

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Fall Inshore Shrimp Season—1996

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open as follows:

Zone 1, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Mississippi State Line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River; and

Zone 2, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island; and

Zone 3, that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the western shore of Vermillion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island westward to the Texas State Line;

All to open at official sunrise Monday, August 19, 1996.

The commission also hereby sets the closing date for the 1996 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season at official sunset Sunday, December 15, 1996 except in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds in Zone 1, as described in R.S. 56:495.1.A.(2), which shall remain open until 12:01 a.m., April 1, 1997. The commission also grants authority to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing date if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop.

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