

Questions received in chat window of February 24, 2021 Public Comment Zoom Meeting

1. Has it ever been considered in the west waterfowl zone to push the start of the season back to say Dec. 1st and run it until February 15th? I ask this question because I find it odd that the season for waterfowl in south La stops on the same day as the season in south central Missouri. with nearly 550 miles separating us as the ducks fly, in the same flyway, I just have a hard time understanding why. thank you for your responses. **LDWF response: Duck hunting can not go beyond Jan. 31 as per federal regulations.**
2. Will you impliment a either sex season to surrounding lands around Richard K Yancey WMA that follow the same either nsex season as RKY WMA? **LDWF response: The department has proposed its recommended season for private lands in the NOI.**
3. Will you impliment a NO BAITING zone to adjoining private lands around Richard K Yancey WMA. **LDWF response: The department has proposed no changes as it pertains to baiting on private lands in the NOI.**
4. Will you eliminate all Either sex deer gun days at Richard K Yancey for the next 3 years? Due to the historical low harvest of 68 either sex deer during the managed hunt this past year. **LDWF response: The department has proposed its recommended 2021-202 deer season for Richard K. Yancey WMA in the NOI.**
5. And due to the continued decline in deer harvest 3 out of the past 5 years historicla low harvestsWill you impliment a 1 deer per day at Richard K Yancey WMA? **LDWF response: The department has proposed its recommended 2021-2022 deer season for Richard K. Yancey WMA in the NOI.**
6. Will you impliment a 3 deer per year at Richard K Yancey WMA. One being a buck, one being a doe, one being hunters choice? **LDWF response: The department has proposed its recommended 2021-2022 deer season for Richard K. Yancey WMA in the NOI.**
7. With all the management of Ducks up north keeping ducks from migrating south should Louisiana push season later into feb once the northern states seasons or closed? **LDWF response: Duck hunting can not go beyond Jan. 31 as per federal regulations.**
8. The natural migration has been halted in a big part due to management in northern states is anything being done to help this? And if not why not? It has altered the natural migration in a big way and hopefully this has not become permanent. **LDWF response: We have no control over habitat management in states other than ours.**

9. What is the reason for 3 split duck season. I agree BUT are we trying to manage gun pressure? *LDWF response: The reason for moving to 2 zones with 2 splits is it allows us to maintain the mid-November opener AND hunt until the end of January by using a second split after the high-pressure holiday hunting of the Christmas and New Years holidays.*
10. I missed it while typing but are we opening specklebelly season a week early as we did in the past? If so, why? This is simply added unnecessary gun pressure prior to opening. Why not simply coincide with duck season as we did this past season? *LDWF response: There are 74 days of goose hunting, but only 60 days of ducks, so we open the season a week earlier and run it a week later. We have seen a reduced effect in large movements of white-fronts from a "soft opener" (opening geese without ducks being open) then when both open at the same time.*
11. how about Allowing the State Recognized Tribe The Same rights as allowed in Alaska and Washington such as allowing hunting and fishing for sustainment to hunt and fish when hungry (permits must be given by the tribal committee and recorded) Hunting and fishing on State Allowed Property! It is of all Natives way of Life since time!! *LDWF response: Thank you for your question. LDWF will have to research those rights you mentioned in Alaska and Washington regarding your inquiry.*
12. The new waterfowl zones are set for the next 5 years, correct? Does the Commission have the flexibility during that time to change the dates and number of splits within the each zone? I ask because the coastal area we hunt is still now accessible due to low water (yesterday) and has not been since the middle of January. *LDWF response: Yes, number of zones and boundaries are set for 5 years, BUT we can change the splits and season dates every year. As you see, we proposed 2 splits in the West Zone but only 1 in the East Zone. The Commission has the flexibility to change those every year.*
13. Any thought given to eliminating afternoon waterfowl hunting? *LDWF response: Yes, but closing hunting at noon statewide has not been supported on past Waterfowl Hunter Surveys.*
14. these rules are specific to Louisiana or will be used throughout the southern areas? *LDWF response: The proposed rules are specific to Louisiana.*
15. What is the purpose for having the veterans hunt and youth hunt the same day in the East zone? *LDWF response: I prefer to separate the Youth and Veteran hunt days for waterfowl,*

which is what we did this past season, but the 2020 Waterfowl Hunter Survey showed a pretty strong preference for putting them on the same days, like they do in AR, MS, and AL.

16. Will we ever start rabbit and squirrel season in September? LDWF response: We have received few, if any requests to start fall squirrel season earlier.
17. RKY is in desperate need of a deer hunting season that will protect the Does now to allow the deer herd to expand. Please adjust the season to reach your stated goal of 70% of the carrying capacity of the land. LDWF response: The either-sex season on RKY WMA was reduced from 10 to 5 days in 2018 in an effort to reduce harvest pressure on antlerless deer. Continued monitoring will occur and future adjustments will be based on that review.
18. Will you impliment a " Deer Council " for Richard K Yancey WMA made up of 5 members? 3 to be long time RKY deer hunters, 1 to be a Wildlife member etc. LDWF response: We feel that we have competent biologists making season recommendations for all of our seasons. LDWF desires, seeks, surveys and monitors input from all of our users and will continue to do so.

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1. lottery night hunt for pigs on richard k Yancey with supervised to prevent outlaws
2. closure of 2pm on Salvador/Timken should be all legal hunting time
3. I like evening hunting on Salvador/Timken