner** felt the season corresponds with the spawning season for bass and wondered how does this work; Assistant Secretary Banks explained that Poverty Point Reservoir was operated by State Parks and they have a specific area (deeper middle part) in the reservoir which only allows the commercial netting of rough fish which was away from the spawning areas.

**Commissioner McPherson** questioned if anyone monitors the activity to know what sport fish are taken with the nets and again Assistant Secretary Banks could not answer that question, but he understood the bycatch was very low in the nets. The **Commissioner**, from his experience, thought buffalo fed up near the banks, but since it was still cold weather, he felt they could be in the deeper waters. **Commissioner McPherson** stated his concern was doing something on a request that could possibly be done on any lake if a request was received and asked that the activity be monitored closely to make sure there was no detrimental effect. Assistant Secretary Banks stated he would get the answers for the Commission. **Chair Smitko** asked if there was a season, why was it being changed 2 years in a row to which Assistant Secretary Banks commented the season was set in Title 76 by the Commission to keep user conflicts from occurring during the months of March and April. The restricted area set in place by State Parks has resulted in user conflicts not being that bad. Assistant Secretary Banks stated staff was considering bringing a new Notice of Intent to the Commission to expand the season or give the Secretary authority to expand the season, but with the timing of this request, the proper paperwork could not be completed. **Commissioner McPherson** agreed to go ahead with the Declaration of Emergency but wanted his questions answered before taking any other actions. **Commissioner McPherson** made a reluctant motion to approve the Declaration of Emergency, seconded by **Commissioner Hogan** and approved with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Poverty Point Reservoir Netting Season Extension  
March 4, 2021

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is exercising its authority to modify freshwater finfish seasons under R.S. 49:953(H) of the Administrative Procedure Act by reopening the special commercial netting season on Poverty Point Reservoir. Freshwater trammel and gill nets are prohibited by Rule (LAC 76:VII.106) in Poverty Point Reservoir in Richland Parish, except for the legal harvest of commercial fish during a special recurring netting season. The special netting season commences annually on October 1 and closes on the last day of February of the following year. This extension provides additional commercial fishing opportunity, and simultaneously improves the recreational fishery by removing undesirable rough fish in Poverty Point Reservoir. This Emergency Rule is effective as of official sunrise on Friday, March 5, 2021 and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2021 at sunset.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(H) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to promulgate rules relative to finfish seasons, and under the authority of R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325(C) and R.S. 56:326.3, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

The 2020–2021 special commercial netting season on Poverty Point Reservoir, Richland Parish, Louisiana, shall reopen at official sunrise on Friday, March 5, 2021 and shall close at sunset on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Jerri G. Smitko  
Chair

**Chair Smitko** then announced the next agenda item would be to **Set July 2021 Commission Meeting Date**. **Commissioner Guidry** made a motion to hold the July 2021 meeting on July 1, 2021, seconded by **Commissioner Blanchard** and unanimously approved. **Commissioner McPherson** asked if there was a reason for setting these meetings monthly as opposed to setting them at the beginning of the year; General Counsel Garrett stated this was the historic practice and added there was nothing to prevent the Commission from setting meetings in January for that year. **Chair Smitko** felt this practice allowed the Commission to consider other dates when a holiday falls on the first Thursday and she noted she would like to continue with moving meetings around the state as previously done. **Commissioner McPherson** noted his reason for asking was so long range planning can be done. If a change was needed, the **Commissioner** commented a motion could be made. General Counsel Garrett stated he would proceed with having it adopted and move forward with it.

There were no **Public Comments** for this month.

Hearing no further comments, **Commissioner Hogan** made a motion for **Adjournment**.

## **APPENDICES**



## **2021 Summary of Public Comment for Conditionally Approved Hunting Season(s) NOI & Consider Potpourri Amendment**

Tommy Tuma | Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission Meeting | 03/4/2021

### **Public Comment received**

- January 7 – March 4, 2021
- **Comments related to proposed changes to NOI**
  - 16 comments related to proposed changes (email, zoom chat window)
- **General Hunting Seasons and Regulations comments**
  - 59 comments received (email, phone, letter, zoom chat window)



# Public Comment Zoom Meeting

- February 24, 2021 @ 6:30 pm.
- **184 Registrants**
  - 69 public views
  - 17 LDWF employees
- **Comments/Questions/Answers/Chat Window posted to LDWF website March 1, 2021**



## Public Comments related to proposed NOI

<u>Proposed Regulation</u>	<u># COMMENTS RECEIVED</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSED</u>
West Zone waterfowl season	5		5
Light Geese	1		1
East Zone waterfowl season	1		1
Youth waterfowl season	1		1
Waterfowl season length and bag limits	3		3
Youth and Veterans waterfowl days	2		2
White- Fronted Geese	3		3
<b><u>Total comments related to Proposed changes to NOI</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>		<b><u>16</u></b>



## General Public Comments received

Crow hunting regulation	1
Tunica Hills deer hunting season	1
Buckhorn and Big Lake WMAs deer seasons	2
Air Rifles	1
Blow guns	1
Deer Area 1 baiting regulations	1
Deer Area 1 season bag limit	1
Deer Area 4 season limit	1
Primitive weapon legal gear	1
Richard K Yancey WMA deer season limit	1
Richard K Yancey WMA daily deer limit	1
Baiting on private lands adjacent to Richard K Yancey WMA	1
Deer season either-sex days on private lands adjacent to Richard K Yancey WMA	1
Richard K Yancey WMA either-sex deer days	1
Richard K Yancey WMA deer season	1
Statewide Deer baiting	1
Area 9 deer limit	1
Private Property deer stands	1
NOI reporting	1
NOI reporting	1
NOI reporting	1
Deer Area 5 & 9 season regulations	1
Deer Area 5 benchmark closure	1
Primitive weapon deer season	1
Boeuf WMA greentree reservoir	1
Pearl River WMA surface drive use	1



## General Public Comments received

Richard K Yancey WMA deer season	1
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Richard K Yancey WMA habitat management	1
Boeuf WMA Limited Access Areas	1
Antler Restrictions	1
WMA deer Antler restrictions	1
Boeuf WMA deer season	1
Pass-A-Loutre WMA deer season	1
Richard K Yancey WMA deer managed hunt	1
Small game WMA season	1
Sherburne WMA rules and regs	1
Kisatchie National Forest rules and regs	2
Legal gear for raccoons	1
Salvador WMA small game season	1
Maurepas Swamp WMA	1
Cormorants	1
Questions about waterfowl zones and splits	2
Question about natural migration of waterfowl and other states management	1
Questions about ending date of waterfowl season	2
Question about why white-fronted goose season does not coincide with duck season dates	1
Request to give tribal rights for hunting and fishing for sustainment when hungry	1
Question about eliminating afternoon waterfowl hunting	1
Question about East Zone youth/veterans waterfowl hunt days	1
Question about starting small game season in September	1
Comment about Lottery night pig hunt on RKY WMA with supervision	1
Comment that Salvador/Timken WMA hunting should close for all at 2 pm	1
Comment that user prefers evening hunting on Salvador/Timken WMA	1
Comment that Richard K Yancey WMA needs a hunting season that will protect does to 70% of carrying capacity	1





## Public Comment

Public comment will be accepted at LWFC monthly meetings from now through March 4 or may be submitted directly to Tommy Tuma, LDWF Wildlife Division, PO Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, phone 225-765-2349 or via email [ttuma@wlf.la.gov](mailto:ttuma@wlf.la.gov)



Questions?



## General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations (LAC 76:XIX.1.111)



### LAC 76.XIX.1.111.E.11

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Questions?



**TOTAL COMMENTS RELATIVE TO PROPOSED CHANGES  
January 7-March 4, 2021**

Comments received related to Proposed NOI by email, letter, zoom chat window or phone:

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Richard K Yancey WMA habitat management	1
Boeuf WMA Limited Access Areas	1
Antler Restrictions	1
WMA deer Antler restrictions	1
Boeuf WMA deer season	1
Pass-A-Loutre WMA deer season	1
Richard K Yancey WMA deer managed hunt	1
Small game WMA season	1
Sherburne WMA rules and regs	1
Kisatchie National Forest rules and regs	2
Legal gear for raccoons	1
Salvador WMA small game season	1
Maurepas Swamp WMA	1

Cormorants	1
Questions about waterfowl zones and splits	2
Question about natural migration of waterfowl and other states management	1
Questions about ending date of waterfowl season	2
Question about why white-fronted goose season does not coincide with duck season dates	1
Request to give tribal rights for hunting and fishing for sustainment when hungry	1
Question about eliminating afternoon waterfowl hunting	1
Question about East Zone youth/veterans waterfowl hunt days	1
Question about starting small game season in September	1
Comment about Lottery night pig hunt on RKY WMA with supervision	1
Comment that Salvador/Timken WMA hunting should close for all at 2 pm	1
Comment that user prefers evening hunting on Salvador/Timken WMA	1
Comment that Richard K Yancey WMA needs a hunting season that will protect does to 70% of carrying capacity	1

**TOTAL**

**59**

**TOTAL COMMENTS RELATIVE TO PROPOSED CHANGES  
February 5 - March 4, 2021**

Comments received related to Proposed NOI by email,  
letter or phone:

<u>Proposed Regulation</u>	<u># COMMENTS</u>			<u>Notes</u>
	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSED</u>	
Light Geese	1		1	Mr. Tony Carline prefers a earlier waterfowl season so the conservation order can start earlier.
White-Fronted Geese	1		1	Mr. Jamie Parrino state WF season starts too early, is too long and it only benefits NELA hunting outfitters
	1		1	Mr. Mike Verret prefers a shorter WF season along with lower daily bag limit
West Zone Waterfowl season	1		1	Mr. Keith Dubrock would like to lower the white front geese daily bag limit
	1		1	Mr. John Hogan prefers earlier season for the west zone.
	1		1	Mr. Ryan Lambert would like to set the West Zone seasons based on tides
	1		1	Mr. Corey Kirk prefers an earlier start and end date
	1		1	Mr. Corey Kirk prefers 1 split over 2 splits
	1		1	Mr. Johnathan Walker prefers to have 2 breaks like the proposed West Zone seasons
	1		1	Mr. Jamie Parrino asks whether youth season could be moved back another weekend
	1		1	Mr. Jamie Parrino wonders if only an apocalypse would move us back toward a more restrictive waterfowl season
	1		1	Mr. Keith Dubrock request to shorten the duck season
	1		1	Mr. Keith Dubrock requests to lower the waterfowl bag limit to 3
Youth and Veterans waterfowl days	1		1	Mr. Steven Shader prefers 2 days before the season opens for veterans and youths
	1		1	Zoom chat window question/comment saying user prefers separating the youth and veterans waterfowl days

**Total comments related to Proposed changes to NOI**

**15      0      15**

Notes

General comments received

NOI reporting	1	Mr. Will Hildebrand wants all comments relative to the Hunting Season NOI received to be read aloud at the LWFC meeting
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Will Hildebrand wants all suggested changes to the NOI be published on the LDWF website before the Feb. and March LWFC meetings
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Will Hildebrand wants all LWFC members to acknowledge and officially sign off that they have received comments relative to the NOI and that information should be made public on LDWF website before the Feb. and March LWFC meetings
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Troy Green would like to do away with either-sex days in Deer Areas 5 & 9 and just have lower deer area limits
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Ryan Mauvelle prefers an archery bucks only season instead of closure when the gauge reaches 15.0 at Butte LaRose
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Larry Haynes would like to allow single-shot, .30 caliber breach loaded rifles during primitive season. (letter)
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Tom Waggoner would like to know if there was a way to get rid of giant salvinia in the greentree so ducks can have a place to land.
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Corey Thomas would like to prohibit the use of surface drives south of Hwy 90 on Pearl River WMA
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Kerry Kimble would like to see the experimental bucks only season return
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Will Hildebrand proposes alternative season than what LDWF has already proposed
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Will Hildebrand proposes a antler restrictions on buck during his proposed alternative season
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Will Hildebrand proposes abandoned ATV trails and roads be cleared and maintained as wildlife openings
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Jesse Hall would like to know whether the LAA on Boeuf has increased waterfowl hunting success
NOI reporting	1	Mr. Allen Lindsay inquires why Louisiana doesn't utilize AR's like other states
NOI reporting	1	Taylor Smith would like antler restrictions on WMA managed deer hunts
NOI reporting	1	Taylor Smith would like to decrease either-sex doe days to 2 and make the rest of the current firearm and primitive firearm days bucks only



Pass-A-Loutré WMA deer season	1	Mr. David Bremermann like the department to allow limited or reduced either-sex deer harvest opportunity for deer on PALWMA
Richard K Yancey WMA deer managed hunt	1	Mr. Will Hildebrand would like LDWF to conduct a survey of all deer hunters during managed hunt with questions focusing on hunter observations, wants and suggestions.
Small game WMA season	1	Mr. Rodney Slay would like for a longer small game season with dogs on WMAs
Sherburne WMA rules and regs	1	Mr. Christopher Fontenot would like to know the reason why LDWF restricts waterfowl hunters during either-sex days for deer on Sherburne WMA, specifically Section 120.
Kisatchie National Forest rules and regs	2	Mr. Clifton Owens would like a spring squirrel season and an experimental season for feral hogs on Kisatchie National Forest
Legal gear for raccoons	1	Mr. Jonathan Peake asks about hunting raccoons on WMAs and public lands with archery gear and rules regarding incidental take of feral hogs
Salvador WMA small game season	1	Mr. Charles Madere requests small game hunting until 2 pm
Maurepas Swamp WMA	1	Mr. Charles Madere request a change to the deer season, 3 days either-sex and the rest of the season bucks only
Cormorants	1	Mr. Paul Marin requests a comorant season
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