

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Joyce, Maurepas Swamp, and Salvador/Timken WMAs
Amended Deer Seasons

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:953.1 and under the authority of R.S. 56:115 and 116, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following Emergency Rule:

Due to the anticipated impacts of Hurricane Ida which made landfall on August 29, 2021, and which caused a storm surge and associated inland flooding on Joyce, Maurepas Swamp, and Salvador/Timken WMAs, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is recommending a reduction in the number of either-sex deer days for the 2021-2022 season. The reduction in days is intended to mitigate the anticipated reduction in fawn survival and subsequent lack of recruitment.

On Joyce and Maurepas Swamp WMAs, either-sex deer harvest will be amended to bucks only during firearms season of November 26-28, and primitive firearm season of January 8-9 and January 24-30. Either-sex deer hunting will be allowed during youth firearm season of November 6-7 and archery season of October 16-February 15.

On Salvador/Timken WMA, either-sex deer harvest will be amended to bucks only during firearm season of November 19-21, and primitive firearm season of December 20-26. Either-sex deer hunting will be allowed during archery season of November 1-January 31 and youth firearm season of October 9-10, October 16-17, October 23-24, and October 30-31.

This Emergency Rule shall become effective October 7, 2021, and remain in effect for the duration of the 2021-22 Deer Hunting Season. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Emergency Rule.

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Chair