

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2024

**Andrew J. Blanchard
Chairman**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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AGENDA
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
January 4, 2024 – 9:30 AM
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of January 4, 2024 Agenda
5. Adoption of December 7, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes
6. Commission Special Announcements / Personal Privilege
7. Enforcement Report, December 2023
8. Receive and Consider a Resolution Adjusting the Boundary and Acreage of Biloxi WMA – Cole Garrett, General Counsel
9. Receive and Consider a Notice of Intent for Rule Changes Establishing Season Dates and Associated Rules and Regulations for the 2024-2026 Hunting Seasons – Tommy Tuma, Biologist Director
10. Receive an Update on White Lake Conservation Area – Larry Reynolds, Biologist Director
11. Receive and Consider a Notice of Intent to Establish Rules and Regulations to Allow Ecotours on Certain WMAs – Steve Smith, Operations Program Manager
12. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
13. Receive Public Comments
14. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, January 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was **Called to Order** at 9:30 AM on January 4, 2024, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building in the Joe L. Herring Louisiana Room by **Chairman Blanchard**.

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

Chairman Blanchard asked for the **Roll Call**. The following Commissioners were present:

Andrew Blanchard
Andy Brister
Brandon DeCuir
Wendell Luneau, Jr.
Gene Reynolds
Kevin Sagrera
Al Sunseri

Secretary Rob Shadoin was also present.

On the next agenda item, the **Chairman** asked for **Approval of January 4, 2024 Agenda**. **Commissioner DeCuir** made a motion to approve the January 4, 2024 Agenda, seconded by **Commissioner Reynolds** and unanimously approved.

Next, **Chairman Blanchard** called for **Adoption of December 7, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes**. **Commissioner Sunseri** made a motion to adopt the December 7, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes and seconded by **Commissioner DeCuir**. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege**, Secretary Shadoin stated one Commissioner's service would come to a close and added it was a pleasure working with **Commissioner Sunseri**. He added that the **Commissioner's** dedication, perseverance, and attendance were all admirable qualities. Secretary Shadoin knew that **Commissioner Sunseri** always let people know where he stood on issues even when in the minority. For the guidance and leadership for the Department and for service to the people of Louisiana, Secretary Shadoin thanked the **Commissioner**. **Commissioner Sunseri** read the following comment: "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the WLFC over the last 8 years. During my tenure, the WLFC has taken significant measures to manage, protect, and conserve the wildlife and fish in

Louisiana, while at the same time the Commission actions have proven to increase our natural resources. We have improved the DWF fiscal health by setting new and fair licensing fees for the first time in over 20 years and are now closer to the southern State average. We have provided the enforcement division with new technologies that help our agents respond more quickly to incidences in the field, while protecting and serving the hunters, fishers, and the natural resources in our State. We have tackled important issues such as Cervid Wasting Disease, waterfowl regulations, Red Snapper Regulations, as well as blue crab, flounder, speckled trout, and redfish regulations with the intent to improve their abundance for future generations. The valiant efforts of our DWF's first responders following the 2016 Amite River Flood, Hurricanes Laura, Delta, Zeta, and Ida were heroic and memorable. We have even made some strides toward electronic reporting for hunting and fishing that gives real-time data to our biologists and enforcement agents that will help manage our natural resources more precisely in a timely manner. I would like to thank Ms. Susan Falcon, Secretary Shadoin, Tina, Asst. Secretaries Banks, Myers, McClinton, and Pratt, Colonel's Zechenelly, Herbert, Martin, and Broussard, Eddie, Steven, Travis, Tim, Jason, as well as Cole, Scott, Scott, Larry, Dr. LaCour, Tommy, Johnathan, Steve, Kristie, Zane, Jason, Jason, Chris, Denise, Andy, Vince, Peyton, Robert, Joel, Rene and too many more DWF personnel to name. In closing, I would like to wish the incoming Secretary, Madison Sheahan as well as Deputy Secretary's Stephen Clark and Ryan Montegut best wishes and success in their stewardship of the Wildlife and Fisheries of the State of Louisiana." Following **Commissioner Sunseri's** comments, Secretary Shadoin then read the inscription from the plaque and then presented it to him.

Next, Secretary Shadoin stated there are some staff that will retire after many years of public service. He recognized Mr. Scott Durham, Wildlife Division Administrator and Mr. Ed Pratt, Public Relations noting both would be retiring and thanked them for their service. The Secretary then announced that he would be retiring, as there will be a change in the administration; he noted serving as the Secretary was one of the most humbling honors he has ever experienced. A brochure provided to each Commissioner was from the last Cabinet Meeting under Governor Edwards and was about the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' last 8 years. Secretary Shadoin felt the accomplishments listed in the brochure belong to all of the Department's staff as well as former Secretary Jack Montoucet. He mentioned he was not ready to retire just yet, so he would look for other ways to contribute to public service; he stated he was honored to have worked with each Commissioner as they bring a special set of talent and characteristics that works. Then Secretary Shadoin wished the best to the new Secretary, Madison Sheahan as well as the other new administrators; he concluded by thanking the Commission for their support to the Department and asked them to keep up the good work of promoting, protecting and conserving the natural resources.

Assistant Secretary Patrick Banks expressed appreciation to **Commissioner Sunseri** for the work he did on the Commission; he added he met the **Commissioner** during his first year of employment as a leader in the oyster industry and served as a tremendous source of information and guidance. He added that the **Commissioner** subscribes to what he believes in and that was honesty, integrity and doing what was right. Assistant Secretary Banks thanked Secretary

Shadoin for his job in stabilizing the Department during a tumultuous time and supporting the biologists and science in doing what was right and not just what the people want.

Commissioner Sunseri stated this has been one of the most important times in his life and thanked Assistant Secretary Banks for his words and he planned to see him at the Oyster Task Force meetings.

Chairman Blanchard thanked Secretary Shadoin for the excellent job he has done in keeping everyone motivated and keeping the Department together. The **Chairman** added that he would miss Secretary Shadoin as well as Mr. Scott Durham and Mr. Ed Pratt.

Moving on, Major Edward Skena began the **Enforcement Report for December 2023** stating there were 2 boating incidents with no injuries and no fatalities. A total of 1,275 written citations and 406 written warnings issued, and agents responded to 40 public assists in December. News Releases reviewed included agents citing three subjects on Joyce WMA for failing to abide by WMA regulations by actively hunting waterfowl when the area was closed to waterfowl hunting; 9 ducks, 2 hooded mergansers and 2 coots were seized and donated to a local charity. Subjects could face Civil Restitution fines totaling \$322. Three men were cited in Webster Parish for hunting deer during illegal hours and violating the Airborne Hunting Act, plus two of the three were cited for deer tagging violations. A drone was used at night to locate an 8-point buck and a shotgun was used to harvest the deer; the deer, drone and shotgun were seized and Civil Restitutions could total \$2,033. A Chalmette man was arrested in St. Bernard Parish for violating charter guide regulations, violating hunting guide regulations, taking alligators without a license, taking alligators from an unapproved area, failure to tag deer, taking deer using illegal methods and during a closed season, hunting deer from a public road, intentional concealment of wildlife, selling fish caught recreationally and failure to comply with recreational offshore landing permit regulations. The subject could face Civil Restitutions totaling \$3,625 for the illegally taken wildlife.

Commissioner Sunseri stated he listed to many enforcement reports during the Oyster Task Force meetings and once appointed to the Commission asked the Task Force's Chairman to have a similar report presented at those meetings. He then expressed appreciation to Major Skena for his reports and the way they made them much smoother during the Task Force meetings.

Mr. Cole Garrett, General Counsel, came forward for the next agenda item, **Receive and Consider a Resolution Adjusting the Boundary and Acreage of Biloxi WMA**. General Counsel Garrett expressed his appreciation to **Commissioner Sunseri** and Secretary Shadoin and stated it was a pleasure to work with each. The Lessors of Biloxi WMA approached the Department on concerns with their insurer of the property, as they could not get it insured for a reasonable amount due to the public's use of the property. General Counsel Garrett explained the State of Louisiana was self-insured with a \$5 million policy on this property and would be the first to utilize the policy and indemnify the Biloxi Lands Corporation for any incidences that may occur. Biloxi Corporation's insurer did not understand the situation and they have requested amending the lease to confirm what was already in law. General Counsel Garrett noted there was a second request to let Bayou LaLoutre be the southern boundary of the Biloxi WMA. The current lease agreement continues through 2037, but due to a reduction in acreage (254 acres) and modification to the boundary (Bayou LaLoutre), a Resolution was needed to

memorialize these changes. A map of the Biloxi WMA was displayed and showed the change in the boundary. (A copy of Mr. Garrett's presentation and the signed Resolution are included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes.)

Commissioner DeCuir asked again when the lease would expire and General Counsel Garrett stated it was told 2037, having been renewed in 2012 (25-year lease). The **Commissioner** then asked if they renewed after 25 years and he was told it began in 1957 with 10-years with a 5-year renewal, acreage has changed several times, but current term was 25-year term. **Commissioner DeCuir** made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by **Commissioner Reynolds** and unanimously approved.

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

RESOLUTION

Removing Property from the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area

**Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
January 4, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorized its Director to execute a Lease Agreement for Biloxi Marsh Game Management Area on April 23, 1957; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission established the Biloxi Marsh Game Management Area via a Lease Agreement with Biloxi Marsh Lands Corporation on May 28, 1957, for a certain tract of land comprised of 39,728 acres, more or less, situated in St. Bernard Parish; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 56:109(A) and R.S. 56:781, et seq., on October 7, 2003, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted a Resolution which re-established the boundaries and confirmed the selection and designation of all leased and state-owned lands previously established as the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area, comprising approximately 39,583 acres; and,

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2008, Governor Bobby Jindal executed Proclamation No. 45 BJ 2008 recognizing Biloxi Wildlife Management Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement has been renewed and amended several times since the original was executed, including most recently on February 1, 2012, whereby the acreage subject to lease was calculated at 35,644 acres, more or less; and,

WHEREAS, the Lessor, Biloxi Marsh Lands Corporation, seeks to amend the current Lease Agreement to establish Bayou LaLoutre as the southern boundary of the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area in Section 14 of Township 14 South, Range 16 East, thereby reducing the leased acreage by 254 acres, more or less; and,

WHEREAS, in order for the State to continue to provide for public and recreational use opportunities on Biloxi Wildlife Management Area, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that that the Lease Agreement be amended and the boundary of the Wildlife Management Area be adjusted to reflect the revised leased acreage; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, hereby adjusts the boundary of Biloxi Wildlife Management Area to subtract and exclude all lands, including state water bottoms, located within Section 14 of Township 14 South, Range 16 East, south of Bayou LaLoutre, and reduces the total acreage of Biloxi Wildlife Management Area by approximately 254 acres, as more particularly described in the Amendment to Biloxi Wildlife Management Area Lease attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781, *et seq.*, of the Revised Statutes of 1954, hereby confirm and reaffirm that all remaining leased lands, and state-owned lands, including water bottoms, as described in the attached "Exhibit A", comprising 35,390 acres, more or less, remain included in the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes and, as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and such public recreation, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, and trapping, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.

Andrew J. Blanchard, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Robert E. Shadoin, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Chairman Blanchard asked Mr. Tommy Tuma, Biologist Director, to come for his agenda item, **Receive and Consider a Notice of Intent for Rule Changes Establishing Season Dates and Associated Rules and Regulations for the 2024-2026 Hunting Seasons**. Mr. Tuma began thanking the staff (Office of Wildlife, Office of Fisheries and Enforcement) for help in this

process as they are out in the field hearing comments from the public and observing what has occurred during the hunting season. He then specifically thanked Mrs. Susan Falcon, Dr. Jack Isaacs, Major Rick Owens and Colonel Zechenelly for their help with the proposal. At this point, General Counsel Cole Garrett provided a timeline for the proposed rule; January 2024 Commission Meeting- receive the Notice of Intent and amendments can be made during the meeting. The Notice of Intent approved would be published in the January 20, 2024 State Register. At the February and March 2024 Commission Meetings, conditional amendments may be made to the proposal; the conditional amendments would be reviewed at the April 2024 meeting. At the May 2024, the final decisions would be made on the conditional amendments and a report would be submitted to the Legislative Oversight Committees during June 2024 with the regulations finalized in July 2024.

Mr. Tuma began discussing the proposed changes by stating this was the smallest number of changes ever proposed since he has been giving this presentation. The first change was amending the language for Deer Areas 5 and 9 due to the number of Saturdays in December. The next series of changes revolved around the General and WMA hunting rules and regulations and included prohibiting the use of drones to recover wounded deer or bears (does not mean you cannot use a drone to recover a dead animal). If a drone is used and the animal is not dead, that data cannot be used to find and complete the kill of that animal. Language was adjusted to clarify retrieval of mortally wounded deer (as opposed to unrecovered deer) with aid of tracking dogs. Deer Area 3 (Allen Parish) and Deer Area 6 (West Feliciana Parish) boundaries were updated to clarify the description. Eliminating the need to include a user's name, address and phone number if a stand was left overnight on WMAs. Moving on to changes for WMAs, Mr. Tuma stated small game hunting would be closed during firearms season for deer on Alexander State Forest WMA. Turkey season will be closed on Bayou Macon and Boeuf WMAs due to impacts from flooding in the spring and deterioration of habitat. The Small Game Emphasis Area on Bodcau WMA will allow training of beagles through September 30 (originally set to close August 31). The proposal for Bussey Brake WMA was to require a Special Use Permit for tournament fishing (request for proposal came from Office of Fisheries). Three WMAs were renamed and those changes occur throughout the document – Camp Beauregard changed to Esler Field WMA, Fort Polk changed to Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA and Peason Ridge changed to Fort Johnson North WMA. Vessels will be prohibited at certain times during waterfowl season within the Catahoula Basin on Dewey Wills WMA except for the Catahoula Basin buffer zone. A change on Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA will clarify open activities and allowable gear due to a safety issue. The proposed change for Wham Brake on Russell Sage WMA was similar to that on Dewey Wills WMA prohibiting motorized vessels during waterfowl seasons and splits. It was proposed to change the waterfowl lotteries on Sherburne WMA by making it more user-friendly and available to more people. There are no proposed changes for the General and WMA turkey regulations but there is a proposal going through the amendment process for Turkey Area A. Mr. Tuma then talked about proposed changes for migratory bird seasons noting first that the woodcock season was always 45 days with the same dates of December 18-January 31. There are no proposed changes to the migratory bird season bag and possession limits, with calendar adjustments requested for the dove season, early teal season, king and clapper rails, Sora and Virginia rails, gallinules and snipe. In reference to the ducks, coots and mergansers season, Mr. Tuma explained the West Zone dates for youth and veterans only hunt were two consecutive days while the East Zone was one day before the season and one day at the end due to habitat

and the availability of water. Season dates for the ducks, coots and mergansers will be calendar adjustments; calendar adjustments will occur for the light geese (snow, blue and Ross), white-fronted geese and Canada geese. The Conservation Order for light geese (snow, blue and Ross) was open during the waterfowl splits and for a time after the season ends. Calendar adjustments were requested for the extended falconry seasons. Lastly, Mr. Tuma noted the Corps of Engineers, Indian Bayou and other properties were highlighted due to Enforcement not having the ability to enforce regulations on those properties, so including them in the proposal will allow them the ability to write citations on those properties. (A copy of Mr. Tuma's presentation and the Notice of Intent are included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes. The Notice of Intent was updated (waterfowl dates, mortally wounded versus unrecovered and Turkey Hunting Area A description) prior to submission of the official Notice of Intent to the Office of the State Register.)

Commissioner Sagrera asked how many more years are there for the two-split system and Mr. Tuma understood that it would be three more years before the zones and splits can be redone. Mr. Larry Reynolds asked **Commissioner Sagrera** if he was concerned about the zones or the splits and he was told that no change in zones could be made until this timeframe was over. Mr. Reynolds added that if the Commission did not like the two splits in the West Zone, one split or no splits could be used; he added there was flexibility in changing the splits but there was no flexibility to change the zones. **Commissioner Sagrera** felt when it was time to revisit the zones, there may be public outreach to gather comments on staying with the same or making a change. **Commissioner Brister** asked about the tracking dog provisions and drone issue and stated he has used a dog to find his deer for the last 20 years and that dog will not know if a deer was mortally wounded or not until it finds the deer. The **Commissioner** was concerned a hunter may not know the condition of a deer until it locates and then the hunter would need to make a judgement call. **Commissioner Brister** did not want honest people breaking regulations that they do not understand they are breaking until they see the animal. Mr. Tuma felt the regulation was for those incidences where a dog locates a deer, it gets up and the hunter sends chase dogs on it and then kill. He deferred to Major Owens to answer the question, as they would use their skills to determine intent. Major Owens stated changing the language would require Enforcement to define mortally wounded and it was their goal to use best judgement and avoid what has recently been seen. The Major added that "unrecovered" was a vague and loose term and they wanted clarification in the verbiage by using "mortally". Major Owens further commented that the burden would be on the agents and courts to establish case law and draw boundaries if it was not defined beforehand; with the current situation, agents have determined that an effort was needed for this language to be addressed. **Commissioner Brister** asked if he was flying a drone and happens upon a deer he shot, how would he determine if a deer was alive or dead; Major Owens stated that the agents wanted to determine boundaries with the verbiage from the Federal Airborne Hunting Act, which was in law before allowing the use of drones. Finding a place to put those within the confines of a Federal Act was becoming complicated for some operators as they could find themselves in violation of the law and require a hunter to make a decision to engage or not to engage once he receives data from the drone. Several operators have contacted the Department with the concern that they may take a client hunting in good faith and by their operation of the drone, the client takes action based on that information and will have compromised the drone's operator. **Commissioner Luneau** noted he used drones and wondered if he was asked to track an animal by the use of dogs or a drone, how will he know if

he was not being set up for failure, can they make the hunters sign a waiver. Major Owens felt that would be a great business model to pursue but the agents do not know ahead of time either, they would need to go back to drone footage or cell phone footage; he noted it was quite complicated. **Commissioner Luneau** hoped that if this proposed regulation moved forward, there might be a way to protect those that may provide this service and Major Owens stated it was something they could explore but there was a difference in using a dog for recovery versus using a drone for recovery. The language in the Federal Airborne Hunting Act was very specific that a drone cannot be used in any manner to aid in the process and there are very strict parameters. Both regulations were on two different paths but for an operator to have a waiver upfront would support his position in regards to how Enforcement would view after the fact. Major Owens noted it was not their goal to make this a complicated situation, but trying to clear up language with drone operators and dog handlers. **Commissioner Reynolds** asked if drones were used in other states to track dead deer and Major Owens answered yes, it was popular in Texas and other western states. The **Commissioner** then asked if they were using heat sensors and Major Owens stated some use night vision but thermal was the going option and it may not be difficult to tell that an animal was alive. **Commissioner Reynolds** then felt using heat sensors could tell if an animal was mortally wounded and if that animal was losing temperature, it would probably be dead. The **Commissioner** mentioned he was very interested in this technology and did not want to lose a deer. Mr. Tuma noted public comment would be accepted during the February and March Commission Meetings or they could be sent to him through March 7, 2024. **Commissioner Brister** asked how much attention was paid to Arkansas and Mississippi's wording for their regulations and Mr. Tuma stated they looked at neighboring states for the dog tracking language and the language "mortally wounded" was borrowed from those states. Hearing no further questions, **Commissioner Sunseri** made a motion to adopt the Notice of Intent, seconded by **Commissioner Sagraera** and unanimously approved.

Before moving on to the next agenda item, **Chairman Blanchard** apologized for not introducing the newest member to the Commission, Wendell Luneau and asked him to tell everyone about himself. **Commissioner Luneau** stated he was 27 years old, born and raised in Alexandria, Louisiana, went to school at LSU and graduated in Industrial Engineering; he added he has been a lifelong hunter and fisherman. The **Commissioner** added that he has had the opportunity to hunt great public lands including Catahoula Lake area and he also had the opportunity to work with others from a conservation standpoint especially on white-tailed management. **Commissioner Luneau** noted he looked forward to making the state better and bring a different perspective to the Commission by allowing those his age the opportunity to experience the State's natural resources he experienced growing up in Louisiana.

Moving on, **Chairman Blanchard** asked Mr. Larry Reynolds, Biologist Director, to come up for the agenda item, **Receive an Update on White Lake Conservation Area**. Mr. Reynolds apologized for speaking about the waterfowl zones and splits without introducing himself but he was a longtime waterfowl program manager and now was the Director overseeing the operations of White Lake Conservation Area. He added this presentation would inform the Commission of what staff has been doing since a Resolution requesting funding was passed last February. White Lake Conservation Area is 72,000 acres in Vermilion Parish bordered on the south by the North Shoreline of White Lake, 74% freshwater marsh and 26% agricultural lands. White Lake provides some of the most important freshwater marsh habitat for waterfowl and wetland habitat

in the State. Primary goals and objectives on White Lake was to sustain and manage the wetland habitat, manage wildlife species associated with the wetlands with a primary focus being waterfowl, and to maintain an agricultural presence on White Lake's leased property when feasible and compatible with waterfowl management. The habitats needing to be conserved are threatened by deteriorating infrastructure, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) cuts through 12 miles of the property at the north end resulting in 24 miles of shoreline of which 22 miles are unprotected (no barrier for wave action or storm activity). These unprotected shorelines not only threatens White Lake's habitat but also private farmland outside of White Lake's borders. A picture of flooding due to Hurricane Harvey in 2017 showed one of the lessees trying to maintain a spoil bank but became overwhelmed. The north shore of White Lake was also eroding but at a slower rate than other areas in Louisiana; however, there are 11 miles of rock breakwaters protecting the southern shoreline. Mr. Reynolds added that there was a need for shoreline protection along the 16 miles of the White Lake boundary. A levee on White Lake has breached twice (Hurricane Rita-2005 and Hurricane Delta-2020) and that levee separates White Lake and Unit 2 Refuge. A picture of the levee following the 2020 hurricane showed the inundation but when Ducks Unlimited wanted to fix the levee, there was no more useable material and so six barges of materials had to be brought in to fix that levee. Then in 2021, high water and consistent southeast winds eroded that 12-foot levee to about 2-feet in some spots. Breaches also occurred and become common along the Florence Canal; in 2022, two breaches formed with one being repaired twice and then a "No Wake Zone" was established to allow the materials to settle, but a portion of that collapsed again and would require additional repairs. Next, Mr. Reynolds talked about oil structures on White Lake noting this was one of the highest priority spots for rebuilding the Unit 2 levee as the pipeline and infrastructure makes it almost impossible to work there. Staff has prioritized the infrastructure needs to protect the habitat and maintain management capability and this included: rebuild and re-armor the White Lake breach site, provide rock breakwaters along the GIWW (estimates noted on slide were very naïve), provide rock breakwaters on the White Lake shoreline, reconstruct the levee around Unit 2, rebuild all impoundments and protection levees to the 6.5' NAVD88 standard, and remove or relocate oil and gas equipment. Mr. Reynolds noted there are not enough funding resources to tackle maintaining the habitat long-term. A slide of the 2022-2023 White Lake Financial Report showed \$1.2 million was generated in revenue but there was about \$1 million in expenses; a surplus between \$200,000-\$350,000 was available every year with the strategy to save that money for 3-4 years and then find matching partners to do a substantial project. Mr. Reynolds noted that surplus was peanuts compared to what was necessary on the landscape.

Awareness of the situation at White Lake has increased when a discussion occurred at the August 2022 Commission Meeting which turned into a providing a comprehensive update on goals, status, restoration projects, funding needs at the September 2022 Commission Meeting. Senator Hensgens, Representative Bourriaque, Commissioners McPherson and Sagrera and Delta Waterfowl leadership attended a presentation and field site visit to White Lake in November 2022. This all lead to a Resolution urging State funding, a second site visit for policy makers and letters of support from NGO's that was approved by the Commission at their February 2023 meeting. A component of the February 2023 Resolution was that the 2002 Act of Donation by BP provides that the State and BP "have a common purpose of the conservation and protection in perpetuity of the White Lake Property" and that the property "...be retained in perpetuity predominantly in its natural habitat". Act 613 of the 2004 Regular Legislative Session

turned control of White Lake over to the Department; adding that the Commission would establish a conservation management plan and the Department was to raise revenues from the property to support management and provide hunting, fishing and other recreational opportunities. The Resolution went further justifying the request by noting that there are statewide declining freshwater marsh habitats, provides critical refuge in an area of intense hunting pressure and high waterfowl harvests, the foundation for the only remaining restoration project for endangered whooping cranes, a large portion of the Area has been impacted by levee breaches and immediate funding was needed for repairs and long-term maintenance. Mr. Reynolds read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution that the Commission urges and requests significant state funding for investment for the repairs and protection of critical levee infrastructure along the GIWW and waterfowl management units that are in jeopardy of further decline to protect and enhance the valuable wetland habitat. He then noted funding for White Lake was the Department's highest priority and with working with Commission members, legislators and conservation partners, \$30 million was included in the Governor's budget request. Detailed presentations and discussions with legislators were given twice, March 6 and March 21 to support the budget request. While these discussions were being made, the Department used \$200,000 in supplemental appropriation from the Louisiana Waterfowl Working Group to install new engines to restore pumping capacity to Unit 2. Mr. Reynolds stated that the installation of the new engines was the only project that came near budget, \$200,000 was appropriated and for \$200,009 new engines were installed, pipes were retrofitted, and in operation.

An ecological review began in mid-April to revisit management priorities and refine the draft Management Plan to which Mr. Reynolds hoped to have finished the early part of 2024. Members of the Ecological Review Team were Dr. Joe Lancaster, Moderator, Dr. Andy Nyman, Mr. Cassidy Lejeune, Dr. Todd Merendino, Mr. Greg Linscombe, Mr. Mike Rezsutek and Mr. Scooter Trosclair. The team went to White Lake for three days to see the area, learn where the water comes from and goes, outside influences, elevation, vegetation, water control structures and "the good, the bad and the ugly". One of the good for White Lake was, in 2013, Ducks Unlimited built about a mile of rock breakwater and since then the marsh has reclaimed the area between the breakwater and the old levee. Limited findings from the Ecological Review Team knew that the highest project-related priority was the risk from levee failure and added that the breach site was the highest priority, a need to prioritize the Unit 2 levee over the White Lake shoreline and the risk of the GIWW levee failure bothered the team; they requested graphic detail for the levee. The Department's GIS staff worked on getting the elevation data, water level data and risk to habitats along the GIWW if the levee failed. Slides of the GIWW levees showed it intact (March 2022), the impacts for different water depths if the levee failed in drought conditions (as seen in 2023), the impact of the levee if it failed with average water depths (if this occurred, it would not just be a White Lake but a Vermilion Parish concern), and impacts if levees failed during flood conditions. This information was being presented to try to get other partners to the table to help with shoreline protection; Mr. Reynolds stated this was a serious concern for Vermilion Parish. Other ecological review findings noted a need for change in surrounding landscape in an effort to increase food production. This could be done by exploring relationships with current lessees to improve habitat, strengthen language in future leases, more intensive management of Unit 4 (Whooping Crane pen) with good water control and increase herbicide use in Unit 1 (17,000 acre hunt area) to reduce vegetation density. Practices that promote accretion in Unit 2 needed to continue by ensuring drawdowns do not

expose sediment to further oxidation and explore opportunities to get dredge materials into the Unit. Mr. Reynolds next noted these recommendations were included in the management plan and he hoped to get it to the Team for review. Other action taken included initiating a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ducks Unlimited to rebuild and rock armor the breach site along the southwest corner of Unit 2 and White Lake (\$300,000 provided by Ducks Unlimited). Since Ducks Unlimited has done rock armoring on the GIWW and other work, the Department wanted to get them involved in conducting the surveys and permit drawings for the breakwaters on the GIWW, White Lake shoreline and refurbishment of Unit 2 levees. The low bid for the breach repair project came in at \$534,000 but since this was the highest priority project, the Department used the Ducks Unlimited License Plate fund to make up the difference in order to make the project happen. Next shown were drawings prepared by Ducks Unlimited for the GIWW rock breakwater (\$3.7 million per mile) and the White Lake north shoreline project (\$5.3 million per mile). Mr. Reynolds talked about NAWCA funding used in the past but he mentioned Ducks Unlimited got an easement that provides acreage that may be used as match for a NAWCA Grant at White Lake. The proposal was to request \$1 million, three grant tracts, three match tracts and determine the top priority for White Lake work (GIWW rock or levee work on Unit 2). The determination of what to do may depend on a potential partnership with CPRA (CPRA was appropriated \$2 million for shoreline protection in Vermilion Parish). A site visit with CPRA Project Manager and Engineers occurred on December 5, 2023 and they discussed White Lake priorities and what can be done with \$2 million. The Engineers told staff that what was needed at White Lake was not complicated and had been done many times in many places. They added that \$2 million for engineering and design was not necessary for what was needed at White Lake, especially with what Ducks Unlimited had already done. The Project Manager and Engineers were going to talk with CPRA leaders and that is where it is with this project. Before concluding, Mr. Reynolds stated there was a lot remaining to deal with at White Lake beyond coordination with CPRA, NAWCA Grant submittal, Ducks Unlimited and the Department was dealing with almost unbearable costs over run. He then stated to **Commissioner Sagraera** that he did not mention the Guillotine Gate, as he has nothing to speak of on this, as the designer has not provided a design that can be sent out for bids. Mr. Reynolds added that this bid process was the same for the roofs, boat shed and any other construction projects. The Department did not get the \$30 million during the last Legislative Session but that did not change anything about the levees, the needs or the quality of habitat at White Lake. (A copy of Mr. Reynolds' presentation is included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes.)

Commissioner Sunseri left during this presentation. Assistant Secretary Randy Myers thanked Mr. Reynolds for the thorough job in putting together the presentation and noted the Legislature did not see it fit to include the \$30 million in the Department's budget; however, the Department was working with CPRA to find a way to utilize the \$2 million. Assistant Secretary Myers stated the Department is constantly asked about the Intracoastal Waterway and the Corps of Engineers responsibility of maintaining and repairing damages. Paperwork was provided showing the State and Parish signed a document that they would be the local parties responsible so the Department has moved forward with trying to find state and local dollars to fix the waterway concern. **Chairman Blanchard** asked if Vermilion Parish has a Port Commission that regulates the Intracoastal Waterway and Mr. Reynolds stated they have been talking with the Police Jury. **Commissioner Sagraera** stated there was no Port Commission; there was a Police Jury and a Coastal Restoration Committee that made a master plan to bring projects forward important to

the Parish. **Chairman Blanchard** felt, if the Intracoastal Waterway was causing the problem and regulated by the Corps of Engineers, then the Corps should be delegating money for repairs. **Commissioner Sagraera** thanked Assistant Secretary Myers and Mr. Reynolds for the presentation, arranging the meeting at White Lake to help identify some problems, as this area is very important to him. The **Commissioner** also noted staff continued to work on projects and felt it was important to continue and to try every avenue possible to get the money needed. **Commissioner Sagraera** stated there was less land loss occurring on the western side of the State, but there was a need to explore every funding source and suggested putting forward a CWPPRA project to demonstrate White Lake needs as it may help. Mr. Reynolds mentioned they are trying to think outside of the box and constantly talking to people and added they need people like the Commissioners to help with White Lake, as the habitat was too valuable to forget.

Chairman Blanchard asked about a Resolution former **Commissioner McPherson** wanted to propose at the December 2023 Commission Meeting and Mr. Reynolds stated that was another Resolution he wanted the Commission to review that would ask a particular company to evaluate the possibility of a carbon storage project at White Lake. Mr. Reynolds added that before that can be done, staff would need to look at the terms of the Deed of Donation to determine if that was an activity that can be engaged.

The next agenda item, **Receive and Consider a Notice of Intent to Establish Rules and Regulations to Allow Ecotours on Certain WMAs** was provided by Mr. Steve Smith, Operations Program Manager. Mr. Smith stated ecotour activities were occurring on Maurepas Swamp and Pearl River WMAs currently and there was a large demand for these activities within the New Orleans/Baton Rouge/North Shore areas. The Notice of Intent would facilitate this activity that would be conducive to habitat and species management on the WMAs and be compatible with other WMA user groups and activities. These activities could pose habitat degradation, impacts to wildlife, safety concerns to users, operating in small waterways during times when groups may operate and potential disturbance for WMA users. Mr. Smith mentioned there could be potential benefits from these activities by introducing the larger group to the WMAs, the Department, the outdoors and ultimately conservation, recruit new outdoor enthusiasts and provide revenue for public resource management. The permit process will allow the Department to better assess current volume and demand for this activity. Mr. Smith then reviewed the specifics of the Notice of Intent. A person can apply for a Wild Louisiana Guide License in order to conduct commercial boat/vessel ecotour activities on Maurepas Swamp and Pearl River WMAs. The Special Use Permit would specify dates, times, locations, and routes tours may be conducted, number and types of vehicles or vessels as well as individual tours that will be allowed, a requirement for annual reporting of all activities and the Department could add other requirements necessary to the permit. The license fee is \$500 annually and a client fee of \$2 per person per trip must be paid with payment being made quarterly or as determined by the Department. Activities that will be prohibited on ecotour activities included taking, handling, harassing, feeding, baiting, luring or releasing wildlife; possession of animals; use of airboats; or any additional activities. The number of permits shall not exceed five permits per WMA per year. (A copy of Mr. Smith's presentation is included in the Appendices Section of the Minutes.)

Commissioner Sagraera asked how long have these WMA tours been going on and how long has it been a concern of the Department and Mr. Smith did not know how long it has been occurring, but staff began the process three years ago to draft a proposed rule. The **Commissioner** stated he was trying to understand the history of what was happening on the WMAs; Assistant Secretary Randy Myers stated the activity on Maurepas Swamp WMA began with one person about 9-10 years ago when a Special Use Permit was issued. Then from there unpermitted activities began to grow on the WMA and during the license restructure, there was a section that could address this issue. Staff have been working with kayak clubs and other individuals to allow this activity but right now there are some who are operating without any set provisions and this proposed rule would allow agents to enforce the regulations. **Chairman Blanchard** asked if there was an idea of how many people are trying to represent themselves as tour guides and Mr. Smith felt there were at least three on Maurepas Swamp and three on Pearl River WMAs. The **Chairman** then asked if these guides charge fees and Mr. Smith answered yes. **Chairman Blanchard** then asked if this proposal applies to all WMAs and Mr. Smith stated this was specific to Maurepas Swamp and Pearl River WMAs. Hearing no further questions or public comments, **Commissioner DeCuir** made a motion to adopt the Notice of Intent, **Commissioner Luneau** seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(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

Ecotour Activities on WMAs (LAC 76:XIX.111)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to establish regulations for ecotour activities on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). The proposal will add regulations for commercial ecotour activities on certain WMAs.

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, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and compiling public comments and submissions for the commission's review and consideration. In the absence of any further action by the commission following an opportunity to consider all public comments regarding the proposed rule, the Secretary is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a summary report to the legislative oversight committees and file the final Rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§119. WMA Ecotours

A. Licensed Ecotours

1. Pursuant to R.S. 56:1833 on Wild Louisiana Guide License, individuals possessing a Wild Louisiana Guide License may conduct commercial boat/vessel ecotour activities on Maurepas Swamp and Pearl River WMAs only, via permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Commercial ecotour activities must:

a. Obtain annually, a Special Use Permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Such permits will specify:

i. dates, times, locations, and routes, whereby which tours may be conducted on a given WMA;

ii. number and types of vehicles and/or vessels, as well as number of individual tours or outings that will be allowed within a given timeframe;

iii. requirements for annual reporting will include number of tours conducted, number of vehicles and vessels per tour conducted, number of clients per tour conducted, dates, and beginning and ending times of activities;

iv. any additional requirements deemed necessary and appropriate by the department.

b. Pay to the department, a license fee of \$500 annually and a client fee of \$2 per trip for each person accompanying the guide on said WMAs; payments to be made quarterly or as determined by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

c. The following is prohibited on ecotour outings:

i. taking, handling, harassing, feeding, baiting, luring, or releasing of wildlife;

ii. possession of animals;

iii. use of airboats;

iv. any additional activities specifically prohibited in the Annual Special Use Permit.

d. The number of permits shall be determined by the department but shall not exceed five permits per approved WMA per year.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:110.1 and R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, 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

This 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 until April 4, 2024 to Steve Smith, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 or via e-mail to ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

Andrew J. Blanchard
Chairman

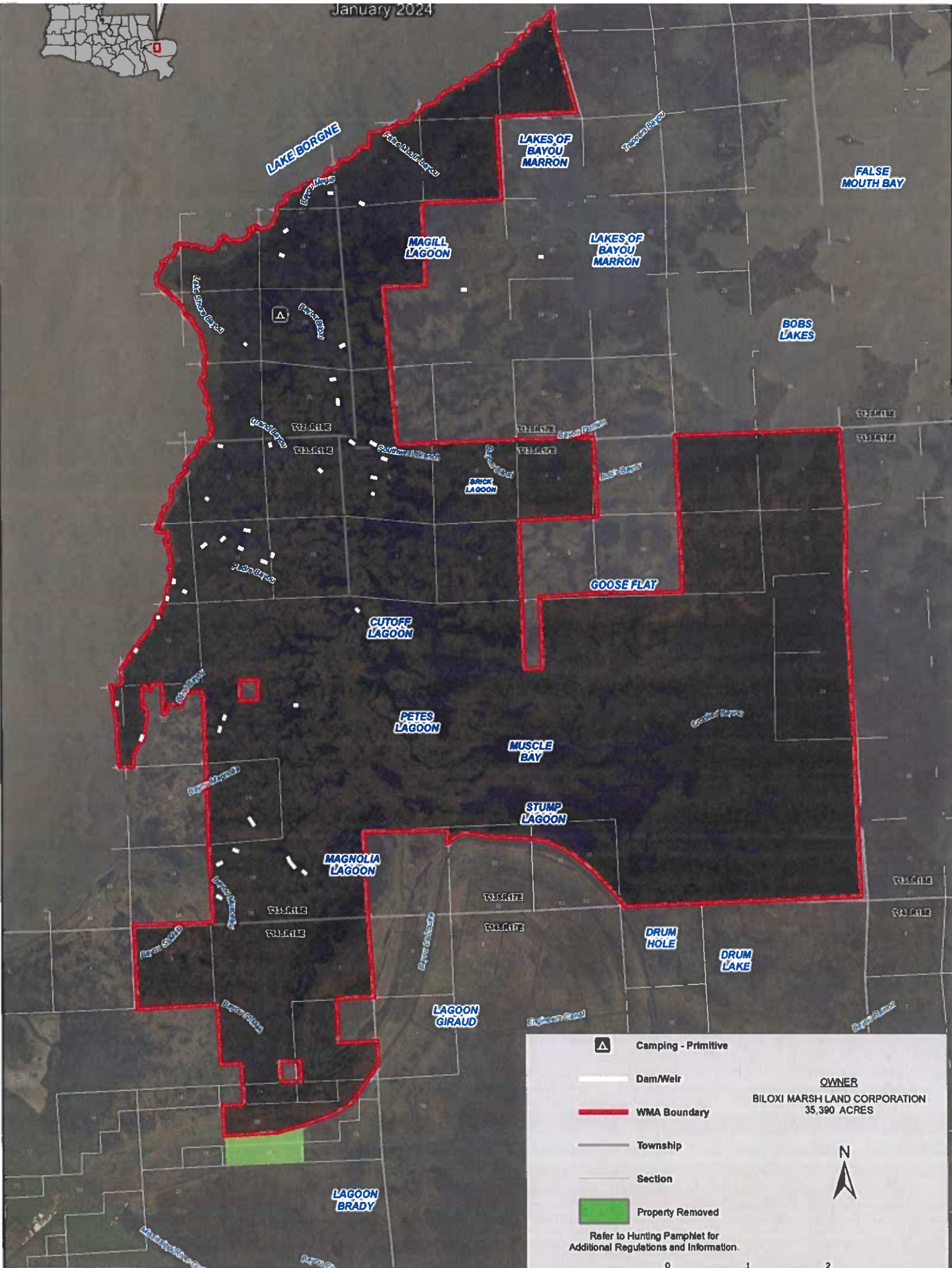
For the next agenda item, **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**, **Chairman Blanchard** stated his position as Chairman would end at the conclusion of this meeting and asked for nominations for Chairman. **Commissioner Reynolds** nominated **Commissioner DeCuir** for Chairman, no other nominations were made and **Commissioner DeCuir** was declared Chairman. **Commissioner DeCuir** made a motion to nominate **Commissioner Reynolds** Vice-Chairman and no other nominations were announced. **Commissioner Reynolds** was declared Vice-Chairman.

Receive Public Comments was the next agenda item announced by **Chairman Blanchard**. Secretary Shadoin thanked **Chairman Blanchard** for his service and dedication to the Department and then thanked Governor John Bel Edwards for giving him the honor to serve the

State. The Secretary also thanked the Executive Staff and noted he was surrounded by a dedicated and reliable group. He then recognized and thanked Ms. Tina Coolman and Ms. Wendy Brogdon. **Commissioner Brister** stated he was a college student when Secretary Shadoin was a young attorney and was asked to come give legal advice to students that may have been in trouble. The **Commissioner** added that their paths have continued to cross and expressed appreciation for the chance to work with the Secretary and hoped their paths would cross in the future.

There being no further comments, **Commissioner DeCuir** made a motion for **Adjournment**, seconded by **Commissioner Brister** and unanimously approved.

APPENDICES



OWNER
 BILOXI MARSH LAND CORPORATION
 35,390 ACRES

Legend:

- Camping - Primitive
- Dam/Weir
- WMA Boundary
- Township
- Section
- Property Removed

Refer to Hunting Pamphlet for Additional Regulations and Information.

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RESOLUTION

Removing Property from the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area

**Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
January 4, 2024**

- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorized its Director to execute a Lease Agreement for Biloxi Marsh Game Management Area on April 23, 1957; and,
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission established the Biloxi Marsh Game Management Area via a Lease Agreement with Biloxi Marsh Lands Corporation on May 28, 1957, for a certain tract of land comprised of 39,728 acres, more or less, situated in St. Bernard Parish; and,
- WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 56:109(A) and R.S. 56:781, et seq., on October 7, 2003, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopted a Resolution which re-established the boundaries and confirmed the selection and designation of all leased and state-owned lands previously established as the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area, comprising approximately 39,583 acres; and,
- WHEREAS, on August 8, 2008, Governor Bobby Jindal executed Proclamation No. 45 BJ 2008 recognizing Biloxi Wildlife Management Area; and,
- WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement has been renewed and amended several times since the original was executed, including most recently on February 1, 2012, whereby the acreage subject to lease was calculated at 35,644 acres, more or less; and,
- WHEREAS, the Lessor, Biloxi Marsh Lands Corporation, seeks to amend the current Lease Agreement to establish Bayou LaLoutre as the southern boundary of the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area in Section 14 of Township 14 South, Range 16 East, thereby reducing the leased acreage by 254 acres, more or less; and,
- WHEREAS, in order for the State to continue to provide for public and recreational use opportunities on Biloxi Wildlife Management Area, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that that the Lease Agreement be amended and the boundary of the Wildlife Management Area be adjusted to reflect the revised leased acreage; and,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, hereby adjusts the boundary of Biloxi Wildlife Management Area to subtract and exclude all lands, including state water bottoms, located within Section 14 of

Township 14 South, Range 16 East, south of Bayou LaLoutre, and reduces the total acreage of Biloxi Wildlife Management Area by approximately 254 acres, as more particularly described in the Amendment to Biloxi Wildlife Management Area Lease attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781, *et seq.*, of the Revised Statutes of 1954, hereby confirm and reaffirm that all remaining leased lands, and state-owned lands, including water bottoms, as described in the attached "Exhibit A", comprising 35,390 acres, more or less, remain included in the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Biloxi Wildlife Management Area shall be used exclusively for wildlife management purposes and, as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and such public recreation, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, and trapping, which is consistent with these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.



Andrew J. Blanchard, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission



Robert E. Shadin, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

EXHIBIT "A"

**AMENDMENT
TO
BILOXI WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LEASE**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISHES OF EAST BATON ROUGE AND JEFFERSON

BE IT KNOWN that on the following days and dates, in the following named places, before the undersigned Notaries Public, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, personally came and appeared:

BILOXI MARSH LANDS CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation authorized to and is transacting business in Louisiana and herein represented by William B. Rudolf, its President and CEO and duly authorized agent; and whose address and place of business is One Galleria Blvd., Suite #902, Metairie, LA 70001, (hereinafter referred to as "**LESSOR**");

-AND-

THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES, constitutionally established agency of the State of Louisiana, herein acting through and represented by its Secretary, Robert E. Shadoin, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, and

THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE and FISHERIES COMMISSION, a constitutionally established agency of the State of Louisiana, herein acting through and represented by its Chairman, Andrew Blanchard, duly authorized by resolution

adopted at a regular meeting of the Commission, whose mailing address is 2000
Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808

(herein collectively referred to as "LESSEE")

do, by these presents, hereby agree as follows:

I.

In an Act of Lease executed February 1, 2012 and recorded on February 23, 2012 in the records of the Clerk of Court, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana at Conveyance Book 1039, at Page 662, Original File No. 560324, LESSEE leased from the LESSOR certain property situated in the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana which property is more fully set out and described in the above-referenced lease.

II.

Regarding the above property, LESSOR and LESSEE do hereby desire to amend the above-referenced lease in the following particulars; all other provisions of the original lease and any amendments thereto to remain as written, *to wit*:

A. Paragraph 16 of said lease is hereby amended by substitution to read as follows:

16.

LESSEE shall defend, indemnify LESSOR and hold LESSOR harmless from and against all claims and judgments for damage to property and persons, including the death of persons and including claims for compensation and for death benefits arising out of LESSEE'S operations under the terms of this lease. At all times during the existence of this lease, LESSEE shall maintain, comprehensive general liability insurance and Excess Insurance against claims for personal injury, death or property damage with coverage limits not less than five million (\$5,000,000.00) in aggregate. This insurance coverage may be issued by the Louisiana Self-

Insurance Fund. LESSEE shall furnish to LESSOR appropriate and valid Certificates of Insurance to LESSOR which certify that said insurance is in effect. LESSOR shall be named as an additional insured on all policies under this agreement. Additionally, all insurance coverages required under this agreement to be provided by LESSEE shall be primary and non-contributory to all other insurance coverages owed LESSOR.

B. Section 14 of Township 14 South, Range 16 East (Line 77) of Exhibit A of said lease is hereby amended as follows to establish the southern boundary of the property in Section 14 as Bayou LaLoutre:

Section 14 North of Bayou LaLoutre, less and except NW/4 of NW/4 +/- 346 acres

C. Township Total for Township 14 South, Range 16 East and Total Acreage in Exhibit A are respectively reduced by +/- 254 acres and amended as follows such that acreage south of Bayou LaLoutre is subtracted from Section 14 and acreage calculations are adjusted to reflect accurate totals:

<i>Township Total:</i>	<i>3,607.67</i>
<i>TOTAL ACREAGE:</i>	<i>35,389.95</i>

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this instrument has been executed in original counterparts on the dates set forth below by and through its duly authorized agent, at _____, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana in the presence of me, Notary, and the undersigned competent witnesses, on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

WITNESSES:

BILOXI MARSH LANDS CORPORATION

Print Name: _____

LESSOR:

Print Name: _____

BY: _____

William B. Rudolf
President and CEO

NOTARY PUBLIC

Print Name: _____

Notary No.: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

THUS DONE AND PASSED on this ____ day of _____, 2024 at Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, and me, Notary, after reading of the whole.

WITNESSES:

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Printed Name: _____

LESSEE:

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Robert E. Shadoin
Secretary

WITNESSES:

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Printed Name: _____

LESSEE:

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Andrew Blanchard
Chairman

NOTARY PUBLIC

Print Name: _____

Notary No.: _____

My Commission Expires: _____



**2024-2025 & 2025-2026
Hunting Seasons and WMA Rules and Regulations**

Tommy Tuma | Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission Meeting | 01/04/24

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Resident Game Hunting Season (LAC 76:XIX.101 and 103)

General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations (LAC 76:XIX.111)

General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations (LAC 76:XIX.113) & Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits (LAC 76:XIX.117)



Resident Game Hunting Season (LAC 76:XIX.101 and 103)



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LAC 76:XIX.103.C

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Language adjustment to Area 5 & 9 deer seasons

- With or without dogs

OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec.

CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)

OPENS: second Sat. of Dec.

CLOSES: Sun. after second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the first Sat. of Dec. and closes Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX).

OPENS: ~~Sat. before Christmas~~ (third Sat. of Dec.)

CLOSES: Sun. after third Sat. of Dec. ~~before Christmas~~ except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the second Sat. of Dec. and close Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)



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General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations (LAC 76:XIX.111)



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LAC 76:XIX.111.D.14

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Proposed prohibition on using drones to recover wounded deer or bear

14. Use of Drones for the Recovery of Wounded Deer or Bear. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) (commonly referred to as a drone) to aid in the recovery of a wounded deer or bear is prohibited.



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LAC 76:XIX.111.E.6

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Language adjustment to clarify retrieval of deer with aid of tracking dogs

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A dog may be used to trail and retrieve **mortally** wounded **or unrecovered** deer. The dog must be leashed during legal hunting hours, but may be unleashed after legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve **mortally** wounded **or unrecovered** deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number.



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LAC 76:XIX.111.F.3.a.ii

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Clarification of Deer Area 3 boundary

ii. Allen—**west of US 165 and south of LA 10 south of LA 10 eastward to US 165 at Oakdale, west of US 165 at Oakdale southward to US 190 at Kinder, south of US 190 at Kinder eastward to parish line;**



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LAC 76:XIX.111.G.5.f

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Change in information needed for items left overnight on WMAs

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing, or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are 2 inches or less in diameter. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees and are strictly prohibited. Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees, placed flat on the ground, and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and LDWF ID number. No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc., found unattended in a hunting position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the LDWF. LDWF is not responsible for unattended stands left on an area.



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LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.b.ii Alexander State Forest WMA

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Closure of small game hunting during firearms season for deer

ii. Small Game: Same as outside except closed during deer primitive firearms (either-sex), deer firearms (either-sex) and deer firearms (bucks only) season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.



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LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.e.ii

Bayou Macon WMA

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Propose to close turkey season

- ii. Turkey: **General Lottery: last Sat. of Area B season for 2 days closed.**



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LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.j.iii

Bodcau WMA

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Change for Small Game Emphasis Area

- iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during the youth deer hunt on designated portion and entire area first 2 days of modern firearms deer season except spring squirrel season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel from the first Sat. of Oct. through the Fri. immediately prior to the opening day of firearms deer season, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-~~August 31~~ **September 30.**



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LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.k.ii

Boeuf WMA

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Propose to close turkey season

- ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, except season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens Good Friday closed.



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LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17.m.i

Bussey Brake WMA

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Proposal to require permit for tournament fishing

- i. Fishing: fish may be taken only by rod and reel or cane pole for recreational purposes. **Tournament fishing allowed by Special Use Permit only.** All types of nets, including but not limited to gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, wire nets, fyke nets and fish seines are prohibited. Trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, stump lines, slat traps, jugs, cans, and pipes are prohibited. Shoreline (non-boat) fishing only allowed at designated locations. No fishing or lake access from rocks along interior of reservoir levee.



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LAC 76:XIX.111.G.17... Renaming WMAs

- Name change for Camp Beauregard to Esler Field WMA
- Name change for Fort Polk to Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA
- Name change for Peason Ridge to Fort Johnson North WMA



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Prohibition on vessels at certain times during waterfowl season

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Season north of the Diversion Canal and the entire area during the either-sex firearm hunt except waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the greentree impoundment and Catahoula Basin during the firearm either-sex season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after Firearms Bucks-Only season ends to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel first Sat. of Oct. to the third Sun. of Nov., and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31. **Catahoula Basin: Nov. 1-Jan. 31, all motorized vessels prohibited 2 p.m. to 4 a.m. and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season EXCEPT for the Catahoula Basin buffer zone, which will remain open to motorized vessels year round for recreation and navigation.**



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Pointe-Aux-Chenes WMA
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Clarification of open activities and allowable gear

xi. Point Farm Unit (Pointe-aux-Chenes). An approximately 1300-acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School, the Point Farm levee and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all Saturdays during the month of February, weather permitting. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Except for mourning dove hunting, (provided for below) all other hunting activities closed until after the last day of youth deer hunts. **Area closed to all except Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open. Limited Use Area: archery only, firearms prohibited. See WMA map for specific location.**



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Russell Sage WMA
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Prohibition of motorized vessels at Wham Brake

mm. Russell Sage. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days South of I-20 only to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. North of I-20 open to all other allowable activities. Wham Brake: **closed to all motorized vessels 14 days prior to opening day of duck and teal seasons, excluding youth and Veteran days. Also closed to all motorized vessels during waterfowl season splits, and** September 1-Jan. 31, all motorized vessels prohibited 2 p.m. to 4 a.m., and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season. Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Highway 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during Falconry Waterfowl Season. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Chauvin Tract: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, except still hunt only, except deer hunting restricted to archery only, and except small game shotgun only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited. Wham Brake Area: Waterfowl hunting open during either-sex deer season.



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Sherburne WMA
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Changes in waterfowl lotteries

iv. Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: same as outside except closed during Firearms Either-Sex Deer and except hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited except no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. **South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person.** All other hunting closed on South Farm complex from the Friday before Youth Lottery Deer Hunt until the day after the last Waterfowl hunt on the South Farm. Contact the Wildlife Field Office for details and description of "South Farm."



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Changes in waterfowl lotteries

(a). Youth Waterfowl Lottery: **contact Lafayette Office for details and applications hunting by pre-application lottery only.**

(b). Disabled Veterans Waterfowl Lottery: **contact Lafayette Office for details and applications hunting by pre-application lottery only.**

(c). **General Waterfowl Lottery: hunting by pre-application lottery only.**



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**General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations (LAC
76:XIX.113)**



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**Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits
(LAC 76:XIX.117)**



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Migratory Bird Season Dates, Bag and Possession limits

Woodcock

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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9



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Dove

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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	South Zone:	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
	Sept. 2-Sept. 17		
	Oct. 14-Nov. 26		
	Dec. 16-Jan. 14		
	Sept. 7-Sept. 21		
	Oct. 19-Nov. 30		
	Dec. 14-Jan. 14		
	North Zone:		
	Sept. 2-Sept. 24		
	Oct. 7-Nov. 12		
	Dec. 23-Jan. 21		
	Sept. 7-Sept. 28		
	Oct. 5-Nov. 9		
	Dec. 21-Jan. 21		



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Early Teal

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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 Sept. 14-Sept. 29	6	18



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King and Clapper Rails

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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 Nov. 11-Jan. 3 Sept. 14-Sept. 29 Nov. 9-Jan. 1	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)



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Sora and Virginia Rails
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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)
	Nov. 11-Jan. 3		
	Sept. 14-Sept. 29		
	Nov. 9-Jan. 1		



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Gallinules
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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Gallinules	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	15	45
	Nov. 11-Jan. 3		
	Sept. 14-Sept. 29		
	Nov. 9-Jan. 1		



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Snipe
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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Snipe	West Zone:	8	24
	Nov. 2-Dec. 3		
	Dec. 16-Feb. 28		
	Nov. 2-Dec. 8		
	Dec. 21-Feb. 28		
	East Zone:		
	Nov. 2-Dec. 3		
	Dec. 16-Feb. 28		
	Nov. 2-Dec. 8		
	Dec. 21-Feb. 28		



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Ducks, Coots & Mergansers

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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	West Zone:	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 females), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 1 black duck and 1 pintail. Only 1 scaup may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 2 per day allowed for the remainder. No mottled ducks may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 1 per day allowed for the remainder. Daily bag limit on coots is 15. Mergansers-The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers, in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.	Three times the daily bag limit.
	Nov. 4-Nov. 5		
	Nov. 2-Nov. 3		
	(youth and veterans only)		
	Nov. 11-Dec. 3		
	Dec. 11-Jan. 7		
	Jan. 13-Jan. 24		
	Nov. 9-Dec. 8		
	Dec. 21-Jan. 5		
	Jan. 13-Jan. 26		



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Ducks, Coots & Mergansers
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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	East Zone: Nov. 11 (youth and veterans only) Nov. 18-Dec. 3 Dec. 16-Jan. 28 Feb. 3 (youth and veterans only) Nov. 9 (youth and veterans only) Nov. 16-Dec. 8 Dec. 21-Jan. 26 Feb. 1 (youth and veterans only)	Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 females), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 1 black duck and 1 pintail. Only 1 scaup may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 2 per day allowed for the remainder. No mottled ducks may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 1 per day allowed for the remainder. Daily bag limit on coots is 15. Mergansers: The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers, in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.	Three times the daily bag limit.



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Light Geese (Snow, Blue & Ross) & White-Fronted
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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White-Fronted Geese	East Zone: Nov. 4-Dec. 3 Dec. 16-Jan. 28 Nov. 2-Dec. 8 Dec. 21-Jan. 26	Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20. Daily bag limit on White-Fronted Geese is 3.	No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') Possession limit on White-Fronted Geese is 9.
	West Zone: Nov. 4-Dec. 3 Dec. 11-Jan. 7 Jan. 13-Jan. 28 Nov. 2-Dec. 8 Dec. 21-Jan. 5 Jan. 13-Feb. 2		



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Canada Geese

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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Canada Geese	East Zone:	1	3
	Nov. 4-Dec. 3		
	Dec. 16-Jan. 28		
	Nov. 2-Dec. 8		
	Dec. 21-Jan. 26		
	West Zone:		
	Nov. 4-Dec. 3		
	Dec. 11-Jan. 7		
	Jan. 13-Jan. 28		
	Nov. 2-Dec. 8		
	Dec. 21-Jan. 5		
	Jan. 13-Feb. 2		



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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross')	East Zone:	No daily bag limit.	No possession limit.
	Dec. 4-Dec. 15		
	Jan. 29-Mar. 3		
	Dec. 9-Dec. 20		
	Jan. 27-Mar. 2		
	West Zone:		
	Dec. 4-Dec. 10		
	Jan. 8-Jan. 12		
	Jan. 29-Mar. 3		
	Dec. 9-Dec. 20		
	Jan. 6-Jan. 12		
	Feb. 3-Mar. 2		



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Extended Falconry
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Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	Sept. 15-Oct. 1 Sept. 14-Sept. 30	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.
Woodcock	Nov. 4-Jan. 31	
Rails and Gallinule	Nov. 4-Jan. 25	
	Nov. 2-Jan. 26	
Ducks	Nov. 4-Jan. 31	
	Nov. 2-Jan. 30	



Questions?



Public Comments

- Public comment will be accepted at LWFC monthly meetings from now through March 7, 2024.
- Public Comments will be accepted through 4:00 pm, March 7, 2024 and 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



NOTICE OF INTENT

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

**Hunting Regulations for the 2024-2026 Seasons
(LAC 76:XIX.Chapter 1)**

Notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission proposes to amend the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2024-2026 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2024-2026 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, and seasons, and bag limits for the 2025 turkey season, and the migratory bird seasons, regulations and bag limits for the 2024-2026 hunting seasons. The department manages the take of resident game, outlaw quadrupeds and migratory birds in Louisiana and this action defines legal participants, sets the legal season bag limits along with legal methods of take and hunting season dates for the 2024-2025 hunting season for wildlife in Louisiana. The new hunting rules and regulations for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 seasons clarify opening and closing dates of certain hunting seasons; updates language for tracking of wounded deer with dogs, prohibits the use of drones to aid in recovery of wounded deer, clarifies the Deer Area 3 boundaries, closes turkey season on Bayou Macon and Boeuf WMAs, prohibits the operation of motorized vessels on the Catahoula Basin portion of Dewey Wills WMA from 2 p.m. to 4 a.m. and all nighttime activities during waterfowl season, prohibits the operation of motorized vessels 14 days prior to early teal and waterfowl seasons and during the waterfowl season splits on Russell Sage WMA and removes the daily draw lottery on Sherburne WMA south farm making them online applications only.

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, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and compiling public comments and submissions for the commission's review and consideration. In the absence of any further action by the commission following an opportunity to consider all public comments regarding the proposed rule, the Secretary is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a summary report to the legislative oversight committees and file the final Rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

A. The resident game hunting season regulations have been adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the regulations pamphlet may be obtained from the department.

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 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July 2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2206 (July 2011),

LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39:2307 (August 2013), LR 40:1534 (August 2014), LR 41:958 (May 2015), LR 42:1107 (July 2016), LR 44:1273 (July 2018), LR 45:933 (July 2019), LR 46:957 (July 2020), LR 47:901 (July 2021), LR 48:1863 (July 2022), LR 49:1231 (July 2023), LR 50:

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

- A. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for Seasons or Specific Regulations on Wildlife

Management Areas or Specific Localities

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	OPENS: third Saturday of November CLOSES: last day of February	10	30
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: first Saturday of October CLOSES: last day of February	8	24
Squirrel*	OPENS: first Saturday of May for 23 days	3	9
Deer <u>2023-2024</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless	Deer Areas 1,2,3,5,6,7,8, and 9—6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
		(when legal)	deer). Deer Areas 4 and 10 limit—3/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).

*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some state wildlife management areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule **2023-2024** **2024-2025**

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: first day of Oct. CLOSES: last day of Jan.	OPENS: second Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after second Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5	OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after first Sat. of Jan.

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			<p>Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after first Sat. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	
2	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: next to last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: after 7 days</p>	<p>OPENS: last Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Tues. before second Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the second Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the first Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			years before the first Sat. of Dec.	during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: third Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: second Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearm Season CLOSES: after 7 days	OPENS: third Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: after 35 days
4	OPENS: first day of Oct.	OPENS: second Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after second Sat. of Nov.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will	OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	<p>CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>open on the third Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after first Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>on the first Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after first Sat. of Jan.</p>
5	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (first 15 days are</p>	<p>(All Either Sex except as noted.) OPENS: second Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Nov.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. Bucks Only CLOSES: last day of Jan.	CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. of the same weekend. (EITHER SEX)	CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the first Sat. of Dec. and closes Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Sat. before Christmas. third Sat. of Dec.

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			<p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>CLOSES: Sun. after third Sat. of Dec. before Christmas</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the second Sat. of Dec. and close Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)</p>
6	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (first 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec.	
7	OPENS: third Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15.	OPENS: second Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearm Season CLOSES: after 7 days	OPENS: third Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: after 35 days
8	OPENS: third Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: second Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearm Season CLOSES: after 7 days	OPENS: third Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: after 35 days

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
9	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct. CLOSSES: Feb. 15 (first 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Nov. CLOSSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. Bucks Only CLOSSES: last day of Jan. Bucks Only</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov. CLOSSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec. CLOSSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. CLOSSES: Sun. after second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the first Sat. of Dec. and closes</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			<p>open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sunday of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. before Christmas. third Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after third Sat. of Dec. before Christmas</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the second Sat. of Dec. and close Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)</p>
10	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Sept.</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: 38 days after Thanksgiving Day</p>	

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearms CLOSES: after 7 days		

D. Deer Hunting Schedule ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct. CLOSSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Nov. CLOSSES: Fri. after second Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov. CLOSSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after first Sat. of Jan. CLOSSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec. CLOSSES: Sun. after first Sat. of Jan.</p>
2	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: next to last Sat. of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: last Sat. of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: Wed. before the second Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	<p>CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: after 7 days</p>	<p>CLOSES: Tues. before second Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the first Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>and on Thurs. during even numbered years except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the Wed. before the first Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years</p>
3	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct.</p>	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: after 35 days</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		<p>OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearm Season</p> <p>CLOSES: after 7 days</p>		
4	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. after second Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after first Sat. of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after first Sat. of Jan.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	
5	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (first 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>(All Either Sex except as noted.)</p> <p>OPENS: second Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. Bucks Only</p> <p>CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it</p>

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			<p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. of the same weekend.</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>(EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>will open the first Sat. of Dec. and closes Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. before Christmas third Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after third Sat. of Dec. before Christmas</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the second Sat. of Dec. and close Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
6	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (first 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the first Sat. of Dec.</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.</p>
7	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearm Season</p>	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving</p>	<p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: after 35 days</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		CLOSES: after 7 days		
8	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearm Season</p> <p>CLOSES: after 7 days</p>	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: after 35 days</p>
9	<p>OPENS: first day of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Feb. 15 (first 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan.</p> <p>CLOSES: last day of Jan. Bucks Only</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri.</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec. except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the first Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			<p>before the first Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the third Sat. of Nov.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sunday of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)</p> <p>OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day (EITHER SEX)</p>	<p>SEASON IS IN PROGRESS)</p> <p>OPENS: second Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after second Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>except when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the first Sat. of Dec. and closes Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX).</p> <p>OPENS: Sat. before Christmas third Sat. of Dec.</p> <p>CLOSES: Sun. after third Sat. of Dec. before Christmas</p> <p>except when there are</p>

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				5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open the second Sat. of Dec. and close Sun. of the same weekend (EITHER SEX)
10	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Sept.</p> <p>CLOSES: Jan. 15</p>	<p>OPENS: second Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: Fri. before third Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>OPENS: Mon. after last day of Modern Firearms</p> <p>CLOSES: after 7 days</p>	<p>OPENS: third Sat. of Oct.</p> <p>CLOSES: 38 days after Thanksgiving Day</p>	

E. Farm-raised white-tailed deer on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. archery, firearm, primitive firearms—October 1-January 31 (either-sex).

F. Exotics on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. either sex—no closed season.

G. Spring squirrel hunting:

1. season dates—opens first Saturday of May for 23 days;

2. closed areas:

- a. Kisatchie National Forest, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below;

3. wildlife management area schedule—opens first Saturday of May for nine days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Camp Beauregard Fort Johnson-Vernon, Fort Johnson North, Esler Field, Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador/Timken. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting;

4. limits—daily bag limit is three and possession limit is nine.

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

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by sections 115 and 116 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to section 40.1 of title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the LDWF a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to turkey regulations.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle, archery gear, air rifle or shotgun during daylight hours. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is two per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. Except nutria may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador/Timken, Pointe-Aux-Chenes and Pass-a-Loutre WMAs from September 1 to March 31. When taken with a shotgun, non-toxic shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted.

Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal.

Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the Lafayette Field Office, (337) 735-8672.

4. Crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit. Crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

5. Pheasant. Open concurrently with the quail season; no limit.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species may be taken except turkeys. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific falconry rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve, October 1-April 30, Pen-Raised Birds Only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific hunting preserve rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP rules. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with approved archery equipment or primitive firearms). Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP do not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters when legally tagged with DMAP tags. DMAP participants must follow the deer season schedule established for their respective areas, except antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided that a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at the time of harvest. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics—for purposes of this Section means any animal of the family *Bovidae* (except the tribe *Bovini* [cattle]) or *Cervidae* which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve. *Exotics* shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting—in its different tenses and for purposes of this Section means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside—for purposes of this Section means hunting on a supplemented hunting preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting

and deer hunting, as provided for in title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Supplemented Hunting Preserve—for purposes of this Section means any enclosure for which a current farm-raising license has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the LDWF and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-Tailed Deer—for purposes of this Rule means any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus* which is confined on a supplemented hunting preserve.

b. Seasons:

- i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: consult the regulations pamphlet;
- ii. exotics: year round.

c. Methods of take:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: exotics may be taken with traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; centerfire handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber, rimfire no smaller than .30 caliber, pre-charged pneumatic devices no smaller than .30 caliber and at least 150 grains in weight with a minimum muzzle velocity of 800 feet per second or any combination of bullet weight and muzzle velocity that produces muzzle energy of at least 215 foot pounds of energy or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from

the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and other approved primitive firearms.

d. Shooting hours:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after

sunset.

e. Bag limit:

- i. farm-raised white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: no limit.

f. Hunting licenses:

- i. white-tailed deer: same as outside;
- ii. exotics: no person shall hunt any exotic without possessing

a valid basic and deer hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed deer and exotics: each animal shall be

tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. No person other than the holder of a valid basic hunting license may take or possess bobcat, except licensed trappers who may take or possess bobcat during the open trapping season. A basic hunting licensee shall only take bobcat during the time period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with approved archery equipment, shotgun, muzzleloader or centerfire firearm. A basic hunting licensee shall not take more than one bobcat per calendar year. This regulation applies only to property that is privately owned,

state WMAs, Kisatchie National Forest, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carré, and Indian Bayou tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers, but does not apply to state wildlife refuges, or other federally owned refuges and lands. On state WMAs and Kisatchie National Forest, the take of bobcat is restricted to those open seasons on the WMAs which require the respective legal weapons noted above.

D. Hunting—General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969, shall hunt unless that person has first been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, except any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the LDWF main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person under 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he/she is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department. A person who has not completed the firearm and hunter safety course may be issued a valid hunting license by the department. Such license shall be issued with a restriction that requires that person be accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969 and has a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department.

3. A deer or turkey license, whichever is appropriate, is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age engaged in an activity that necessitates the use of deer tags or turkey tags, or involves participation in a youth lottery hunt shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license.

4. A hunting guide license is required for any person or entity who publicly represents himself to be a hunting guide or who transports, aids or provides assistance to another individuals(s) in the act of taking, or attempting to take, any wildlife species for compensation on a transactional or for-hire basis. For purposes of this rule, a hunting guide license is not required for any person or entity employed or contracted by a private hunting club to provide hunting guide services exclusively for the club's private members and its invited guests.

5. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

6. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-

loaded rifle or handgun larger than .22 caliber, any centerfire firearm, or a muzzleloading firearm larger than .36 caliber. It shall be legal to hunt or take squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds with air rifles.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

d. No person shall take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with an infrared sight, laser sight, or except as provided in R.S. 56:116(A)(8) any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night [R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3)(a-b)].

7. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means except that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found depredating commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit

issued by the LDWF. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local region office for details.

8. Threatened and endangered species. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws. (LAC 76:I.317)

1. Invertebrates		
Pink Mucket	<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>	E
Louisiana Pearlshell	<i>Margaritifera hembeli</i>	T
Fat Pocketbook	<i>Potamilus capax</i>	E
Inflated Heelsplitter	<i>Potamilus inflatus</i>	T
Rabbitsfoot	<i>Quadrula cylindrica</i>	T
2. Fish		
Gulf Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi</i>	T
Pallid Sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i>	E
Smalltooth Sawfish	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	E
3. Amphibians		
Dusky Gopher Frog	<i>Lithobates sevosus</i>	E
4. Reptiles (including eggs)		
Loggerhead Sea Turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	T
Green Sea Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	T
Hawksbill Sea Turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E

Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	E
Leatherback Sea Turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	E
Ringed Map Turtle	<i>Graptemys oculifera</i>	T
Gopher Tortoise	<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	T
Black Pinesnake	<i>Pituophis melanoleucus lodingi</i>	T
Louisiana Pinesnake	<i>Pituophis ruthveni</i>	T
5. Birds (including eggs)		
Whooping Crane	<i>Grus americana</i>	E
Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	T
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	T
Interior Least Tern	<i>Sternula antillarum athalassos</i>	E
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	E
6. Mammals		
West Indian Manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	T
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	T
Sperm Whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	E
Florida Panther	<i>Felis concolor coryi</i>	E

7. Plants		
American Chaffseed	<i>Schwalbea americana</i>	E
Earth-fruit	<i>Geocarpon minimum</i>	T
Louisiana Quillwort	<i>Isoetes louisianensis</i>	E
Pondberry	<i>Lindera melissifolia</i>	E
E = Endangered; T = Threatened		

9. Outlaw Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, feral hogs, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only when using dogs during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only seasons for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters. On private property, outlaw quadrupeds may be taken with or by means of an automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells when using buckshot or rifled slug ammunition and may be taken while riding or standing in or upon a moving land vehicle.

10. Nighttime Take of Nuisance Animals and Outlaw Quadrupeds. On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission from the landowner and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds (coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs), nutria, or beaver during nighttime hours. However, no person shall be allowed to participate or be present during the nighttime hunting activities if convicted of a Class 3 or greater wildlife violation within the previous five years or if he has any other

prohibition which would prevent the legal use of a firearm or participation in a hunting activity. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. In addition, pursuant to R.S. 56:116(D)(3) any person who is authorized to possess a firearm suppressor may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver under the provisions of the Paragraph, shall notify the Sheriff of the Parish in which the property is located of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria or beaver within twenty-four hours prior to the attempted taking or immediately upon taking the animal.

11. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds while on a public road or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or discharging a firearm on or across an open LMV road or LMV road right-of-way is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and public road rights-of-way is prohibited.

12. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and deer or turkey or youth license number, whichever is the appropriate license, of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. See DMAP Regulations (LAC 76:V.111) for deer management assistance tagging requirements on lands enrolled in DMAP.

13. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until a deer has been appropriately tagged and validated, and

proof of electronic tagging or the carcass tag remains with the carcass, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game. Possessors of any portion of a deer or wild turkey, which has been divided in camp or field, without evidence of positive sex identification shall affix a tag in accordance with LAC 76:XIX.111.D.12 identifying the sex of the animal.

14. Use of Drones for the Recovery of Wounded Deer or Bear. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) (commonly referred to as a drone) to aid in the recovery of a wounded deer or bear is prohibited.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain carcass or electronic deer tags and have in possession when hunting deer. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass or electronic tag. Deer tags may only be used by the hunter to whom the tag was issued. Hunters who allow their deer tags to be used by another person, or who use tags issued to another person, are in violation of this Rule and are subject to fines and other administrative penalties, including, but not limited to, the automatic forfeiture of any remaining deer tags for the season for which they are issued. If using physical tag, the parish and date of kill must be documented on the deer tag and the hunter must validate the harvest by calling the validation toll free number or by utilizing the department's website within 72 hours of the kill. Hunters utilizing electronic tags shall electronically tag and validate their harvest before moving the deer. Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands can validate deer per instructions by LDWF using the DMAP harvest data sheets.

2. ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP may not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. See DMAP Regulations (LAC 76:V.111) for more information.

3. ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some federal refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, national forest lands, and federal refuges) which will have specified either-sex days. Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP may not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. See DMAP Regulations (LAC 76:V.111) for more information.

4. Bucks Only and Legal Antlered Deer are defined as A legal antlered deer is a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing antlerless deer is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

5. *Either-Sex deer* is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

6. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with centerfire firearms smaller than .22 caliber, rimfire firearms smaller than .30 caliber, or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or slug. Pre-charged pneumatic devices may be used during the modern firearm season for deer provided that they fire a projectile of at least .30 caliber in diameter and at least 150 grains in weight with a minimum muzzle velocity of 800 feet per second or any combination of bullet weight and muzzle velocity that produces muzzle energy of at least 215 foot pounds of energy. Arrows or bolts used with a pre-charged pneumatic device shall only be used with well sharpened broadhead points and may be used to hunt deer only during modern firearm deer season. Handguns may be used for hunting.

7. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A dog may be used to trail and retrieve mortally wounded ~~or unrecovered~~ deer. The dog must be leashed during legal hunting hours, but may be unleashed after legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve mortally wounded ~~or unrecovered~~ deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number.

9. It is illegal to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however the restriction in this Paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

10. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

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 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.

12. Primitive Firearms Season: Still Hunt Only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. A deer or senior license, whichever is appropriate, is required for all hunters 18 years of age and older. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age hunting the primitive firearms season shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a Bucks Only season is in progress. In such cases, hunters must conform to the bucks only regulations except antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided that a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at the time of harvest.

a. Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season

i. Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or

approved substitute only, take ball, shot, or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

ii. Single shot, breech loading rifles or single shot, breech loading pistols, .35 caliber or larger, having an exposed hammer, that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

iii. Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or slug.

iv. Youths 17 or younger may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season in each deer hunting area.

13. Archery Season. A deer or senior license, whichever is appropriate, is required for all bow hunters 18 years of age and older. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age archery deer hunting shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and except in areas 5, 6 and 9 from October 1-15. Archers must conform to the bucks only regulations except antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided that a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at the time of harvest. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA.

a. Bow and Arrow Regulations. Traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take for all properly licensed hunters. Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened broadhead

points. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and may not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a deer or turkey season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow or arrows with explosive tips;

(b). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds;

(c). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared, laser sight, electrically-operated sight or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night (does not include non-projecting red dot sights) [R.S. 56:116.1.B.(4)].

14. Hunter Orange or Blaze Pink. Any person hunting any wildlife during the open gun deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire rifle shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink”. Persons hunting on privately owned land may wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned or to archery deer hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. Warning: deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring “hunter orange” or “blaze pink”.

15. Physically Challenged Firearms Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex): first Saturday of October for two days. Restricted to individuals with physically challenged hunter permit.

16. Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex). Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9: last Saturday of October for seven days; Area 2: second Saturday of October for seven days; and Areas 3, 7, 8 and 10: fourth Saturday of September for seven days. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Additionally, any person younger than 18 years of age shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Except youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. One of the following must be carried by veterans while hunting:

- a. Louisiana OMV issued U.S. Veterans Driver's License; or
- b. U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 or one of the following

DD_214 equivalents:

- i. pre DD 214 era documents (1941_1950):
 - (a). WE AGO (war department adjutant general) forms, to include WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53_55;

(b). JAVPERS (naval personnel) discharge documents, to include NAVPERS 553, NAVMC78PD, NAVCG 553;

ii. National Personnel Records Center NPRC "statement of service," issued as a result of a destroyed discharge record during the 1973 National Archives fire;

iii. National Guard/Air National Guard must have NGB_22 with 6 or more years of service.

F. Description of Areas, 2021-2023

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula—east of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;

ii. Grant—east of US 165 and south of LA 8;

iii. LaSalle—south of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, east of US 84 northward to LA 8, south of LA 8 eastward to parish line;

iv. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake;

v. Rapides—east of US 165 and north of Red River.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

- i. Catahoula—south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek;
- ii. East Carroll—all;
- iii. Franklin—all;
- iv. Morehouse—east of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake;
- v. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake;
- vi. Richland—all;
- vii. West Carroll—all.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn;
- ii. except: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as area 2, except still hunting only for deer.

- b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
 - i. Allen—north of US 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of US 165 from Kinder northward to LA 10 at Oakdale, north of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line;
 - ii. Avoyelles—that portion west of I-49;
 - iii. Catahoula—west of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, north and west of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line;
 - iv. Evangeline—all except the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;
 - v. Grant—all except that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165;
 - vi. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190;
 - vii. LaSalle—north of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, west of US 84 northward to LA 8, north of LA 8 eastward to parish line;
 - viii. Morehouse—west of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line at Wham Brake;

ix. Ouachita—all except south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line at Wham Brake;

x. Rapides—all except north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

xi. Vernon—north of LA 10 from the parish line westward to LA 113, south of LA 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of LA 465 west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster—Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest (see Kisatchie National Forest regulations);

ii. Ouachita—east of Ouachita River;

iii. Rapides—west of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, west of I-49 southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line;

iv. Vernon—east of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—~~west of US 165 and south of LA 10~~ south of LA 10 eastward to US 165 at Oakdale, west of US 165 at Oakdale southward to US 190 at Kinder, south of US 190 at Kinder eastward to parish line;

iii. Beaugard—east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon— east of LA 113 to Pitkin, south of LA 10 to Allen Parish line, west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

b. Still hunting only for portions of the following parishes:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—south of US 190 and west of LA 113;

iii. Beauregard—west of LA 113 and east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10;

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line;

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167;

ix. Vernon—west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. East Baton Rouge—all except that portion west of I-110 and west of US 61;

ii. East Feliciana—east of US 61;

iii. Livingston—north of I-12;

iv. Tangipahoa—north of I-12;

v. St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge—east of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line, south of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959 east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to LA 67;

ii. St. Helena—north of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to Rohner Road, south of Rohner Road to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier;

iii. Tangipahoa—that portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10;

iv. Washington and St. Tammany—east of LA 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation

Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany Parish line to the Tangipahoa Parish line, east of the Tangipahoa Parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with LA 25.

5. Area 5

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. St. Martin—south of I-10 and east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville—south of I-10 and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

iii. Iberia—east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

iv. St. Mary—east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

v. High water benchmark closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville and St. Martin parishes south of I-10, west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, and north of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 17 feet msl at Butte LaRose. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville, St. Martin, St. Mary and Iberia parishes west

of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 14 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

6. Area 6

a. All of West Feliciana and Pointe Coupee Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles—all except that portion west of I-49;

ii. East Baton Rouge—that portion west of I-110 and west of US 61;

iii. East Feliciana—west of US 61;

iv. Evangeline—that portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

v. Iberville—all north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River;

vi. Lafayette—north of I-10 and east of I-49;

vii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

viii. St. Landry—east of US 167;

ix. St. Martin—north of I-10;

- x. West Baton Rouge—north of I-10.
- c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:
 - i. Avoyelles—north of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport;
 - ii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;
 - iii. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7 LA 964, east of Parish Road #7 east of LA 964 northward to US 61, north of US 61 westward to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

7. Area 7

- a. Portions of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Iberia—south of LA 14 and west of US 90;
 - ii. St. Mary—all except that portion north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River.

8. Area 8

- a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Beaugard—that portion west of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

ii. Calcasieu—that portion west of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of I-10 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

9. Area 9

a. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—east of US 90 and west of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and east of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee;

ii. Iberville—east of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi River;

iii. Lafayette—south of I-10 and east of US 90;

iv. Livingston—south of I-12;

v. St. Martin—west of the Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of I-10. East of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of I-10;

vi. St. Mary—east of US 90 from Iberia Parish line to the Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River except for portion within the East and West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levees;

vii. St. Tammany—that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain;

viii. Tangipahoa—south of I-12.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Iberville—east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Plaquemines—east of the Mississippi River;

iii. St. Bernard—all of the parish shall be still hunting only except that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre;

iv. St. John—south of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.

10. Area 10

a. All of Cameron and Vermillion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—south of I-10;

ii. Calcasieu—south of I-10;

iii. Iberia—west of US 90 and north of LA 14;

iv. Jefferson Davis—south of I-10;

v. Lafayette—south of I-10 and west of Hwy 90.

G. WMA Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950, section 109 of title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. WMA seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the LDWF secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. All privately owned property which is completely surrounded by a wildlife management area shall be subject to all state hunting and fishing provisions, including those provisions regarding seasons. Such private property shall not be subject to the special hunting and fishing provisions which govern the wildlife management area, except that deer may not be taken with the aid of dogs. However, the owner or lessee of such property shall be required to participate in the deer management assistance program provided for in R.S. 56:110. In addition, the owner or lessee of such property shall not be allowed to hunt, trap or take resident game by the aid of baiting or placing bait intended to attract or entice the resident game to the area where hunters are attempting to take them.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (including but not limited to acorns and pecans), wild plants, non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) or any species of butterflies, skippers or moths is prohibited without a permit from the LDWF. Gathering and/or removal of American lotus (*grande volée*, *Nelumbo lutea*) seeds and pods, soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh is prohibited.

j. Nature Trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

k. Deer seasons are for legal antlered deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, except that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and state seed grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

o. Operation of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) on WMAs is prohibited.

p. Operating, modifying, tampering with or altering any water control structures on WMAs is prohibited.

q. Limited Access Areas (LAA): Operation of internal combustion powered vessels prohibited September through January. Operation of trolling motors allowed. A *trolling motor* is defined as a self-contained unit that includes a completely submerged electric motor at the end of the shaft, propeller and controls, and is affixed to a vessel, either at the bow or stern. Vehicles prohibited November through January. Limited access areas are on Atchafalaya Delta, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Joyce, Manchac, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Pomme de Terre and Russell Sage WMAs. See WMA maps for specific locations.

2. Permits

a. A valid WMA access permit shall be required for use of department-administered lands including wildlife refuges, Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and Wildlife Conservation Areas (WCA). Persons under 18 years of age are exempt from this requirement. WMA access permits are not required for persons only traveling through the department-administered lands provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A self-clearing permit is required for all activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs. The self-clearing permit will consist of two portions: check in, check out. All persons must either check in/check out electronically through the LDWF WMA Self-Clearing Permit app/Internet Web Portal or obtain a WMA self-clearing permit from an information station. Users may check in one day in

advance of use. Users that check in by electronic means are required to possess proof of check in and must check out within 24 hours. If utilizing paper Self-Clearing Permit from an information station, check in portion must be completed and put in a permit box before each day's activity. The check-out portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When mandatory deer checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. When mandatory check in for deer seasons is specified on WMAs, hunters must check in at designated locations, and obtain a daily hunt permit. Self-clearing permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult was born before September 1, 1969 and has a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, this requirement is waived for the youth. Additionally, any youth participating in the hunt shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a

supervising adult. Contact the appropriate region office for maps of specific hunting areas.

Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt (on selected WMAs only). Only youths 17 or younger may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hogs and opossum may be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult was born before September 1, 1969 and has a valid hunting license or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the first or second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and/or Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Physically Challenged Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit on WMAs during the dates

specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering physically challenged seasons.

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. Contact region offices for more details.

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division office for more details.

h. Trapping. Consult annual trapping regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

i. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, two per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open hunting season in progress on WMAs.

Nighttime Experimental—all nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Self-clearing permit required.

j. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations except as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas. Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the

remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the small game emphasis areas. Small game emphasis areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bodcau, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Tunica Hills and Walnut Hill WMAs.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping and except as allowed pursuant to R.S. 56:109(C) and R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs except during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, federal law enforcement officers and holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations may possess firearms on WMAs provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists except as specified under WMA listing.

- d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.
- e. The following cannot be carried onto any WMA except during modern and primitive firearm deer seasons and during special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs (consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations):
 - i. centerfire rifles;
 - ii. centerfire break-action and centerfire bolt-action handguns;
 - iii. centerfire scoped handguns;
 - iv. shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel.
- f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs except as otherwise specified.
- g. Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearms and primitive firearms deer seasons.

5. Methods of Taking Game

- a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drives and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.
- b. On WMAs, except Floy McElroy WMA, the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day, not to exceed the Deer Area limit for the Deer Area that a WMA is contained within (all segments included) by all methods of take.
- c. Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait is prohibited on all WMAs, except bait may be kept in a vehicle traversing a WMA road or parked on a WMA road. Bait is defined as any substance used to attract game via ingestion.

- d. During mandatory deer check hunts, deer may not be skinned nor have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.
- e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only.
- f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are 2 inches or less in diameter. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees and are strictly prohibited. Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees, placed flat on the ground, and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and LDWF ID number. No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc., found unattended in a hunting

position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the LDWF. LDWF is not responsible for unattended stands left on an area.

g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Bayou Pierre, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Floy McElroy, ~~Fort Polk-Vernon~~ Fort Johnson-Vernon, Maurepas Swamp, Sherburne, and West Bay WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF field offices in Pineville, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.

h. Hunting from utility poles and structures, and oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the LDWF and disposed of by the LDWF. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on WMAs except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map, self-clearing permit is required. Organized trail rides prohibited except allowed by permit only on ~~Camp Beauregard~~ Esler Field. Hunting and trapping

from horses and mules is prohibited except for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

n. All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) except waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters and hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) except waterfowl hunters also must wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel and feral hogs. Also all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "hunter orange" or "blaze pink". Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap.

o. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

p. Archery Season for Deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer except as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or physically challenged hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Primitive Firearms Season for Deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule. Except youths 17 or younger may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearm season.

6. Camping

a. A WMA camping permit is required for all persons camping on LDWF operated campgrounds on WMAs. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, vessels, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16-day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities. Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis unless otherwise specified.

b. Houseboats and vessels utilized for recreational activities are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs except on stream banks adjacent to designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats and vessels shall not impede navigation. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboats may be moored by permit only in designated areas during hunting season. Permits are available by lottery annually or by five-year lease through a bid program.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by state and federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer,

or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

- d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.
- e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area unless otherwise specified.
- f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.
- g. Trash must be contained at all times while camping.
- h. Burning of trash is prohibited.
- i. Glass containers prohibited on campgrounds.
- j. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.
- k. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

- a. For your safety, all oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.
- b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges, or limited use areas unless otherwise specified.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, except for bird hunting and duck hunting, is experimental as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited except for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is a wheeled or tracked off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. *Utility Type Vehicle (UTV, also Utility Terrain Vehicle)*—any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, wheeled or tracked, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-

pressure tires or tracks, with specifications not to exceed the following: weight-1900 pounds, length-128" and width-68". UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 27 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTV's are commonly referred to as side by sides and may include golf carts.

c. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more measured from the center of the hub and horizontal to ground are prohibited.

d. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within WMAs due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

e. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

f. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft, "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and refuges, except type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated within WMAs except Bussey Brake WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only, and except personal water craft allowed on designated portions of Alexander State Forest WMA year-round. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, or persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. UTVs are restricted to marked UTV trails only, except that those UTVs in which the manufacturer's specifications do not exceed the weight, length, width, and tire restrictions for ATVs are allowed on ATV trails. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only. When WMA roads are closed to LMVs, ATVs and UTVs may then use those roads when allowed. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails marked with signs and/or paint, and depicted on WMA maps are open for use.

j. Use of special ATV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special physically challenged trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Physically challenged persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a physically challenged hunter program permit from the LDWF.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to physically challenged-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint.

Entrances to ATV trails that are open year round will be marked with purple paint. The end of all

ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs except on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 4 a.m., except raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 except squirrel hunters are allowed to use ATV trails during the spring squirrel season on the WMA and except certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. Caution. Many LDWF-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads, unless specific signage otherwise allows or restricts.

o. Hunters are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV or electric bicycle except on Thistlethwaite, Sherburne, Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken, Lake Boeuf, Biloxi, and the Crusel Tract of Maurepas Swamp WMAs under the following conditions:

i. no firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;

ii. the retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;

iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located;

iv. UTV's may not be used to retrieve downed deer or hogs.

p. No wake zones. Operation of vessels beyond bare steerage speed (the slowest speed a vessel can travel while allowing the operator to maintain directional control of the vessel) in posted no wake zones is prohibited.

q. Electric bicycles are restricted to designated roads and ATV/UTV trails.

r. Factory OEM installed or OEM equivalent exhausts are required for all boat/powercraft motors. No person shall operate or allow to be operated a powercraft with an altered muffler or muffler cutout or in a manner that bypasses or reduces the effectiveness of the muffler system.

10. Commercial Activities

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters. No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any WMA, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Except for licensed activities otherwise allowed by law, commercial activities are prohibited without a permit issued by the secretary of the LDWF.

c. Commercial Fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except

minnow and bait seines) are prohibited except experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Richard K. Yancey WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Russell Sage WMAs except commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. WMAs Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule) and except non-toxic shot, size 6 or smaller must be used for dove, rail, snipe, and gallinule. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited. Spring squirrel season with or without dogs: first Saturday of May for nine days. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMAs.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs except for Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, and Pass-a-Loutre. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Clear Creek, Little River, Pearl River, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay and that portion of Dewey W. Wills north of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions. During the February dog season hunters may use centerfire handguns in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, except the turkey and spring squirrel seasons, take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds, with or without the use of electronic calls, is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 1. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

- a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor. Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.
 - i. Archery only: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.
 - ii. All other seasons closed. No motorized vehicles allowed and no access via I-49 right-of-way.
 - b. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted, double white bands. Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires except in recreational areas. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Pineville or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. PCHP blind hunting by reservation for Class I, III and IV PCHP permittees only.
 - i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
 - (b). Firearms: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either sex.
- Mandatory Deer Check; Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, bucks only.

- (c). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

Mandatory Deer Check.

- (d). Youth Lottery: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, third Sat. in Dec. for 2 days, either-sex.

- (e). PCHP Blinds: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, second Sat. in Dec. for 2 days.

- ii. Small Game: Same as outside except closed during deer primitive firearms (either-sex), deer firearms (either-sex) and deer firearms (bucks only) season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

- iii. Waterfowl: Same as outside. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

- c. Atchafalaya Delta. Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

All persons must either check in/check out electronically through the LDWF WMA Self-Clearing Permit app/Internet Web Portal or obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an information station located at Main Delta campground, Wax Delta Campground, Cul-de-sac on Big Island, and Berwick Public Boat Launch (Jesse Fontenot Boat Launch). Camping and houseboat mooring allowed ONLY in designated campgrounds. Houseboat mooring allowed by permit only during hunting season (see Subparagraph G. 6. Camping b. for details) and by normal means during remainder of the year. Vessels/Vehicles: Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules prohibited except as permitted for authorized

WMA trappers. Big Island: Except for youth deer hunting (provided for below), all other hunting closed from October 1 through the last day of youth deer seasons. Main Delta area closed to all hunting except for youth deer hunting during youth deer seasons. **Limited Use Area: Access prohibited Mar. 1-Jan. 31. Hunting restricted to rabbit with shotgun only from first day of Feb. through last day of Feb. non-toxic (maximum size #6) shot only, without beagles only. See WMA map for specific location.**

- i. Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 on Main Delta only; no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta.
- ii. Deer Youth Shotgun (buckshot only, either-sex) and Archery (either-sex): first Sat. of Oct. for 2 days; second Sat. of Oct. for 2 days on Main Delta only; no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta.
- iii. Small Game: same as outside except Rabbit Only:
 - (a). Wax Lake Delta: first Sat. of Oct. through last day of Feb. Beagles prohibited November through January.
 - (b). Main Delta: first day of Feb. through last day of Feb. with or without beagles. Closed October through January.
- iv. Waterfowl: same as outside, except shooting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck season and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season, and except shooting hours are the same as outside for the Youth Hunt weekend.
- v. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters Oct. 1 to the last day of February. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 -

March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” and wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

d. Attakapas. Area closed to all except Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

i. Deer

(a). Deer hunting will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 14 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

(b). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

(c). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(d). Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms (Bucks only): third Sat. of Jan. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except small game hunting closed during either-sex modern firearms seasons closed during youth deer seasons and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.

e. Bayou Macon. Area Closed: To all except Youth Deer Hunters last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms: Either sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Primitive Firearms: third Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

ii. Turkey: ~~General Lottery: last Sat. of Area B season for 2~~ days closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex modern firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after third Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to firearms either-sex deer, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1- August 31.

iv. Raccoon: (Nighttime): Sept. 1 for 16 days and first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

f. Bayou Pierre. Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing except for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with “Waterfowl Refuge” signs. Contact Minden Office for details for lottery hunts listed below at 318-371-3050.

i. Deer

(a). Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex. Archery hunting is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

ii. Waterfowl Lottery Only: (Designated Portion)

(a). Lottery Youth Hunt: same as outside youth waterfowl hunt.

(b). General Lottery Hunt: second weekend of first split and first weekend of second and third splits of the West Zone season.

iii. Other Small Game: same as outside and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

g. Big Colewa Bayou. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, either-sex and second Sat. of Dec. for 16 days, bucks only.

i. Deer

(a). Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside and open to

squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 1 to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small

Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon.

after third Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for

squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iii. All nighttime activities prohibited.

h. Big Lake. Area closed to all south of Big Lake and Crystal Roads

when youth deer season is open. North of Big Lake and Crystal Roads open to all activities.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. Youth

hunt on designated portion. See WMA map for specific location.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day

for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: second Sat. of Dec. for 14

days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: day after firearms bucks only

season closes for 14 days.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, except

season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens on Good Friday.

(a). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days, except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days.

iii. Small Game: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms seasons and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iv. Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex modern firearms seasons.

v. Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

vi. Sport Fishing: yoyos, limblines and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.

vii. Commercial fishing: commercial fishing is prohibited.

i. Biloxi. Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities.

Vessels/Vehicles: All airboats, ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft "long-tail" air-cooled mud motors that are 25 total horsepower or less. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels, including "surface-drive" boats, are prohibited. Overnight mooring of all vessels 50 feet in length or more is prohibited. Dogs are prohibited except retrievers allowed for waterfowl hunting. No structures may be erected including fixed or permanent blinds of any type.

i. Deer

- (a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15.
- (b). Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16-Jan. 31.
- ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season.

j. Bodcau. Area closed to all except Youth deer hunters during the Youth Deer Hunt on designated portion. Limited Use Area: Small game and waterfowl same as rest of WMA. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

- i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
 - (b). Youth: Sat. after second Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex on designated portion.

- (c). Firearms either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day. Last Sat. of Oct. and Sun. after last Sat. of Oct., Mandatory Deer Check.

- (d). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

- ii. Turkey
 - (a). Opening day of statewide season for 16 days, except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.
 - (b). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days. Fourth Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during the youth deer hunt on designated portion and entire area first 2 days of modern firearms deer season except spring squirrel season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel from the first Sat. of Oct. through the Fri. immediately prior to the opening day of firearms deer season, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-~~August 31~~ Sept. 30.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb. and May 1-Sept. 30.

v. Bird Dog Training Area: open all year except closed during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Minden Office for information.

vi. Fishing: nets and traps prohibited on Ivan Lake.

k. Boeuf. Area Closed to all south of LA 4 except Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open. North of LA 4 open to all activities. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoir.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: second Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. - Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. - Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: first Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: day after the close of Firearms Bucks Only for 14 days. Second Sat. of Nov. for 7 days.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, except season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens Good Friday closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during Deer Either-sex modern firearms season, and except spring squirrel season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb. Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after third Sat. of Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.

1. Buckhorn. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit; and second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: third Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: day after firearms bucks only

season ends for 14 days.

(f). Youth and Physically Challenged Wheelchair

Confined Deer Hunting Area: check map for location. Access restricted. Call Monroe or Baton Rouge Offices for further details.

(g). Youth Lottery: second weekend and last

consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. except when either of those days falls on Dec. 24 or 25, then it will be the third weekend of Dec. and first consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by pre-application lottery only.

(h). Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined:

second weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. except when either of those days falls on Dec. 24 or 25, then it will be the third weekend of Dec. and first consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. Either-sex. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined. PCHP permittees only.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed

during either-sex modern firearm season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms season

ends to the last day of Feb.

m. Bussey Brake. Area closed to all hunting and trapping activity.

Area closed to all activities between two hours after sunset until 4 a.m. with the exception of rod and reel or cane pole fishing. Fishing may take place between these hours at the north fishing

pier or by boat. Access to all other areas are prohibited between these hours. Recreational fishing and all other allowed non-consumptive uses only. No personal watercraft or water skiing. No camping. No ATVs/UTVs or electric bicycles allowed. No motorized vehicles of any type allowed on reservoir levee except at boat launch for purpose of launching boat or to access fishing pier. Pulling boats over levees or any other activities that cause detriment to the levees is prohibited. Horseback riding and non-motorized bicycles are allowed only on the designated trail named Levee Trail (see map at boat launch kiosk). Access is granted at two marked locations, adjacent to the boat launch and just beyond the boat launch parking area. No tying boats to channel marker poles. A No-Wake Zone is in effect in the harbor inside the wave break. No boats allowed within 30 feet of fishing piers.

i. Fishing: fish may be taken only by rod and reel or cane pole for recreational purposes. **Tournament fishing allowed by Special Use Permit only.** All types of nets, including but not limited to gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, wire nets, fyke nets and fish seines are prohibited. Trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, stump lines, slat traps, jugs, cans, and pipes are prohibited. Shoreline (non-boat) fishing only allowed at designated locations. No fishing or lake access from rocks along interior of reservoir levee.

(a). Black Bass (*Micropterus spp.*)

(i). Daily limit: recreational daily creel limit shall be five fish, in the aggregate;

(ii). Possession limit: possession limit shall be five fish while on water and ten fish while off water, in the aggregate;

(iii). Length: the maximum total length limit shall be 16 inches, with the exception that one fish over 16 inches may be kept.

- (b). Crappie (*Pomoxis spp.*)
 - (i). Daily limit: recreational daily limit shall be 25 fish in the aggregate;
 - (ii). Possession limit: possession limit shall be 25 fish while on water and 50 fish while off water, in the aggregate;
 - (iii). Length: the minimum total length shall be 10 inches.

- (c). Bream (*Lepomis spp.*)
 - (i). Daily limit: recreational daily creel limit shall be 50 fish, in the aggregate;
 - (ii). Possession limit: possession limit shall be 50 fish while on the water and 100 while off the water in the aggregate;
 - (iii). Length: no minimum length.

n. ~~Camp Beauregard. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit. No hunting in Restricted Areas. Swimming in Twin Lakes prohibited. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Area Closed: To all except Youth Deer Hunters second full weekend in November.~~

- i. ~~Deer:~~
 - (a). ~~Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either sex.~~
 - (b). ~~Youth Deer Hunt: second full weekend in Nov., either sex on designated portion of the WMA.~~
 - (c). ~~Firearms Bucks Only: Dec. 26-Jan. 1.~~

(d). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station. Second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days Self-Clearing Permit.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, except season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside, except closed during either sex gun hunts for deer and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. to last day of Feb.

v. Fishing: special regulations to be posted at Twin Lakes.

o n. Clear Creek. Area Closed to all except Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting blind reservations for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2

days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check and Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after close of Primitive Season to Thanksgiving Day, and second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after first either-sex firearms weekend for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). Mon. after second Sat. of April for 21 days.

(b). General Lottery: opening day of statewide season for 2 days, second Sat. of April for 2 days.

(c). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex gun hunts and except spring squirrel season will be open first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after firearms bucks only season closes to the last day of Feb.

p o. Dewey Wills. Area Closed: to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters during the Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Hunt only on that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal. High Water Benchmark Road Closures: Hunt

Road (South of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal) and Muddy Bayou Road east of Nolan Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gauge reaches 45.0 ft. msl, and will reopen when water levels recede to 43.0 ft. msl, and Muddy Bayou Road west of the intersection of Nolan Bayou Road and Sandy Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gauge reaches 42.0 ft. msl and will reopen when water levels recede to 40.0 ft. msl.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Physically Challenged and Youth: last Sat. of Oct.

for 2 days, either-sex. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to Physically Challenged and youth deer hunters. The remainder of the area is open to all.

(c). Youth Lottery: first Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, first Sat. of Jan. for 2 days except when Jan. 1 falls on one of those days, then there will be no hunt that weekend, second Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, and third Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, either-sex. Contact Pineville Office (318-487-5885) for details and applications.

(d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit. No hunting allowed in the greentree impoundment or within 100 feet of the greentree levee if duck season is in progress.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during Physically Challenged and Youth Deer Season north of the Diversion Canal and the entire area during the either-sex firearm hunt except waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the greentree impoundment and Catahoula Basin during the firearm either-sex season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after Firearms Bucks-Only season ends to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel first Sat. of Oct. to the third Sun. of Nov., and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31. Catahoula Basin: Nov. 1-Jan. 31, all motorized vessels prohibited 2 p.m. to 4 a.m., and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season except for the Catahoula Basin buffer zone, which will remain open to motorized vessels year round for recreation and navigation.

iv. Raccoon

(a). Nighttime: day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

(b). Nighttime Chase only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

v. Crawfish: limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

vi. Larto Tracts: all season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, except deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles, including ATVs, are prohibited.

q p. Elbow Slough

i. Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only during first and second split of the outside season, and except by lottery only opening Sat. and second Sat. of first 8 days of first split. Applications available at Pineville office and online.

Contact Pineville office for details.

ii. Rabbit: Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. Beagles allowed.

iii. Crawfish: March-July. Limit: 100 lbs. per person per day.

Recreational crawfishing only. No traps or nets left overnight.

iv. Woodcock: same as outside.

v. All other seasons closed. Non-toxic (minimum size #6)

shot only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

f. q. Elm Hall. ATVs/UTVs prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

(b). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

(c). Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and the fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(d). Primitive Firearms: next to last Sat. in Jan. for 2 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearm seasons for deer, beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for

squirrel hunting the day after the close of primitive firearms to the end of Feb. and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

r. Esler Field. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit. No hunting in Restricted Areas. Swimming in Twin Lakes prohibited. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Area closed: to all except youth deer hunters second full weekend in November.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: second full weekend in Nov., either-sex on designated portion of the WMA.

(c). Firearms Bucks Only: Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

(d). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station. Second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days, except season will open for 10 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside, except closed during either-sex gun hunts for deer and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): last consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan. to last day of Feb.

v. Fishing: special regulations to be posted at Twin Lakes.

s. Floy Ward McElroy. Access restricted. Contact Monroe Wildlife Field Office at 318-343-4045 for information.

i. Deer: limit 1 deer per participant per weekend for all hunts.

(a). Youth Lottery: second weekend and last consecutive Sat. and Sun. of Dec. except when either of those days falls on Dec. 24 or 25, then it will be the third weekend of Dec., and second consecutive Sat. and Sun. in Jan., either-sex. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

(b). Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Lottery: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex. Restricted to wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

(c). Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) Lottery Deer Hunt: first weekend in Dec. Hunt restricted to those that have successfully completed the Becoming an Outdoors Woman Deer Management Course. Must be Hunter Education certified. Contact LDWF Education Section, 318-343-1241, for more information.

t. Fort Johnson North. Self-clearing permit required daily for all activities. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Check LDWF Hunting Pamphlet for information on open areas and special ATV regulations. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it

is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex except restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

(b). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, Self-Clearing Permit required.

(c). Firearms Either-Sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, mandatory deer check, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. "Hunter orange" or "blaze pink" must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1. Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 2 to the end of Feb. Hunters must also display 400 square

inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” and wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

u. ~~Fort Polk-Vernon~~ Fort Johnson-Vernon. Self-clearing permit required daily for all activities. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Check LDWF Hunting Pamphlet for information on open areas and special ATV regulations. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles Office for details and applications. Hunting blind reservations for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

Special Archery regulations for Archery Only Area, check locally at Building 2396 on 22nd St., either-sex deer legal the entire season. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

(b). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Oct. for 7 days,

Self-Clearing Permit required.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days

mandatory deer check, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to

Thanksgiving Day, second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.
(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. "Hunter orange" or "blaze pink" must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1. Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 2 to the end of Feb. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

v. Fishing: special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

u v. Grassy Lake. Area Closed: To all except Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

i. Deer
(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.
(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.
(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms (either-sex): second Sat. of Dec.

for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed

during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season

first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed

for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Sport Fishing: same as outside except allowed after 2 p.m.

during waterfowl season, and except allowed after 10 a.m. during early Teal Season on Smith

Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

v. Commercial Fishing: permitted except on Smith Bay, Red

River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season.

Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Lafayette Field Office.

vi. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days, day

after primitive firearms season ends for 12 days, and day after bucks only firearm season ends to

the last day of Feb.

vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100

pounds per person daily. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

W. Hutchinson Creek

i. Deer: same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting first Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon: second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and first Sat. of Jan to the last day of Feb.

w x. J. C. Sonny Gilbert. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day

for 3 days, self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: first Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: day after close of Firearms

Bucks Only for 14 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: opening day of statewide season

for 9 days, with 3 consecutive 3 day hunts.

(b). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide

season for 2 days, except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex modern firearms seasons for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring

season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb.

v. Sport Fishing: restricted to rod and reel, and pole fishing only. All other gear prohibited.

* y. John Franks

i. Deer

(a). Archery Only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel Sat. before Christmas to end of Feb. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

y z. Joyce. Swamp Walk: closed from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways.

Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms bucks only: third Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms (either-sex): second Sat. of Jan. for 2 days and Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms ends to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms ends to last day of Feb.

iv. Crawfish: limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

z aa. Lake Boeuf. Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities. Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA 308. All nighttime activities prohibited **except that hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. and must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.** ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

(b). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 31

ii. Waterfowl: same as outside.

iii. Small Game: first day of Nov. to the last day of Feb. and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season from the first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited November and December.

aa bb. Lake Ramsey. All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads and designated parking areas.

i. Deer

(a). Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 16 days,

except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside and open to

squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.

iv. Foot traffic only—all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads,

except ATVs allowed for hunters retrieving downed deer or feral hogs.

v. Bird Dog Training Area: open all year except closed during

WMA Turkey Season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for information.

bb cc. Little River

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Firearms Bucks Only: last Sat. of Oct. for 16 days.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day

for 3 days, and second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 16 days,

except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

iii. Raccoon

(a). Nighttime: Mon. after second Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

(b). Nighttime Chase Only: May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take seasons only.

iv. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except spring squirrel season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

v. Crawfish: March-July. Limit: 100 pounds per person per day. Recreational crawfishing only. No traps or nets left overnight.

ee dd. Loggy Bayou. Limited Use Area: small game and waterfowl same as rest of WMA. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(c). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms seasons for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season,

first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Sat. before Christmas to the last day of Feb.

dd ee. Manchac

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15

either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb.

iv. Crabs: no crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

ee ff. Marsh Bayou

i. Deer: same as outside, Archery Only, either-sex.

ii. Small Game: same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iii. Raccoon: second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

ff gg. Maurepas Swamp. Camping limited to tent camping in designated areas. See WMA map for locations. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail. Benchmark Closure: Area Closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge CRMS 5373, available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/rt> is at or above 3.0 ft. gage height and reopens to deer hunting when water levels recede to 2.5 ft. gage height following a closure. Motorized vehicles prohibited on Crusel Tract (see WMA map for Crusel Tract). Limited Use Area: small game same as outside except shotgun only. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location. Area Closed to all hunters except Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Hammond Office for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

i. Deer

- (a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.
- (b). Youth: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.
- (c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, and Sun. Self-Clearing Permit
- (d). Firearms Bucks Only: third Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.
- (e). Primitive Firearms (either-sex): second Sat. of Jan. for 2 days and Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts and closed during youth deer season and except spring squirrel season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms ends to the last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms ends to last day of Feb.

iv. Crawfish: limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

gg hh. Pass-A-Loutre. Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters, Camp Canal and all designated camping areas.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Camping allowed ONLY in designated areas. See self-clearing permit station at headquarters and WMA map for designated camping areas. Vessels/Vehicles:

All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled

propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower prohibited. Operation of mud

boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2 p.m. Sept. 1-Jan. 31, except allowed after 2 p.m. in South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro

Pass.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1- Feb.15.

(b). Youth Shotgun bucks only: second to last Sat. in

Oct. for 2 days.

(c). Deer Shotgun: bucks only may be taken with shotguns with either slugs or buckshot for seven days starting the day after the closure of the first split of duck season.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside. Beagles prohibited October through last day of waterfowl season.

iii. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of February. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16-March 31. Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs Feb. 16-March 15. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” and wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

iv. Commercial Fishing: same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

hh ii. Pearl River. Shooting range: Self-clearing permit not required but all range users must obtain a daily check in validation slip at the range upon sign-in at the range. For dates, time or more information call 985-643-3938 or www.honeyisland.org. No loaded firearms or hunting within 100 yards of Boardwalk. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90 will be closed when the river stage

at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe “No Hunting” signs. Area Closed to all hunters except Youth Hunters during Youth deer hunt.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days,

either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day

for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: first Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: two Sats. prior to Thanksgiving

for 7 days and day after firearms bucks only season closes for 14 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: opening day of statewide season

for 2 days.

(b). Youth: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of

statewide season.

iii. Small Game: same as outside except closed the Friday after

Thanksgiving Day for 3 days during either-sex firearms hunts for deer, and closed during youth

deer hunt, and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days,

with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day

after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

- iv. Waterfowl: same as outside except no hunting in

Waterfowl Refuge Area and except closed Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, and during youth deer hunt north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

- v. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

- vi. Crawfish: commercial crawfishing prohibited. Limited to 100 pounds per person per day.

ii. Peason Ridge. Self clearing permit required daily for all activities. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Check LDWF Hunting Pamphlet for information on open areas and special ATV regulations. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either sex except restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress.

(b). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Oct. for 7 days. Self-Clearing Permit required.

(c). Firearms Either sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days mandatory deer check, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. mandatory deer check, Sun. self-clearing permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either sex firearms hunts for deer and except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season. "Hunter orange" or "blaze pink" must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 12 days and Jan. 2 to last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1. Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 2 to the end of Feb. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for hogs.

jj. Pointe-Aux-Chenes. All nighttime activities prohibited except that hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. and must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified. Possession of more than one daily limit of fish/crab/shrimp while on the WMA is prohibited. Self-clearing permits available at Island Road Boat Launch, Grand Bayou Boat Launch and at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School. Parking of vehicles on levees prohibited. Vessels/Vehicles: All boats powered by internal combustion engines having total horsepower above 25 Hp are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal, and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by LDWF. All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and

mules are prohibited. Fishing, crabbing, cast netting or any other activities or trespassing on water control structures are prohibited.

i. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of February. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16-March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” and wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs. All Point-aux-Chenes Property except Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas

ii. Deer

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15.

(b). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16-Feb. 15.

(c). Firearms (bucks only): Fri. after Thanksgiving Day

for 3 days and second Sat. of Dec. for 7 days.

iii. Waterfowl: same as outside.

iv. Small Game: same as outside except closed during bucks only firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season from the first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited October through December.

v. Recreational Fishing: the harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All cast net contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately.

vi. Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 lbs. per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) maximum shall be

permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 lbs. per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) may be taken for bait.

vii. Oyster Harvesting Prohibited.

viii. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

ix. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. No drop net is allowed to be left unattended at any time. A maximum of 12 drop nets may be possessed/attended per boat or vehicle. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

x. Crawfish: may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 lbs. per person per day. Gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

xi. Point Farm Unit (Pointe-aux-Chenes). An approximately 1300-acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School, the Point Farm levee and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all Saturdays during the month of February, weather permitting. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Except for mourning dove hunting, (provided for below) all other hunting activities closed until after the last day of youth deer hunts. Area closed to all except Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open. Limited Use Area: archery only, firearms prohibited. See WMA map for specific location.

(a). Deer
(i). Youth Lottery (either-sex): first Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, second Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, daily youth hunt permit required. Call the Lafayette Field Office, Coastal WMAs, 337-735-8667 for details.

(ii). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16-Jan. 14.
(b). Waterfowl: closed.
(c). Small Game: same as outside, except closed until the day after the last youth deer hunt day and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season from the first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited October and November. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

(d). Mourning Dove: hunting will be permitted each day during the September split and each day of the second and third splits (AFTER the last youth deer hunt day). Gates will be opened on Saturdays during the first and second segments, weather permitting, except during waterfowl season and Youth Deer Hunt weekends. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

kk. Pomme de Terre. Area Closed: to all except Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

i. Deer
(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.
(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.
(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

- (d). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.
- (e). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.
- ii. Turkey: fourth Sat. of April for 9 days.
 - (a). Youth Lottery: third Sat. of April for 2 days.
- iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunt for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel first Sat. of Oct.-day before last Sat. of Oct., Mon. after Thanksgiving for 12 days, and Mon. after primitive firearms season for 12 days and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.
 - (a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.
- iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after firearms bucks only season ends to last day of Feb.
- v. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday except closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Lafayette Wildlife Field Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.
- vi. Sport Fishing: same as outside except allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, and except allowed after 10 a.m. during early Teal Season.
- vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs. per person daily. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

II. Richard K. Yancey. Area closed on that portion of the area south of Black Hawk Acme Levee Road, west of LA Hwy. 15, southward to Old River Control Structure, thence south to Sugar Mill Chute, last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. The remainder of the WMA is open to all users.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth Lottery: third and fourth Sat. of Dec. except if the fourth Sat. is Christmas Day, then the hunt will be the second and third Sat. of Dec. and the first and second Sat. in Jan. except when the first Sat. of Jan. is New Year's Day then the hunt will be the second and third Sat. of Jan., either-sex.

(c). Youth and Physically Challenged: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms (Either-Sex): second Saturday in December for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during the either-sex firearms season and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after firearms bucks only season ends to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed

for squirrel first Sat. of Oct.-Oct. 31, and Mon. after Thanksgiving for 12 days, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Quail: closed.

v. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after firearms bucks only season ends to last day of Feb.

vi. Crawfish: recreational crawfishing allowed west of the Mississippi River Levee only Mar. 15 to July 31, recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvested limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

vii. Sport Fishing and Commercial Fishing: same as outside except closed from 30 minutes before sunrise until 2 p.m. on: Grand Bay, Silver Lake, Lower Sunk Lake, Lac A' Sostien, and Moreau Lake during open waterfowl seasons, except during early Teal Season, recreational fishing allowed after 10 a.m.

mm. Russell Sage. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days South of I-20 only to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. North of I-20 open to all other allowable activities. Wham Brake: closed to all motorized vessels 14 days prior to opening day of duck and teal seasons, excluding youth and Veteran days. Also closed to all motorized vessels during waterfowl season splits, and September 1-Jan. 31, all motorized vessels prohibited 2 p.m. to 4 a.m., and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Highway 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during Falconry Waterfowl Season. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Chauvin Tract: All season dates on Chauvin

Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, except still hunt only, except deer hunting restricted to archery only, and except small game shotgun only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

Wham Brake Area: Waterfowl hunting open during either-sex deer season.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: last Sat. of Oct.

for 2 days, either-sex, south of I-20 only.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day

for 3 days, Fri. and Sat. Mandatory Deer Check, Sun. Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: second Sat. of Dec. for 14

days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after Firearms either-sex

season for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed

during either-sex firearms deer seasons, except Wham Brake area, South Bosco Tract and Pintail

Alley area will remain open during either-sex firearms deer seasons, and except spring squirrel

season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed

for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after the last deer firearms season

(bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis

Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after third Sat. of

Oct.-Sun. prior to Thanksgiving, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed

June 1-August 31. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

- (a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.
- iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): first Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after the last deer firearms season (bucks only or primitive) to last day of Feb.
- iv. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.
- nn. Sabine. Area Closed: to all activities third Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all but Youth Deer Hunters.
 - i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.
 - (b). Youth and Physically Challenged: third Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.
 - (c). Firearms Either-Sex: fourth Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-clearing Permit.
 - (d). Firearms Bucks Only: day after primitive firearm season to day before Thanksgiving Day. First Sat. of December for 9 days.
 - (e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after the fourth Sat. in Oct. for 7 days.
 - ii. Turkey
 - (a). General Lottery: second Fri. of April for 3 days, fourth Fri. of April for 3 days.
 - iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season,

first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Sat. before Christmas to last day of Feb.

oo. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east. Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only. Area Closed: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days to all except Youth Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Same as Area 8 Deer Season except still hunt only.

(b). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

(c). Youth: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

iii. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from third Sat. of Sept. to last day of Feb. Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs Feb. 1 to last day of Feb.

pp. Salvador/Timken. Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche, Bayou Segnette State Park landings, and at Airboat

Adventures in Lafitte. Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules prohibited. Use of mud boats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. AREA Closed: During the month of October to all activities except fishing, Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters, if the latter is provided for.

i. Deer

(a). Archery (either-sex): Nov. 1-Jan. 31.

(b). Youth (either-sex): Last 4 Sats. of Oct. for 2 days

each except when the last Sat. is the 31st in which case the season will be the first four Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each, either sex.

(c). Firearms (either-sex): Fri. before Thanksgiving for 3 days.

(d). Firearms (bucks only): Mon. before Thanksgiving Day for 28 days.

(e). Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): day after Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

ii. Waterfowl: same as outside.

iii. Small Game: same as outside except closed October through December. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. through last day of Feb.

iv. Feral Hogs: may be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of February. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber

from Feb. 16-March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” and wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

v. Recreational Fishing: the harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

vi. Shrimp: may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 lbs. per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 lbs. per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All cast net contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately.

vii. Fish: may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes.

viii. Crabs: may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.

ix. Crawfish: may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 lbs. per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

x. Experimental Nighttime Activity Season

(a). 12 a.m., June 1 through official sunrise Aug. 15.

Nighttime activities LIMITED to the take of frogs and fishing with a rod and reel. All other nighttime activities prohibited. Daily limit of 50 frogs per vessel in aggregate (bull frogs/pig frogs). If engaged in frogging on or while traversing the WMA, all frogs in possession will be

deemed to have been taken from the WMA. At no time may anyone possess more than one daily limit of frogs while on the water.

(b). Size Limit: (Measured from the tip of the muzzle to the posterior end of the body between the hind legs). Bull frogs harvested must be 5 inches or larger. Pig frogs harvested must be 3 inches or larger.

(c). Check out portion of self-clearing permit must include boat registration number under the comments section. Possession of firearms while participation in any experimental nighttime activity is prohibited.

qq. Sandy Hollow. No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Hammond office (985-543-4777). Area Closed: North tract closed to all hunters first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters.

i. Deer

(a). Youth/Physically Challenged: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

(b). Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and third Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

(d). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, fourth Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, and the first Sat. of Jan. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 16 days, except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days and Youth/Physically Challenged hunt, and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Mourning Dove: first day and second Sat. through end of first split. Closed remainder of first split. Second and third splits are same as outside except Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment. Hunt restricted to youths younger than 18 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

vi. Bird Dog Training: Mon. after opening day of Mourning Dove Season to the Sun. before opening of Quail Season and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb., except restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and except blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

vii. Bird Dog Training Area: an area has been designated to allow use of released birds for dog training purposes. Open all year except closed during either-

sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season and opening weekend of the first segment of dove season. Contact Hammond Office (985-543-4777) for information.

viii. Bird Dog Field Trials: permit required from Hammond Office.

ix. Horseback Riding: Self-clearing Permit required.

Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails (see WMA map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer except as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances prohibited.

rr. Sherburne. The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed except specified lottery hunts, within the levee system of the farm from the Fri. before the first lottery youth deer hunt on the South Farm until the day after the last lottery duck hunt on the South Farm. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only during the open regular duck hunting season. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations. No hunting allowed within the levee system of the farm. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days except to Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters and South Farm closed to all hunters except youth lottery deer hunters. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lafayette or Baton Rouge Offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons as listed below. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Waterfowl Hunting Area: Access restricted. Call Lafayette or Baton

Rouge Offices for further details. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, all other seasons closed, Self-Clearing Permit.

(c). Youth Lottery: last Sat. and Sun. of Oct., fourth Mon. of Dec., and first and second Sun. of Jan. except no hunt on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, either-sex. Contact Lafayette office, 337-262-2080 for details and applications.

(d). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check and Sun. after Thanksgiving, Self-Clearing Permit, and second Sat. after Thanksgiving for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(f). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after close of Firearms Bucks only for 3 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game: same as outside except closed during Firearms Either-Sex Deer and except spring squirrel season will be open the first Sat. of May for 9 days only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

(b). On that portion designated as Small Game

Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel first Sat. of Oct.- Oct. 31, and Mon. after close of second firearms either-sex deer season for 9 days, except closed last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, and Gallinules: same as outside except closed during Firearms Either-Sex Deer and except hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited except no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex from the Friday before Youth Lottery Deer Hunt until the day after the last Waterfowl hunt on the South Farm. Contact the Wildlife Field Office for details and description of "South Farm."

(a). Youth Waterfowl Lottery: contact Lafayette Office for details and applications hunting by pre-application lottery only.

(b). Disabled Veterans Waterfowl Lottery: contact Lafayette Office for details and applications hunting by pre-application lottery only.

(c). General Waterfowl Lottery: hunting by pre-application lottery only.

v. Quail: closed.

vi. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left

overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Wildlife Field office for specific details.

viii. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

ix. Rifle and Pistol/Handgun Range open Tuesday-Sunday. Skeet ranges: manual thrower range open Tuesday through Sunday. High and low house open by appointment only, contact Lafayette office, 337-262-2080. No trespassing in restricted areas.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

x. Bird Dog Training Area: Open to bird dog training all year except closed during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season, and opening weekend of first and second segments of dove season.

ss. Soda Lake

i. Deer

(a). Archery Only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: portion west of Twelve Mile Bayou same as outside, falconry only and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, Falconry only. Portion east of Twelve Mile Bayou open same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel Sat. before Christmas to end of Feb. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs.

tt. Spring Bayou. Area Closed: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth Deer Hunters. No hunting allowed in Headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15

either sex.

(b). Youth: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day

for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: fourth Sat. of Dec. for 16

days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after close of Firearms

Bucks only for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). Youth Lottery: fourth Sat. of April for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except small

game closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Waterfowl to remain open during either-

sex firearms hunts for deer. Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May

for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel

hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

v. Commercial Fishing: gill nets and trammel nets 3.5 inches and greater permitted Monday through Friday except slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. The take and possession of grass carp is prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Lafayette Wildlife Field Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

vi. Sport Fishing: same as outside except only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, except during early Teal Season, recreational fishing allowed after 10 a.m.

vii. Crawfish: March 15-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. per person per day.

uu. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

i. Deer: same as outside.

ii. Turkey: same as outside.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after primitive firearms season ends to the last day of Feb.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after primitive firearms season ends to last day of Feb.

vv. Thistlethwaite. Restricted Area: small game hunting allowed with shotgun only loaded with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel. Deer hunting allowed by archery only. Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, except to Youth Deer Hunters. All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

(b). Youth Deer Hunt: last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Firearms Either-Sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, first Saturday of Dec. for 9 days, and fourth Saturday of Dec. for 2 days.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after the last Either-Sex Firearm hunt in Dec. for 14 days.

(e). Primitive Firearms: second Sat. in Nov. for 2 days and Mon. after close of Firearms Bucks Only for 7 days.

ii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts for deer and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting February 1-28.

ww. Tunica Hills. Area Closed Fri. through Sun. before opening day of statewide turkey season except youth turkey hunters and remain closed through the first nine

days of the statewide turkey season except for turkey hunters. Area Closed: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days to all except Youth Deer Hunters. Camping limited to tents only in designated areas.

i. Deer

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15, bucks only, Oct. 16-Jan. 31, either sex, Feb. 1-15, bucks only.

(b). Youth Hunt: first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

(c). Primitive Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing Permit, either-sex, second Sat. of Dec. for 9 days, except when there are 5 Sats. in Dec. then it will open on the third Sat. of Dec., the initial Sat. and Sun. either-sex, the remaining 7 days bucks only, self-clearing permit.

ii. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 9 days.

(a). Youth Lottery: Sat. and Sun. before opening day of statewide season.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during Youth Deer Hunt and Primitive Firearms Deer Hunt and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs, South Tract only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting third Saturday of Oct. for 7 days and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area (South Tract Only), training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

xx. Walnut Hill

- i. Deer: same as outside, Archery Only, Either-sex.
- ii. Turkey: same as outside.
- iii. Small Game: same as outside. Open to squirrel hunting

during the spring season first Sat. of May for 9 days. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel first Sat. of Oct.-Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1-August 31.

iv. Raccoon: second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and first Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

yy. West Bay. Area Closed: next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all except Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Limited Use Area: small game same as outside except shotgun only and deer hunting—Archery only. See WMA map for specific location. PCHP Limited Use Area (PCHP Wheelchair Bound Hunting Area): Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer season listed below.

- i. Deer
 - (a). Archery: third Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.
 - (b). Youth and Physically Challenged: next to last Sat.

of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for physically challenged and youth hunters only.

- (c). Firearms Either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days

Mandatory Deer Check and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing.

(d). Firearms Bucks Only: Mon. after close of Primitive Season to Thanksgiving Day, and second Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

(e). Primitive Firearms: Mon. after first either-sex firearms weekend for 7 days.

ii. Turkey

(a). General Lottery: opening day of statewide season for 2 days, second Sat. of April for 2 days, third Sat. of April for 2 days.

(b). Youth Lottery: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days.

iii. Small Game and Waterfowl: same as outside except closed during either-sex firearms hunts and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, first Sat. of May for 9 days, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

(a). Youth Squirrel Hunt: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

iv. Raccoon (Nighttime): day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

18. Other Areas

a. Camp Avondale Scout Reservation

i. Deer

(a). Firearms Either-sex: second Sat. in Nov. for 3 days.

Restricted to scout program.

19. U.S. Forest Service Areas

a. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF)

i. Vehicles

(a). Motorized travel off designated roads and trails and outside designated areas is prohibited on the entire KNF. Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) showing designated roads and trails and associated vehicles and travel seasons are available in all Forest Service offices and on the Kisatchie website (www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie).

(b). ATV/UTV (50" maximum width); operation is prohibited on public roads and road rights-of-ways. Use is allowed on Forest roads designated as open seasonally to ATV/UTV use. Use is prohibited in some campsites and recreation areas; see bulletin boards for additional information. (Also see MVUM)

(c). Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited.
ATV/UTV travel is allowed between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset.

(d). Game retrieval with an ATV/UTV is only allowed within designated 300-foot corridors (see MVUM).

(e). Camping corridors for highway legal vehicles to drive within 100 feet of the road and camp are designated on the Caney District and in the National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve.

ii. Firearms

(a). Hunting or discharging a firearm is prohibited as follows:

(i). In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area;

(ii). Across/on/from a National Forest System Road (NFSR) legally open to motorized use;

- (iii). Across a body of water where any person/property is exposed to injury/damage as a result of such a discharge;
- (iv). Hunting within 50 feet of any NFSR.
- (b). It is prohibited to possess a firearm having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip (when attached to a firearm), or crossbow cocked and in the ready position in or on any type vehicle while on KNF.
- (c). All deer must be tagged as required by LDWF regulations.
- (d). Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, Federal Law Enforcement Officers, holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state, who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations, may possess firearms while on KNF lands, provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purposes.
- (e). The following cannot be carried while hunting on KNF lands except during modern and primitive deer seasons.
 - (i). centerfire rifles;
 - (ii). break-action centerfire and bolt-action centerfire handguns;
 - (iii). scoped centerfire handguns;
 - (iv). shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel.
- iii. Hunter Orange: LDWF WMA regulations for hunter orange and blaze pink apply.

iv. General: Hunting or discharging a firearm in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, across/on a NFSR legally open to motorized use, across a body of water where any person/property is exposed to injury/damage as a result of such discharge, is prohibited.

v. Hunting General

(a). Deer Bag Limit: 1 per day up to the statewide seasonal limit.

(b). All deer hunting is still-hunting only.

(c). All deer must be tagged as required by LDWF regulations.

(d). Hunting stand, blind, tripod, baiting, spot-lighting, etc. regulations applicable to LDWF WMAs are in effect on KNF (unless otherwise specified, refer to “Methods of Taking Game” section of the LDWF WMA Regulations) excluding the “Bag Limit” section and “Horses and Mules” section.

(e). Hunting from a permanent stand prohibited.

Placing or leaving a temporary stand limited to 24 hours.

(f). The training of deer dogs is prohibited year round.

(g). LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply for all KNF lands except that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed (excluding those portions of the Vernon Unit within ~~Fort Polk-Vernon~~ Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA).

vi. Archery Deer Hunting

(a). Either-sex deer may be taken at any time by archers during the archery season except when bucks-only firearms seasons are in progress on KNF (archers must hunt only bucks during bucks-only firearm seasons).

(b). Archers must adhere to the full hunter orange requirements during any firearm season for deer.

(c). Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding ~~Fort Polk-Vernon~~ Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA): Same as outside.

(d). Catahoula (Grant and Rapides Parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant and Natchitoches Parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish), and Caney Range District (Webster and Claiborne Parishes): same as outside (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

vii. Firearms for Deer Hunting (excludes the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves)

(a). Catahoula (Grant and Rapides Parishes), Winn (Winn, Grant and Natchitoches Parishes), Kisatchie Ranger Districts (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish), and the Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding ~~Fort Polk-Vernon~~ Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA).

(b). Youth only, either-sex, same as outside, still hunt only; LDWF regulations for hunter orange apply.

(c). Primitive Firearms, either-sex: next to last Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the next to last Sat. of Oct., Sat. after close of Dec. firearms bucks only hunt for 2 days, still hunt only.

(d). Firearms, either-sex: last Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the last Sat. of Oct., Fri. after Thanksgiving, still hunt only.

(e). Firearms, bucks only: Sat. after the last Sat. of Oct. through Thanksgiving, Sat. after Thanksgiving through Sun. after Thanksgiving, second Sat. of Dec. for 16 days, still hunt only.

viii. Caney Ranger District (Webster and Claiborne Parishes): same as outside including Youth Only Hunt and Primitive Firearms (Area 2) except still hunt only. Either-sex entire season.

ix. Turkey: opening day of statewide season for 23 days except season will open for 24 days when statewide season opens Good Friday (on all ranger districts except the Caney Ranger District); Caney Ranger District: opening day of statewide season for 16 days except season will open for 17 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

x. Turkey Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days (on all Ranger Districts except Vernon Unit lands within Fort Polk-Vernon Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA).

xi. Other seasons on entire KNF (See Catahoula/Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve section for additional information)

(a). Rabbit, Squirrel, Quail and Migratory Game Birds: same dates and bag limits as outside except closed to squirrel hunting during the spring season.

Youth squirrel: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

(b). Waterfowl: same as outside except waterfowl hunting ceases at 2 p.m. If hunting on Corney Lake (Caney Ranger District), a permit (free of charge) is required for the use of a duck blind on the lake.

(c). Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos and Beavers: may be taken during daylight hours only, on any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with weapons legal for that hunt.

(d). Raccoons, Opossums, Fox (chase only) (nighttime, chase only): may be hunted during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 1 through Feb. 28 unless otherwise stated. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, two per person per day, except during the trapping season when there shall be no limit. (Please see Louisiana Trapping Regulations pamphlet for additional information. Also please see "Hunting-dog usage during deer firearm seasons" section below for exceptions).

(e). Bobcat and Nutria: LDWF regulations apply.

(f). Crows: may be taken Sept. 1 through Jan. 1 only.

(g). Fishing: LDWF state creel limits apply (See Louisiana Fishing Regulations pamphlet for additional information).

(h). Trapping: see LDWF Trapping Regulations pamphlet for additional information.

(i). Hunting Dog Usage: Hunting dog usage during deer firearm seasons (only for KNF areas outside the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife

Management Preserves): hunting dogs that are legal for hunting species other than deer, and that stay within voice-command distance of handler are allowed during deer gun hunts. Hunting dogs that range beyond voice-command distance of handler are prohibited during deer gun hunts. The training of deer or hog dogs is prohibited year-round. Hunting with recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner's name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable.

(j). Hunting-dog training: March 1 through Sept. 30 (except all dogs prohibited during turkey hunting season), allowed only in the following circumstances: dogs are within voice-command distance of handler; dogs are participating in nighttime raccoon chases mentioned above; dogs are participating in licensed events conducted by nationally-recognized kennel clubs (KNF permit required-contact Forest Supervisor's office); dogs are under close control of hikers; and any dog on a leash. No firearms allowed while training dogs. Hunting-dog training prohibited in Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves.

(k). Bird Dog Training Area: only that portion of the Vernon Unit known as the "dove field". Bird dogs may be trained year round except closed during turkey season. Permit required from LDWF to use pen-raised quail.

(l). Hunting-Dog Nighttime Chase Only: (All breeds allowed, no deer dogs or hog dogs). May 1 through Sept. 30, Tuesdays and Fridays only. No firearms allowed. Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. Hunting-dog nighttime chase is

prohibited in the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves during this period.

xii. Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves (NWMP). Owner: U.S. Forest Service: Catahoula NWMP – 36,000 acres in Grant and Winn Parishes; Red Dirt NWMP – 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish.

(a). Season Permit required for hunting, fishing and/or trapping on the preserve; for a permit or to get additional information contact the Forest Supervisor's Office, Winn, Catahoula or Kisatchie Ranger District offices or www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie/hunting/index.html. In addition to the Season Permit, a Self-Clearing Daily Permit is required for all hunters during all deer gun hunts and turkey hunts. The Self-Clearing Daily Permits will be available at the main check stations, hunter-camps within the NWMPs, Kisatchie, Winn and Catahoula district offices, and at the Forest Supervisor's Office. Permits are free of charge. The Self-Clearing Permit consists of two portions: check-in and check-out. The check-in portion must be completed and put in the permit box before each hunt on the day of the hunt. The check-out portion must be carried by each person while on the NWMP and must be completed and put in the permit box immediately at the end of the day's hunt. Hunters can also check in/check out electronically through the LDWF WMA Self-Clearing Permit app/Internet Web Portal. Users that check in by electronic means are required to possess proof of check in and must check out within 24 hours. Note: When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified (see below), all hunters must check deer at the NWMPs main check stations.

(b). Hunting with Dogs: hunting with recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season, and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is

permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner's name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable. No training of dogs in the NWMPs outside of pertinent seasons.

(c). Select Prohibitions: additional information and prohibitions are provided on Season Permit for the NWMPs.

(d). Deer

(i). Archery Season: same as Area 2. Archers are required to check harvested deer at the main check station during the mandatory deer check days, see dates below.

(ii). Youth Only Hunt, Either-Sex: same as outside, still hunt only. Self-Clearing Daily Permit required.

(iii). Physically Challenged Hunt, Either-Sex: second Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the second Sat. of Oct., still hunt only, Self-Clearing Daily Permit required; hunters must also have in possession a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunters Permit.

(iv). Primitive Firearms, Either-Sex: next to last Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the next to last Sat. of Oct., still-hunt only, Self-Clearing Daily Permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

(v). Firearms, Either-Sex: last Sat. of Oct. through Sun. after the last Sat. of Oct., and Fri. after Thanksgiving, still-hunt only, Self-Clearing Daily Permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

(vi). Firearms, Bucks Only: Sat. after

Thanksgiving through Sun. after Thanksgiving, still-hunt only, self-clearing daily permit required.

(e). Turkey

(i). Opening day of statewide season for 23 days except season will open for 24 days when statewide season opens Good Friday.

(ii). Youth: Sat. before opening day of statewide season for 2 days except when that Sat. falls on Easter weekend, then season will open on Good Friday for 3 days.

(f). Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Dove, Woodcock and Waterfowl (without dogs): all seasons same as outside (unless otherwise stated) except closed during deer firearm hunts. Consult LDWF hunting pamphlet for additional information. No spring squirrel season.

(g). Youth Squirrel: fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

(h). Squirrel/Rabbit (with dogs): first Sat. of Jan. through last day of Feb.

(i). Quail (with dogs): same as outside.

(j). Raccoon/Opossum (non-dog season/daylight hours): may be taken by properly licensed hunter as incidental take with gear legal for the season in progress.

(k). Raccoon (nighttime, with dogs): first Sat. of Jan. through last day of Feb.

(l). Fishing: closed to fishing during deer gun hunts.

20. Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge: Owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9,028 acres within St. Mary Parish

- a. Deer
 - i. Archery: same as outside, except closed during youth and firearms deer seasons, limit one deer per day; Franklin Unit closed.
 - ii. Youth Firearms: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, limit one deer per day; Franklin and Bayou Sale Units closed.
 - iii. Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, either-sex, limit one deer per day; Franklin and Bayou Sale Units closed.
- b. Small Game: same as outside, except closed during youth and firearms deer seasons; Franklin Unit closed.
- c. Waterfowl: same as outside except closed after 12 noon, and except closed during firearms deer season; Franklin Unit closed.

21. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Areas

- a. Bonnet Carre' Spillway: The use and/or possession of firearms is prohibited in the ARCHERY-ONLY area. Baiting or hunting over bait for any species is prohibited. The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while in possession of a firearm.
 - i. Vehicles. Motorized Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles: all motorized vehicles, including automobiles, ATVs and motorcycles are restricted to designated roads and trails. ATVs must be operated under a valid permit from Spillway Office, be brought in to the area by vehicle or trailer, off loaded in parking areas and may only be operated on designated trails. Vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Blocking gates or roads with a

vehicle or ATV is prohibited. ATVs are not allowed off designated trails. The use of ATVs outside of the ATV area without a permit is strictly prohibited, **No Exceptions!** Designated trails are open from 5 a.m. until two hours after sunset.

ii. Firearms. The possession of firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons are prohibited except during designated area hunts. Hunters must have firearms unloaded at all times while traveling within the area by motor vehicle, ATV, horse, bicycle and while in a vessel under mechanical power. Loaded weapons are not allowed within 100 feet of designated ATV trails, foot trails, and roads; or within 100 yards of designated parking areas. Loaded is defined as shells or cartridges in the gun's chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms or crossbows cocked and in the ready position, or caps on muzzleloader.

iii. Deer: All users except waterfowl hunters must display a total of 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during the open gun hunts for deer. Hunter orange must be worn the entire time while in the field.

(a). Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15.

(b). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16-Feb. 15, UNLESS a bucks only season is in progress.

(c). Shotgun (either-sex): Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

(d). Shotgun (bucks only): Sat. before Christmas for 16 days.

(e). Youth (either-sex): last Sat. in Oct. for 2 days.
Additional permit required from Spillway office.

iv. Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: same as outside. Shotgun only. Hunting waterfowl after 12 p.m. (noon) prohibited. During shotgun deer season, use of dogs allowed for waterfowl hunting only. Dove hunting zone is the South Zone. Waterfowl hunting zone is the East Zone. Squirrel and Rabbit: hunting with dogs not allowed north of US 61 during shotgun season for deer.

v. Armadillos, Beaver, Feral Hogs, Nutria, and Coyote: may be taken incidental to any Spillway hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

b. Indian Bayou Area. Additional Permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. To obtain a permit, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577, phone (337) 585-0853 or visit the project website <https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/> (then click on Atchafalaya Basin). All hunting shall be still hunting only, except as otherwise specified.

i. Deer: daily Limit on deer is one per day. Antler Deer Point Restriction: A legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least 4 points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

(a). Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only. Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex.

(b). Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt: fourth Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex, no antler restrictions, Mandatory Deer Check. All other seasons CLOSED.

(c). Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving for 3 days, first Sat. of Dec. for 2 days. Mandatory Deer Check.

(d). Primitive Firearms Either-sex: second Fri. of Dec. for 3 days, second Sat. of Jan. for 2 days.

(e). Firearms Bucks Only: last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

(f). Deer Youth Lottery: third Sat. of Nov., Tues. after third Sat. of Nov., third Sat of Dec., Tues. after third Sat. of Dec.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: same as outside except CLOSED during Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt, and during Firearms Either-sex deer season (except waterfowl season will remain open during all deer gun hunts). Hunting waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed Mon. after second Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Youth squirrel hunt fourth Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. Raccoon (Nighttime): second Sat. of Sept. for 16 days, Mon. after second Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Special use permit required.

iv. Hogs, Coyote, Beaver, and Nutria: may be taken incidental to any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' "Hunting Guide to Indian Bayou" brochure for additional posted restrictions.

v. Crawfishing: Commercial and recreational crawfishing is permitted from Oct. 1-Jan. 31 starting at 12 p.m. each day and all day from Feb. 1-July 31 with an additional annual permit required. A maximum limit of 500 traps for Commercial Crawfishing. All equipment left on the area (including traps) must also be tagged with the permit number issued. The permit is available Jan. 1. Call USACE Port Barre Office for more details, 337-585-0853 or visit www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/AtchafalayaBasin.aspx.

c. Old River Control and Lock Area: Additional permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. To obtain a permit: see brown box in front of Old River campground for *Old River Hunting and Trail Guide* or visit the Old River website www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Old-River-Control or call phone 225-492-2169. All hunters must have in their possession a picture ID and valid State Hunting License and a signed Corps of Engineers hunting permit. Use of DOGS is RESTRICTED during the deer season, except for duck hunting. Raccoon, rabbit and squirrel hunting with dogs are permitted after deer season, unless otherwise specified. Baiting or hunting over bait for any species is prohibited. The possession of loaded weapons and the discharging of firearms are prohibited within 100 feet of designated roads, levees, and parking areas and 200 feet of water control structures and navigational locks.

i. Deer: all deer hunting shall be STILL HUNTING ONLY. Moving deer or hogs on Corps land with organized drivers and standers, or making use of noises or noise making devices is prohibited.

(a). Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

(b). Muzzleloader (blackpowder only): second Sat. in December for 2 days. During the Muzzleloader season you may only use black powder weapons or archery equipment. Black powder weapons must use black powder or approved substitute only and must be loaded from the muzzle.

(c). Shotgun (either-sex): Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

(d). Shotgun (bucks only): last Sat. of Dec. for 9 days.

(e). Youth (either-sex): 17 years and under: last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

ii. Turkey: closed.

iii. Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: same as outside, except hunting waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited, no firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire and except beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Mon. after Thanksgiving for 12 days and end of Shotgun bucks only to last day of Feb.

iv. Woodcock: same as outside except hunting with dogs prohibited.

v. Raccoon: day after Shotgun bucks only season ends to last day of Feb.

vi. Hogs, Coyote, Beaver, and Nutria: may be taken incidental to any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

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§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. General Regulations. Only gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited; still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices, motorized decoys and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead, #2 non-toxic, or BB steel shot, and approved archery equipment but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are

authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

B. Tags

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Turkey tags may only be used by the hunter to whom the tag was issued. Hunters who allow their turkey tags to be used by another person, or who use tags issued to another person, are in violation of this Rule and are subject to fines and other administrative penalties, including, but not limited to, the automatic forfeiture of any remaining turkey tags for the season for which they are issued. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to or electronically tag the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. If using carcass tags, the date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag, and the tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within 72 hours of the kill, the hunter must report the kill. Hunters may report turkeys electronically, calling the validation phone number, or using the validation website.

2. Turkey hunters purchasing licenses by phone will be given an authorization number and a LDWF identification number that will serve as their license and tags until the physical license and tags arrive by mail. Turkey hunters who have purchased a license with tags, but have not yet received their physical license and tags, must immediately tag their kill with a possession tag before moving it from the site of the kill. The authorization number and

LDWF identification number must be recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must retain documentation of any turkeys killed and upon receiving their physical tags and harvest report card, validate their kill as required in these regulations. The tags for turkeys killed prior to receiving the physical tags must be removed from the turkey harvest report card and discarded.

3. Tags removed from the turkey harvest report card prior to killing a turkey are no longer valid and if lost will not be replaced. Duplicate tags and turkey harvest report cards are available to replace lost report cards and attached tags. Hunters will be charged a fee for duplicate turkey harvest report cards and tags. Hunters that have killed a turkey prior to losing their remaining tag and harvest report card must remove and discard the duplicate tag to account for the original tag that was used and validated. Hunters must record any previously validated turkey on the duplicate turkey harvest report card.

C. Possession of Live Wild Turkeys. No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys, (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*, *M.g. osceola*, *M.g. intermedia*, *M.g. merriami*, *M.g. mexicana*) or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license. No pen-raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

D. Statewide Youth and Physically Challenged Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger or hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Additionally, any person younger

than 18 years of age shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Only one gobbler (male turkey) per day may be taken and any gobbler (male turkey) taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their season bag limit of two.

E. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

F. Turkey Hunting Area Descriptions

1. Area A

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Beauregard;

ii. Bienville;

iii. Bossier;

iv. Claiborne;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

v. East Baton Rouge;

vi. East Feliciana;

vii. Grant;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

viii. Jackson;

ix. LaSalle;

x. Lincoln;

- xi. Livingston;
- xii. Natchitoches;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- xiii. Sabine;
- xiv. St. Helena;
- xv. St. Tammany;
- xvi. Tangipahoa;
- xvii. Union;
- xviii. Vernon;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

- xix. Washington;
- xx. Webster
- xxi. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island);
- xxii. Winn.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Allen—north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165
south of Kinder;
- ii. Calcasieu—north of I-10;
- iii. Caldwell—west of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula
Parish line;

iv. Catahoula—south and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line, also that portion lying east of LA 15;

v. East Carroll—that portion east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

vi. Evangeline—north and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

vii. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

viii. Madison—that portion east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

ix. Morehouse—west of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line;

x. Ouachita—all west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80;

xi. Rapides—all west of Red River and north of LA 28 east from Pineville, LA east to LaSalle Parish line;

xii. Tensas—that portion east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

2. Area B

- a. All of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Caddo;
 - ii. DeSoto;
 - iii. Red River.

3. Area C

- a. All of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Ascension;
 - ii. Concordia;
 - iii. Franklin;
 - iv. Iberville;
 - v. Pointe Coupee;
 - vi. Tensas;
 - vii. West Baton Rouge.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

- i. Avoyelles—that portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee southward;
- ii. Caldwell—all east of the Ouachita River;
- iii. Catahoula—all of the parish except for that portion located in area A;

iv. Iberia—east of the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee;

v. Madison—that portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80; **Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;**

vi. Richland—west of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Road, south of Ringle Road to Ferguson Road, south of Ferguson Road to Little Road, south of Little Road to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line and that portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

vii. St. Landry—that portion bounded on the west by the west Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River;

Exception: the Indian Bayou area; see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou area dates.

viii. Tensas—that portion west of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

viii ix. Upper St. Martin—all within the Atchafalaya Basin; in addition, that area bounded on the North by LA 352; on the West by LA 349, to LA 3039, to LA 347, to the Catahoula Hwy. (LA 96), to LA 679, to LA 345; and on the south by LA 3242;

0Exceptions: Indian Bayou area, see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou dates.

4. Turkey season dates on wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, Kisatchie National Forest and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land located within areas

A, B, and C may vary from the season set for the parish in which they are located. Seasons for these lands are specified in LAC 76:XIX.115.

G. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs

a. Sandy Hollow. No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

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§115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. Daily limit is one gobbler (male turkey). Season limit is two gobblers (male turkey). Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts.

B. Turkey season will open on the first Saturday in April. The area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife management areas, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. On those years when the first Saturday in April falls the day before Easter, then the season will open the Friday before the first Saturday in April.

C. Statewide youth turkey and physically challenged season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season. On those years when the weekend prior to the start of regular turkey seasons falls on Easter weekend, then the youth and physically challenged season will open on Good Friday.

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(July 2019), LR 46:990 (July 2020), LR 47:936 (July 2021), LR 48:1899 (July 2022), LR 49:1268 (July 2023), LR 50:

§117. Migratory Bird Seasons, Regulations, and Bag Limits

A. Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	South Zone: Sept. 2-Sept. 17 Oct. 14-Nov. 26 Dec. 16-Jan. 14 Sept. 7-Sept. 21 Oct. 19-Nov. 30 Dec. 14-Jan. 14 North Zone: Sept. 2-Sept. 24 Oct. 7-Nov. 12 Dec. 23-Jan. 24 Sept. 7-Sept. 28 Oct. 5-Nov. 9 Dec. 21-Jan. 21	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Woodcock	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	3	9

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	<u>Sept. 15-Sept. 30</u> <u>Sept. 14-Sept. 29</u>	6	18
King and Clapper Rails	<u>Sept. 15-Sept. 30</u> <u>Nov. 11-Jan. 3</u> <u>Sept. 14-Sept. 29</u> <u>Nov. 9-Jan. 1</u>	15 (in aggregate)	45 (in aggregate)
Sora and Virginia Rails	<u>Sept. 15-Sept. 30</u> <u>Nov. 11-Jan. 3</u> <u>Sept. 14-Sept. 29</u> <u>Nov. 9-Jan. 1</u>	25 (in aggregate)	75 (in aggregate)

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Gallinules	<p>Sept. 15-Sept. 30</p> <p>Nov. 11-Jan. 3</p> <p>Sept. 14-Sept. 29</p> <p>Nov. 9-Jan. 1</p>	15	45
Snipe	<p>West Zone:</p> <p>Nov. 2-Dec. 3</p> <p>Dec. 16-Feb. 28</p> <p>Nov. 2-Dec. 8</p> <p>Dec. 21-Feb. 28</p> <p>East Zone:</p> <p>Nov. 2-Dec. 3</p> <p>Dec. 16-Feb. 28</p> <p>Nov. 2-Dec. 8</p> <p>Dec. 21-Feb. 28</p>	8	24
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	<p>West Zone:</p> <p>Nov. 4-Nov. 5</p> <p>Nov. 2-Nov. 3</p> <p>(youth and veterans only)</p> <p>Nov. 11-Dec. 3</p> <p>Dec. 11-Jan. 7</p>	<p>Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no</p>	<p>Three times the daily bag limit.</p>

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	<p>Jan. 13-Jan. 21</p> <p>Nov. 9-Dec. 8</p> <p>Dec. 21-Jan. 5</p> <p>Jan. 13-Jan. 26</p> <p>East Zone:</p> <p>Nov. 11 (youth and veterans only)</p> <p>Nov. 18-Dec. 3</p> <p>Dec. 16-Jan. 28</p> <p>Feb. 3 (youth and veterans only)</p> <p>Nov. 9 (youth and veterans only)</p> <p>Nov. 16-Dec. 8</p> <p>Dec. 21-Jan. 26</p> <p>Feb. 1 (youth and veterans only)</p>	<p>more than 2 females), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 1 black duck and 1 pintail. Only 1 scaup may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 2 per day allowed for the remainder. No mottled ducks may be taken for the first 15 days</p>	

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
		<p>of the season with 1 per day allowed for the remainder. Daily bag limit on coots is 15. Mergansers- The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers, in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.</p>	

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross') and White- Fronted Geese	East Zone: Nov. 4-Dec. 3 Dec. 16-Jan. 28 Nov. 2-Dec. 8 Dec. 21-Jan. 26 West Zone: Nov. 4-Dec. 3 Dec. 11-Jan. 7 Jan. 13-Jan. 28 Nov. 2-Dec. 8 Dec. 21-Jan. 5 Jan. 13-Feb. 2	Daily bag limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') is 20. Daily bag limit on White- Fronted Geese is 3.	No possession limit on Light Geese (snow, blue, and ross') Possession limit on White- Fronted Geese is 9.
Canada Geese	East Zone: Nov. 4-Dec. 3 Dec. 16-Jan. 28 Nov. 2-Dec. 8 Dec. 21-Jan. 26 West Zone: Nov. 4-Dec. 3 Dec. 11-Jan. 7	1	3

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	<u>Jan. 13-Jan. 28</u> <u>Nov. 2-Dec. 8</u> <u>Dec. 21-Jan. 5</u> <u>Jan. 13-Feb. 2</u>		

B. Conservation Order for Light Geese Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Light Geese (Snow, Blue, and Ross')	East Zone: Dec. 4-Dec. 15 Jan. 29-Mar. 3 <u>Dec. 9-Dec. 20</u> <u>Jan. 27-Mar. 2</u> West Zone: Dec. 4-Dec. 10 Jan. 8-Jan. 12 Jan. 29-Mar. 3 <u>Dec. 9-Dec. 20</u> <u>Jan. 6-Jan. 12</u> <u>Feb. 3-Mar. 2</u>	No daily bag limit.	No possession limit.

C. Extended Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Mourning and White Winged Doves and fully- dressed Eurasian and Collared Doves	Sept. 15-Oct. 1 Sept. 14-Sept. 30	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds, respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.
Woodcock	Nov. 4-Jan. 31	
Rails and Gallinule	Nov. 4-Jan. 25 Nov. 2-Jan. 26	
Ducks	Nov. 4-Jan. 31 Nov. 2-Jan. 30	

D. Dove Hunting Regulations

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. There is no bag limit on Eurasian collared-doves or Ringed Turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle doves (those without a fully feathered wing and head naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the aggregate bag.
3. The following boundary divides the dove season zones: beginning at the Texas-Louisiana border on LA Hwy. 12; thence east along LA Hwy 12 to its intersection with U.S. Hwy 190; thence east along U.S. Hwy 190 to its intersection with I-12; thence east along I-12 to its intersection with I-10; then east along I-10 to the Mississippi state line.

E. Snipe Hunting Regulations. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except at the Spanish Lake recreation area in Iberia Parish where shooting hours, including the conservation end at 2 p.m.

F. Conservation Order for light geese. Only snow, blue, and Ross' geese may be taken under the terms of the conservation order. Electronic calls and unplugged shotguns allowed. No daily bag or possession limit. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

G. Canada Goose Season Closure. The Canada goose season will be open statewide except for a portion of southwest Louisiana described as follows: beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along LA Hwy. 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with LA Hwy. 82, then south along LA Hwy. 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at LA Hwy. 82. Open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River, from the Hwy 14 bridge southward, will also be closed.

H. Statewide Youth Waterfowl and Veterans Season Regulations.

1. Only youths 17 years of age or younger may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years

of age. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

2. Veterans refers to those persons who served in the active military, naval or air service who were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training). Veterans and active duty military personnel must possess a valid proof of service such as DD214 form, Active Military ID, Retired Military ID, Veterans Administration ID, or Veterans designation on their Driver's License as well as mandatory waterfowl license(s), HIP certification, and Federal duck stamp to participate on these hunt days.

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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

This 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 until March 7, 2024 to Tommy Tuma, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 or via e-mail to ttuma@wlf.la.gov.

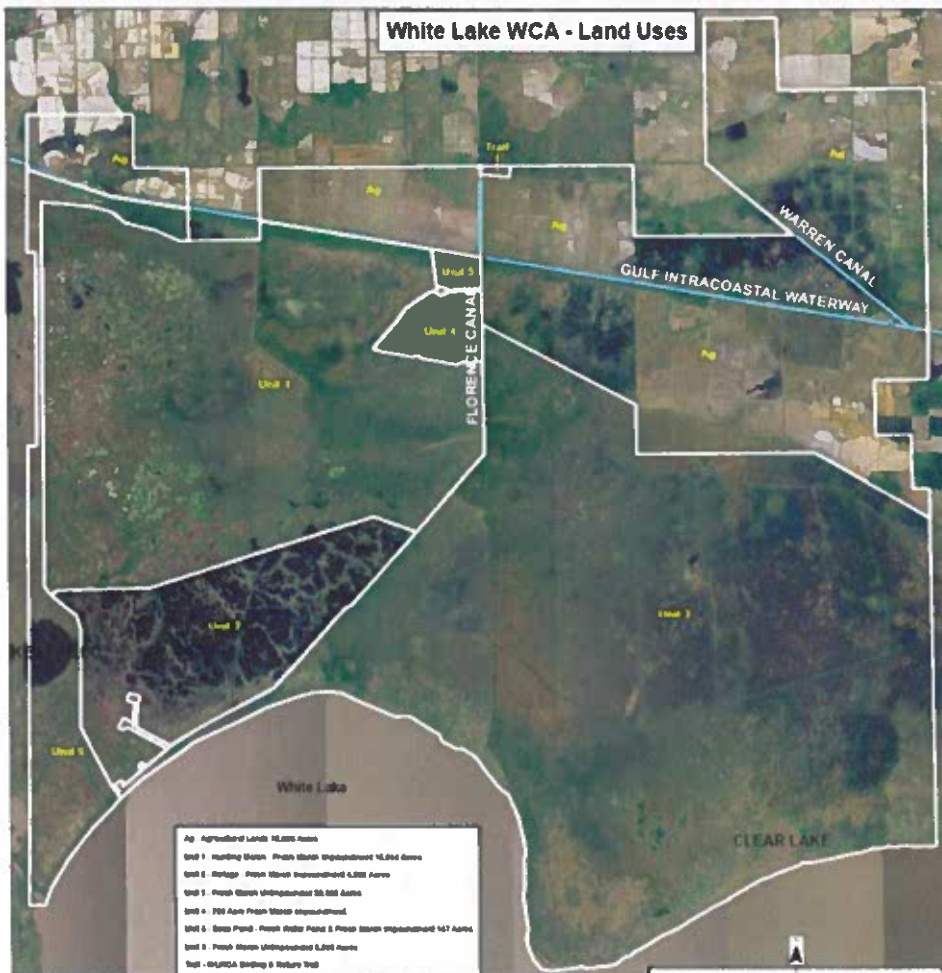
Andrew J. Blanchard

Chairman



Update Since Resolution Requesting Funding for White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area

Larry Reynolds | LWFC Meeting | January 4, 2024



Primary Goals/Objectives on White Lake WCA

- Sustain and manage the wetland habitat on White Lake WCA
- Manage wildlife species associated with wetlands, with a primary focus on waterfowl
- Maintain an agricultural presence on White Lake WCA leased property when feasible and compatible with waterfowl management



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Seeking Long-term Protection on GIWW

- The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway cuts through approximately 12 miles of White Lake WCA property, creating 24 miles of levees
- 22 miles remain unprotected



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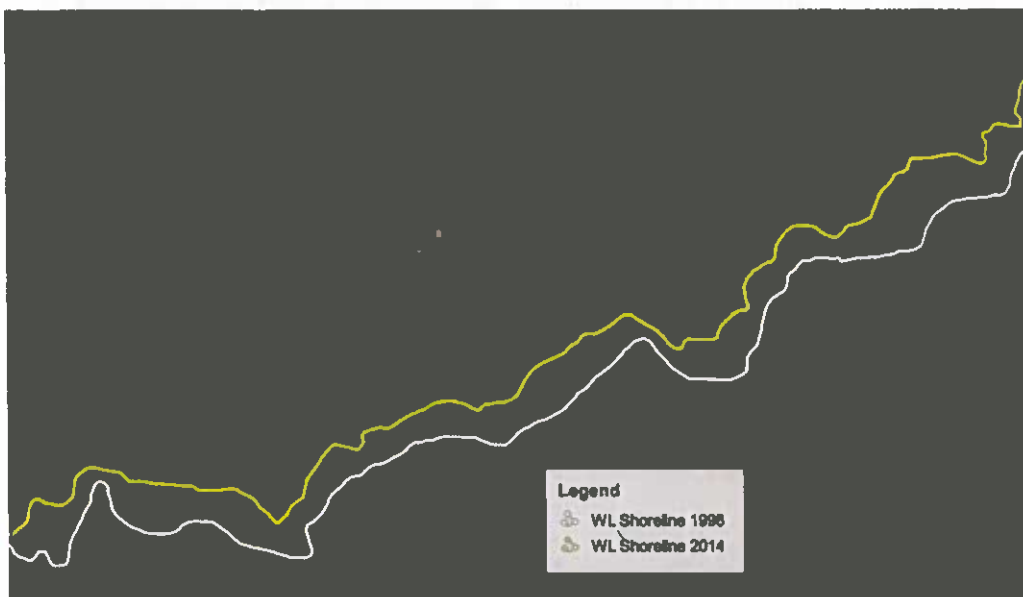
Hurricane Harvey Flooding along the GIWW



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Seeking Long-term Protection on White Lake Shoreline

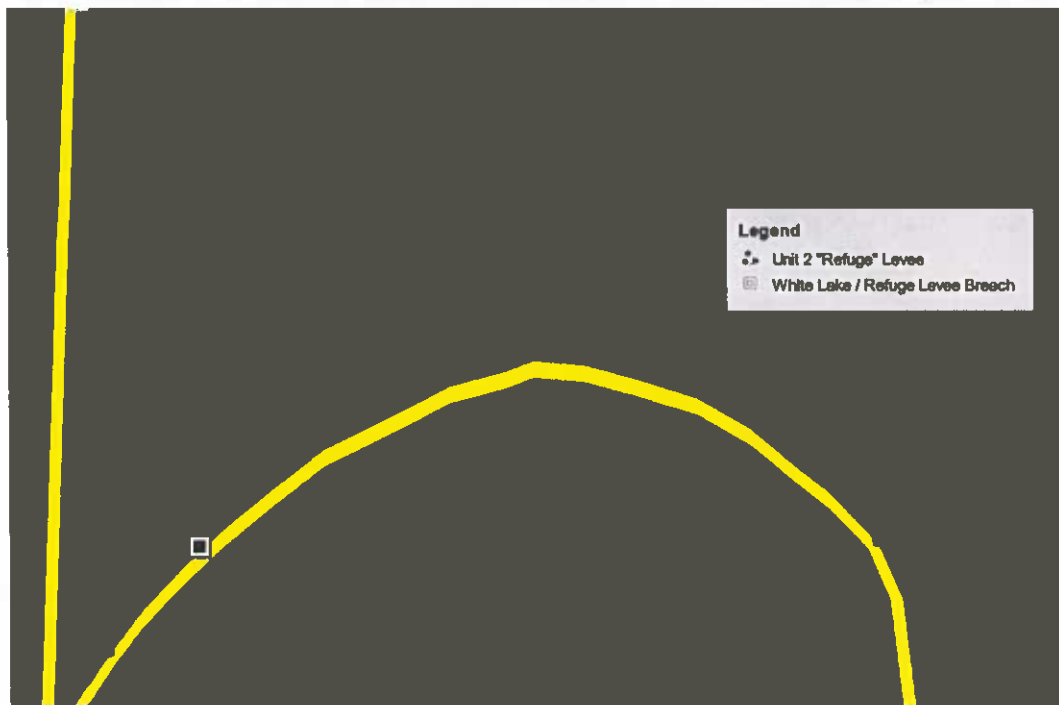
- The southern shoreline of White Lake has 11 miles of rock breakwaters, while the northern shoreline has none
 - White Lake WCA would need 16 miles of rock



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White Lake/Unit 2 (Refuge) Levee Breach

- Hurricane Rita (2005) and Hurricane Delta (2020) caused breaches at the levee that separates White Lake and Unit 2 (Refuge)



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Ducks Unlimited Project at the White Lake/Unit 2 Refuge Levee

- These breaches caused inundation of the entire Unit 2 Refuge
- Repairs were made, but high water and consistent south and east winds caused continual damage



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Levee Rebuilding along Florence Canal

- Repaired breach in Unit 2 levee system for a second time and established a “No Wake Zone” to allow material to settle
 - A portion of the repair has collapsed and will require additional attention



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Florence Canal Levee/Oil Field Operation Issues

- Pipelines in and on levees slow down levee reconstruction projects and drastically increase costs
- Many of these levees contain high priority low spots that must be elevated to reduce flooding in multiple management units



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Highest Priority Needs to Maintain Management

- Rebuild, armor Refuge/White Lake breach site
- Rock breakwaters along the GIWW (~\$22 million)
- Rock breakwaters on the White Lake Shoreline (~\$15 million)
- Levee reconstruction along Unit 2 (Refuge) (~\$3.2 million)
- Re-build all impoundment and protection levees to the new 6.5' NAVD88 standard
- Oil/gas equipment removal or relocation to assist with long-term levee maintenance



- Red- GIWW without rock
- Yellow- VPSB property
- White- GIWW with rock
- Green- Florence Canal Levees
- Black- Unit 2 Levees
- Blue- White Lake Shoreline



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2022/23 White Lake WCA Financial Report

Revenue		Expenditures	
Ag/hunting leases	\$977,789	Salaries	\$305,619
Lottery Hunts/Fishing	\$96,875	Wages	\$18,578
Alligator Egg Collection	\$62,000	Benefits	\$143,250
Alligator Trapping	\$5,105	Operating Services	\$69,339
Interest	\$7,446	Supplies	\$69,354
Surface Leases	\$50,267	Prof Serv/Travel	\$34,061
Surplus Property	\$4,449	Acquisitions	\$231,258
Prior Year Adjustment		Major Repairs	\$3,711
Fund Transfer to FP&C		Interagency Transfers	\$153,426
Total	\$1,203,931	Total	\$1,028,596

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023: \$4,094,714



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Increasing Awareness, Emphasis and Priority

- Discussion of White Lake WCA issues at August, 2022 Commission meeting in New Orleans.
- Comprehensive update on White Lake WCA goals, status, restoration projects, funding, and needs at September, 2022 Commission meeting.
- Presentation and field-site visit at White Lake WCA attended by Senator Hensgens, Representative Bourriaque, Commissioners McPherson and Sagera, and Delta Waterfowl leadership in November, 2022.
- Resolution urging State funding, second site visit targeting policy-makers, and letter of support from NGOs and other partners. Resolution approved in February, 2023.



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Summary of Resolution in February 2023

2002 Act of Donation by BP provides:

- BP and Louisiana recognize the ecological importance of the White Lake Property, and that both parties "have a common purpose of the conservation and protection in perpetuity of the White Lake Property,"
- the purpose of the donation is to "assure that the White Lake Property will be retained in perpetuity predominantly in its natural habitat",

Act 613 of 2004 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature provides:

- Commission will establish a conservation management plan to ensure the protection of the natural resources; to enhance and restore natural wetland and upland habitats; and to promote biological diversity, environmental education, research, and wise use of those natural resources to benefit the people of Louisiana.
- Authorizes the Department to manage WLWCA to raise revenue from the property to support management, and provide public hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities on the property,



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Status of White Lake Wetland Conservation Area

- Ecologically important and statewide declining fresh marsh habitat of critical importance to State's conservation efforts for associated fish and wildlife species.
- Critical refuge in an area of intense hunting pressure and high waterfowl harvests.
- Foundation of the only remaining reintroduction program for the recovery of the endangered Whooping Crane population.
- Large portions have been impacted by levee breaches along the border with White Lake, on the Florence Canal, and along the GIWW caused by storm activity, navigation traffic and age-related deterioration; threatening management of key habitats for breeding and wintering waterfowl, and other wetland wildlife.
- Immediate funding is needed for repair and long term maintenance of the infrastructure necessary to maintain those wetland habitats to meet the wildlife and waterfowl objectives set forth in the draft WLWCA management plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LWF Commission hereby urges and requests significant state funding for investment in the repairs and protection of critical levee infrastructure along the GIWW and waterfowl management units that are in jeopardy of further decline to avoid loss of fresh marsh habitat and associated ecosystem function, waterfowl habitat quality, and value to other wetland wildlife and fish.



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Action Since Then

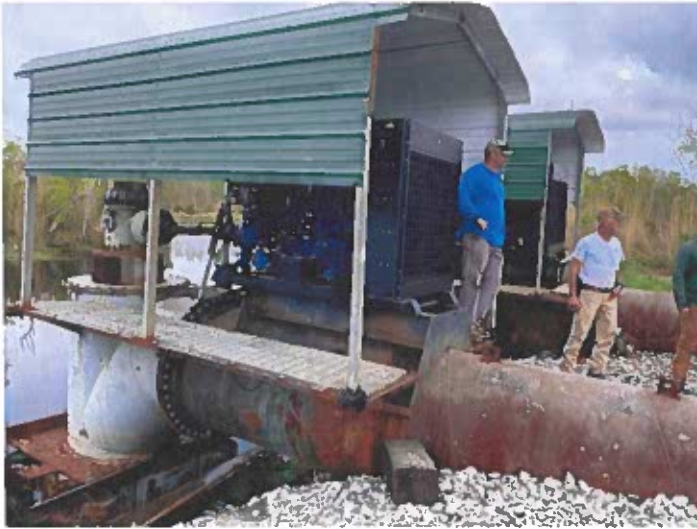
- Funding for WLWCA was the Department's highest priority, and working with Commission members, legislative and conservation partners, got \$30-million included in the Governor's budget request.
- Detailed presentations and discussion with Legislators at White Lake on March 6 and the Speaker of the House on March 21 to support that budget request.



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Action Since Then

- Installed new engines to restore pumping capacity to Unit 2 Refuge in early-March.



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Action Since Then

- Conducted an Ecological Review in mid-April to revisit management priorities and refine the draft Management Plan



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Ecological Review



Dr. Joe Lancaster, Gulf Coast Joint Venture Biological Team Leader
Dr. Andy Nyman, Professor of Wetland Ecology at LSU
Cassidy Lejeune, DU Director of Conservation Programs in Louisiana
Dr. Todd Merendino, DU Director of Conservation Programs in Texas
Greg Linscombe, Retired LDWF, Land Manager for Continental Land and Fur
Mike Rezsutek, Upper Coast Wetland Ecosystem Project, Texas Parks and Wildlife
Scooter Trosclair, Rockefeller Refuge Program Manager, LDWF

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Ecological Review

➤ 2 full days across the entire area and a day in discussion.



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Ecological Review

Elevation, vegetation, levees, and water-control structures



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Ecological Review

The good, bad, and ugly

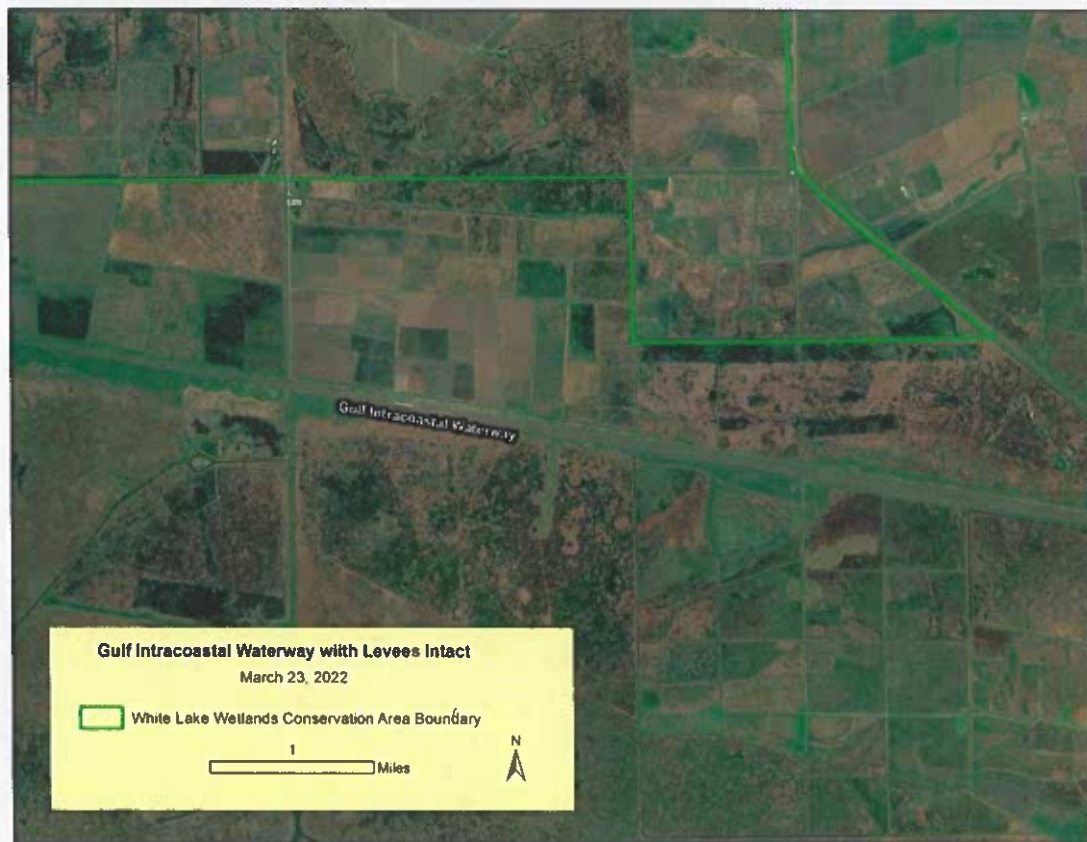


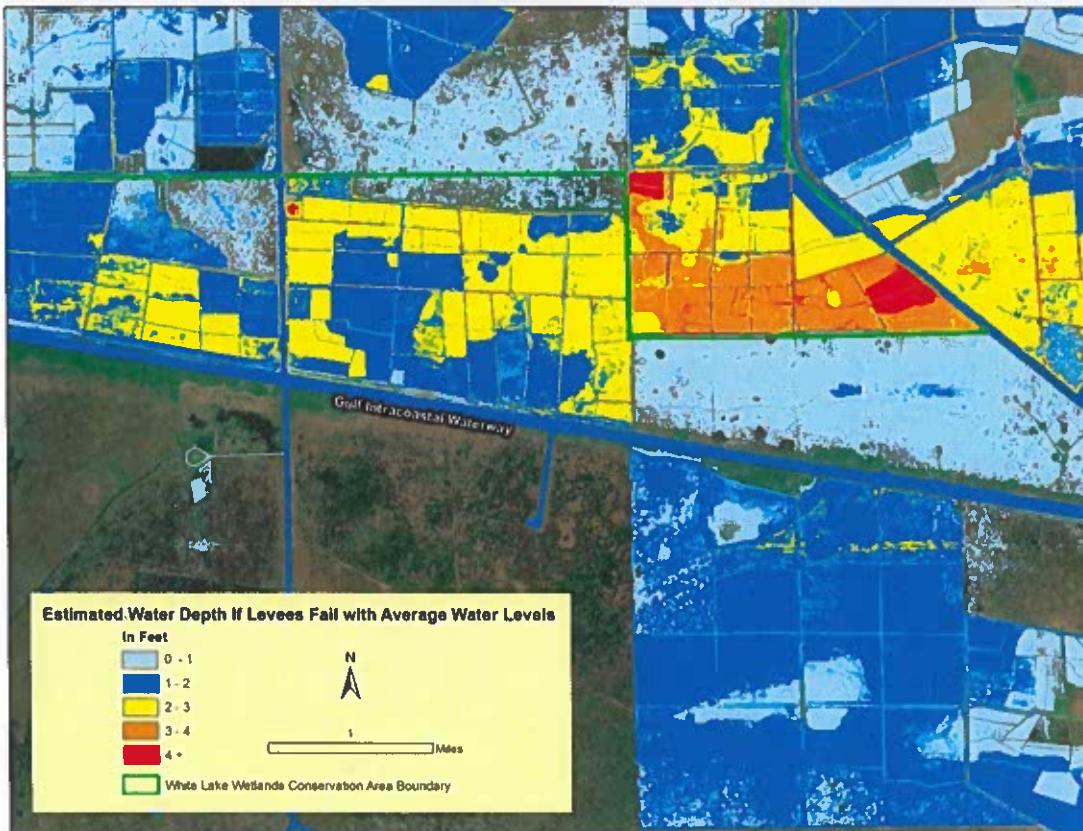
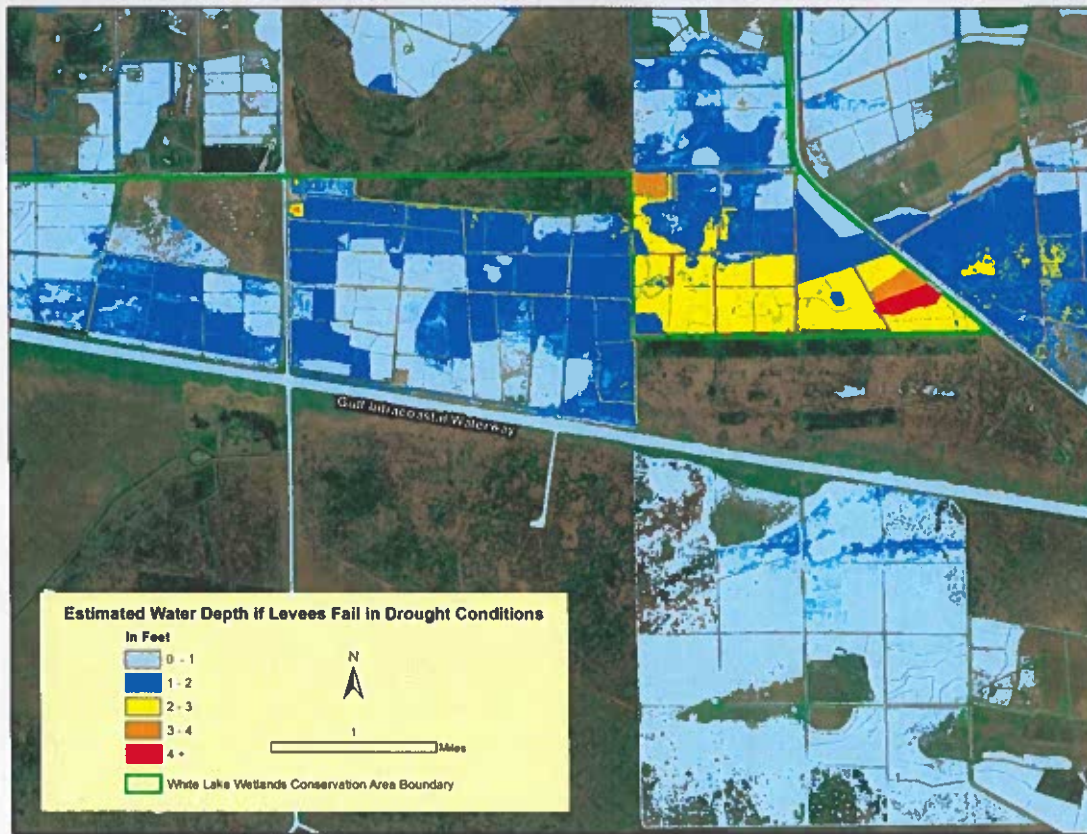
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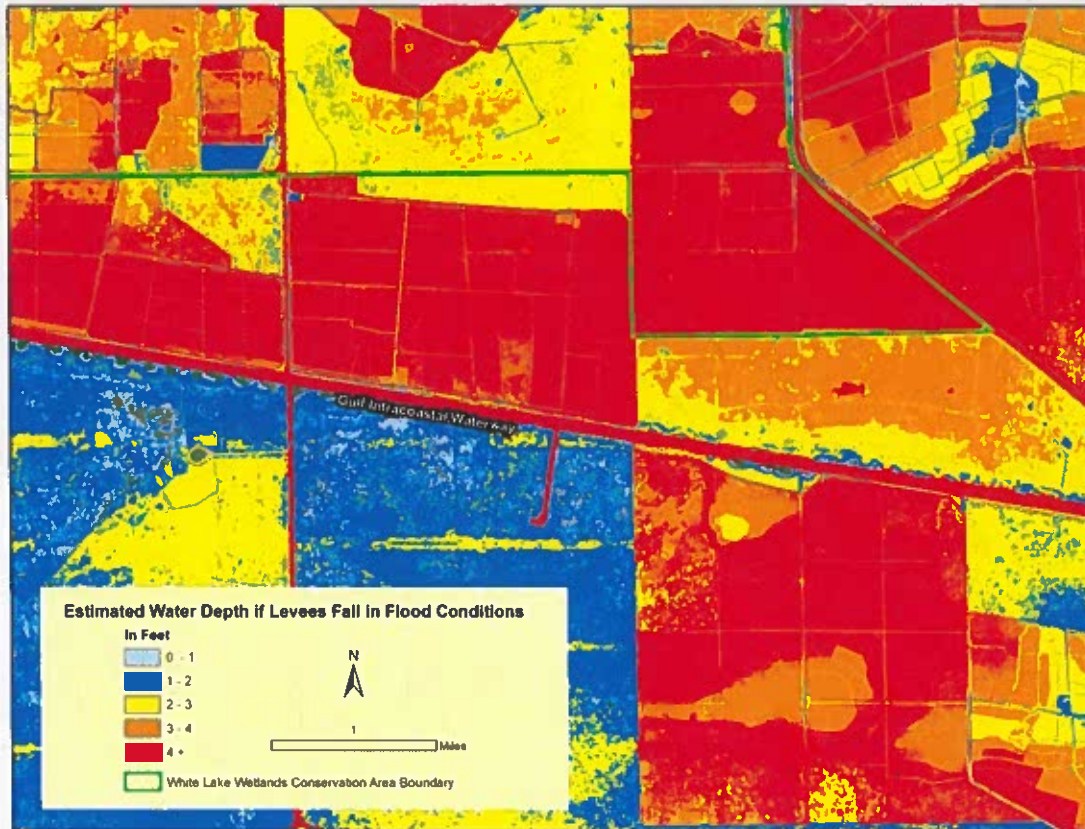
Ecological Review

Limited Findings:

- Risk from levee failure is the highest project-related priority.
 - Breach site is highest priority
 - Prioritize Unit 2 levee over White Lake shoreline
 - Risk of GIWW levee failure needs graphic detail







Ecological Review

Limited Findings:

- Given changes in surrounding landscape, effort to increase food production is needed.
 - Explore relationships with current lessees to improve habitat.
 - Strengthen language in future leases, consider subsidies.
 - More intensive management of Unit 4 with good water control.
 - Increase herbicide use in Unit 1 to reduce vegetation density.
- Continue to use practices that promote accretion in Unit 2
 - Ensure drawdowns don't expose sediments to further oxidation
 - Explore opportunities to use dredge material to add minerals



February 2024 NAWCA Proposal

- Proposed \$1M dollar request
- Proposal has:
 - 3 grant tracts, 3 match tracts, new MCP being established
- Grant Partners:
 - LDWF, MOWF, DU, Vermilion Corp.
- Unique opportunity for additional NAWCA funding for White Lake
- What is the top priority for WLWCA work?



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Action Since Then

- Potential partnership with CPRA on a \$2-million appropriation for shoreline protection in Vermilion Parish
 - Intended for Engineering and Design?
 - Integrated with work Ducks Unlimited is doing?
 - Site visit with CPRA Project Manager and Engineers on December 5.



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Questions?





NOI - Ecotour Activities on WMAs

Steve Smith | Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission Meeting | 01/04/2024

Notice of Intent

(LAC 76:XIX.119)

Title 76

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

Adds Section for WMA Ecotours (Section 119)



Why?

Large demand within the GNO/BR/North Shore Areas.

LDWF wishes to provide mechanism to facilitate this activity in a manner conducive to WMA management:

LDWF Habitat and Species Management.

Compatibility with WMA user groups and activities.



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LAC 76:XIX.119

§119. WMA Ecotours

A. Licensed Ecotours

1. Pursuant to R.S. 56:1833 on Wild Louisiana Guide License, individuals possessing a Wild Louisiana Guide License may conduct commercial boat/vessel ecotour activities on Maurepas Swamp and Pearl River WMAs only, via permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.



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LAC 76:XIX.119 (Continued)

Commercial ecotour activities must:

- Obtain annually, a Special Use Permit from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Such permits will specify:
 - Dates, times, locations, and routes, whereby which tours may be conducted on a given WMA,
 - Number and types of vehicle and/or vessels, as well as number of individual tours or outings that will be allowed within a given time frame,
 - Requirements for annual reporting will include number of tours conducted, number of vehicles and vessels per tour conducted, number of clients per tour conducted, dates, and beginning and ending times of activities,
 - Any additional requirements deemed necessary and appropriate by the department.
- Pay to the department, a license fee of \$500 annually and a client fee of \$2 per trip for each person accompanying the guide on said WMAs; payments to be made quarterly or as determined by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.



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LAC 76:XIX.119 (Continued)

The following is prohibited on ecotour outings:

- Taking, handling, harassing, feeding, baiting, luring, or releasing of wildlife
- Possession of animals
- Use of airboats
- Any additional activities specifically prohibited in the Annual Special Use Permit.



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LAC 76:XIX.119 (Continued)

The number of permits shall be determined by the department but shall not exceed five permits per approved WMA per year.



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Questions?



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Public Comments

- Public comments will be accepted through April 4, 2024.
- Public comment may be submitted directly to Steve Smith, LDWF Wildlife Division, PO Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, phone 318-487-5885 or via email ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

