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What participants will learn:

- Revenue potential for fishing operations and other natural resource enterprises
- Ways to limit liability
- Availability of private land management programs
- Financial considerations/business planning for your operation
- Managing lands
- Birding diversity along the coast
- Tourism opportunities for fishing industry
- Linking charter boat operators and tourism

For registration and to see the full workshop brochure, visit www.lsuagcenter.com/en/community/community_dev/Agritourism/conferences/Coastal-Ecotourism-Workshop.htm or contact Twyla Herrington (504) 433-3664, therrington@agcenter.lsu.edu, or Dora Ann Hatch (318) 927-9654 x229, dhatch@agcenter.lsu.edu.






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Tuesday, March 12, 2013
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Stella Plantation
4881 Louisiana 39
Braithwaite, LA

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Registration before March 6 is \$20. On-site registration is \$25.

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LOUISIANA REGULATIONS

Commercial King Mackerel Season

The 2013 commercial king mackerel season begins July 1. Once the season opens, it will remain open until the quota of approximately 1.18 million pounds is met or projected to be met.

King mackerel is a significant commercial fishery in Louisiana. From 2000 through 2011, Louisiana has landed, on average, an amount equal to approximately 75 percent of the allotted western Gulf of Mexico quota. In 2011, more than 1 million pounds were landed in Louisiana. A significant amount of the king mackerel landed in Louisiana is shipped to markets in the northeastern U.S.

Currently, the 2011-2012 commercial king mackerel season is closed as the established quota has been harvested.

Commercial Harvest of Greater Amberjack

A 2,000 pound commercial trip limit for greater amberjack has been established in Louisiana to mirror regulations of federally managed waters. Effective with the provisions under this emergency rule, a vessel shall not possess on any trip, or sell, barter, trade or exchange greater amberjack in excess of the designated 2,000 pound whole weight trip limit, regardless of where taken. Further, no person, shall purchase, barter, trade or exchange from any person greater amberjack in excess of the 2,000 pound whole weight trip limit. Greater amberjack may only be in possession during the open commercial season by legally licensed commercial fishermen.

The season for greater amberjack is currently open and will remain open until the quota is reached, with the exception of the annual closed season (March 1 to June 1).

In 2011, Louisiana accounted for approximately 63 percent of the commercial landing for greater amberjack in the Gulf of Mexico.

Regulations for Amphibians and Reptiles

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) adopted a notice of intent on Jan. 3 that would revise current regulations protecting amphibians and reptiles.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) recommended the revisions that include simplifying the wording for restricted species and permits for take, adding three snake species to the list of restricted reptiles, and adding the Mississippi gopher frog to the list of endangered species within the state. The gopher frog was already federally listed, and the state list will be corrected by this proposed action.

To view the full notice of intent, visit <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/action-items>. Public comment will be accepted at the LWFC monthly meeting on Feb. 7, 2013. Comments will also be accepted by mail to LDWF's headquarters in Baton Rouge through Feb. 20, 2013. Mailed comments should be directed to:

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 P.O. Box 98000
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Online Renewal for Commercial Licenses

LDWF now offers commercial license holders the option to renew online for 2013.

LDWF has opened another avenue for Louisiana commercial license holders to renew their licenses for 2013. Customers who held a license in the immediate prior year for the requested renewal can go online at the department's website and renew those licenses.

Previously, customers with commercial licenses could only renew by mail or in person at the Baton Rouge office. Now, they have a third option of using the Internet, which provides the customers with at-home service and savings on travel expenses. It also allows LDWF to provide quicker service to its customers. Online renewal can be found at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/licenses.

Commercial Fishing Season for Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks

Commercial fishing for Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks opened in Louisiana waters at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. The National Marine Fisheries Service also opened the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico at this time.

The commercial season as well as the recreational season for the harvest of all sharks in Louisiana state waters will be closed from 12:01 a.m. April 1, 2013, until 12:01 p.m. July 1, 2013, per an existing fixed seasonal closure to protect shark pupping, unless a season closes in adjacent federal waters or is projected to close before that date, and the secretary is requested by NOAA Fisheries to take action to enact consistent seasonal regulations. The commercial season will remain open in federal waters until 80 percent of the federal quota for a given fishery has been harvested in the Gulf of Mexico.

During the open season, commercial harvest of Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks and Pelagic Sharks will be regulated by the existing federal and state rules regarding trip limits, allowable species and requirements for permits and landings.

The Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Shark group is composed of the great hammerhead, scalloped hammerhead, smooth hammerhead, nurse shark, blacktip shark, bull shark, lemon shark, silky shark, spinner shark and tiger shark. While sandbar sharks are a member of the Large Coastal Shark group, only specifically designated federally permitted vessels may take sandbar sharks while operating under conditions of that research permit.

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Commercial fishing for Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks will resume in Louisiana waters on Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 or until 80 percent of the federal quota has been met. The Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Shark group is composed of bonnethead shark, Atlantic sharpnose shark, blacknose shark and finetooth shark and remained open for all of 2012.

There is no allowable harvest at any time for all Prohibited Species, which include Basking shark, white shark, bigeye sand tiger, sand tiger, whale shark, smalltooth sawfish, largetooth sawfish, Atlantic angel shark, Caribbean sharpnose shark, smalltail shark, bignose shark, Caribbean reef shark, dusky shark, Galapagos shark, narrowtooth shark, night shark, bigeye sixgill shark, bigeye thresher shark, longfin mako, sevengill shark and sixgill shark.

White Lake Fishing Lottery Applications Available

LDWF is now accepting applications for a lottery drawing for fishing permit access to the White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area (WCA) between March 15 and Aug. 15, 2013.

A total of 100 permits are available and winning applicants will be notified of their opportunity to purchase a permit for \$40. White Lake WCA is located south of Gueydan in Vermilion Parish. The area open for fishing will be limited to the Florence Canal and Oil Field Location canals off of the Florence Canal. There will be no fishing in any of the WCA's marsh areas or in the main camp canal or other areas that are marked "NO FISHING." Successful applicants will be provided a map of the fishing area. Boats used by permittees will be limited to the use of motors with 40 horsepower or less. Additional rules and regulations are outlined in an attachment to the application.

Each completed application must include a non-refundable administrative fee of \$5 in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Only one application per person will be accepted and submitting more than one application will be considered grounds for disqualification. Completed applications must be received by LDWF by close of business on Feb. 22, 2013.

Applications may be mailed to: Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Attention: White Lake Fishing, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898. They may also be turned in to Room 422 at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge. Persons interested in obtaining an application may call the department at (225) 765-2812 or download a copy from the department's website at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/refuge/white-lake-wetlands-conservations-area.

GULF OF MEXICO REGULATIONS

Gulf of Mexico Recreational Grouper Season to Close Feb. 1

The recreational shallow-water grouper fishery will close from Feb. 1 through March 31. This past November, the council voted to eliminate the current Feb. 1 through March 31 shallow-water grouper closed season shoreward of the 20 fathom break. The new rule has not yet been implemented and is awaiting approval by the Secretary of Commerce.

If approved, recreational harvest of red grouper, black grouper, scamp, yellowfin grouper and yellowmouth grouper will be permitted all year unless fishing beyond 20 fathoms. Beyond 20 fathoms, the Feb. 1 through March 31 recreational closed season remains in effect.

Gag grouper, which is also part of the shallow-water grouper complex, will remain closed until July 1, and will close when the annual catch target is met.

Fish Gear Coordinates December

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that 23 claims in the amount of \$89,307.48 were received for payment during the period Dec. 1, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2012

There were 23 paid and 0 denied.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates, in Degree Decimal Minutes, of reported underwater obstructions are:

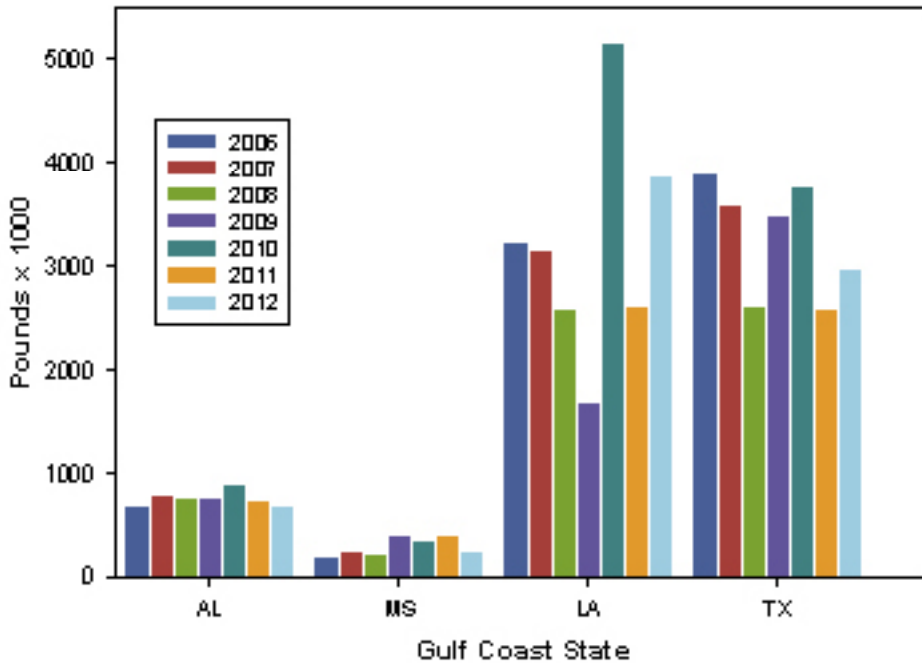
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A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Gwendolyn Thomas, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, or call (225)342-9388.

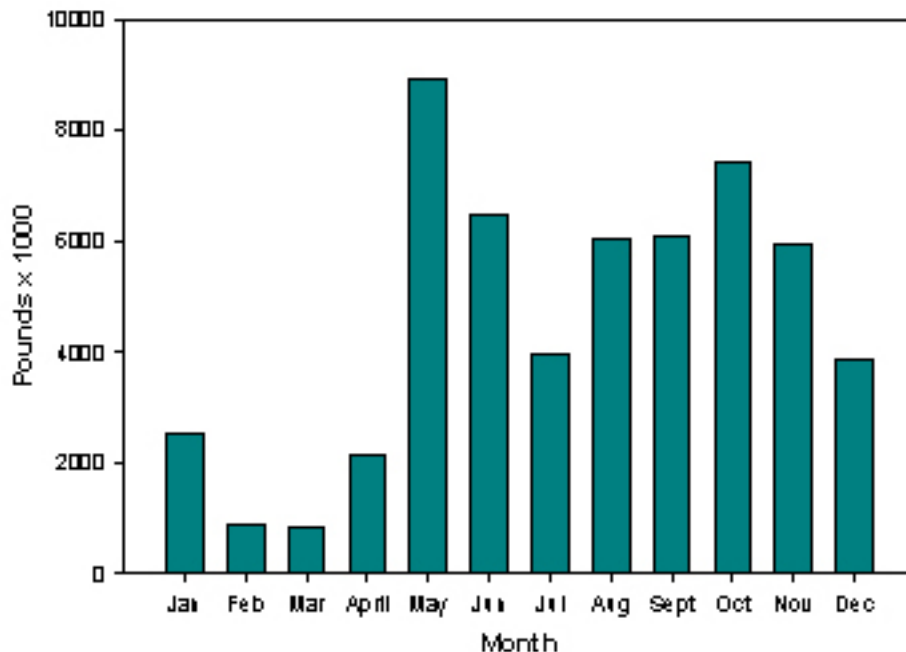
Louisiana Shrimp Watch

Louisiana specific data portrayed in the graphics are selected from preliminary data posted by NOAA on its website. All data portrayed are subject to final revision and approval by NOAA. Shrimp landings are ex-vessel prices, inclusive of all species harvested. Missing, inadequate or withheld reports are portrayed as “zero” in these graphics. Price graphics reflect central Gulf states only (Texas and Florida are reported independently). For more information, please refer to: www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/market_news/index.html.

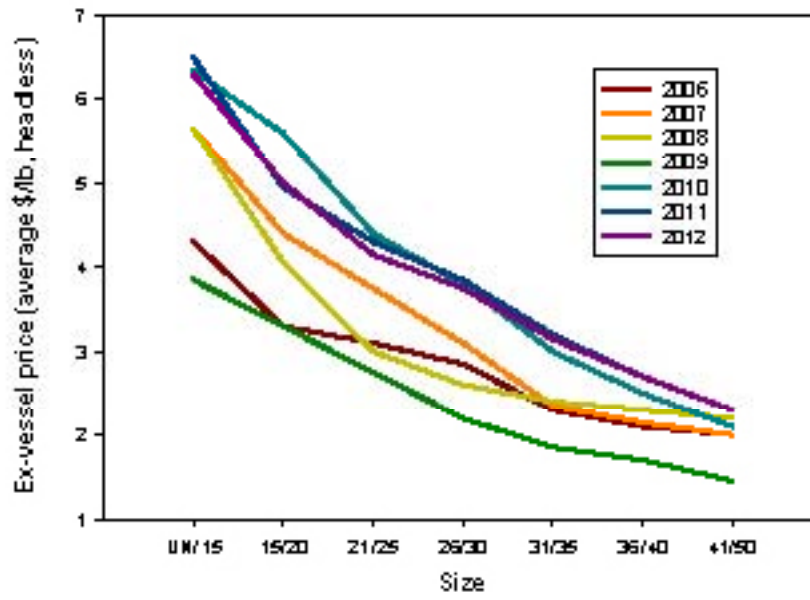
December Shrimp Harvest



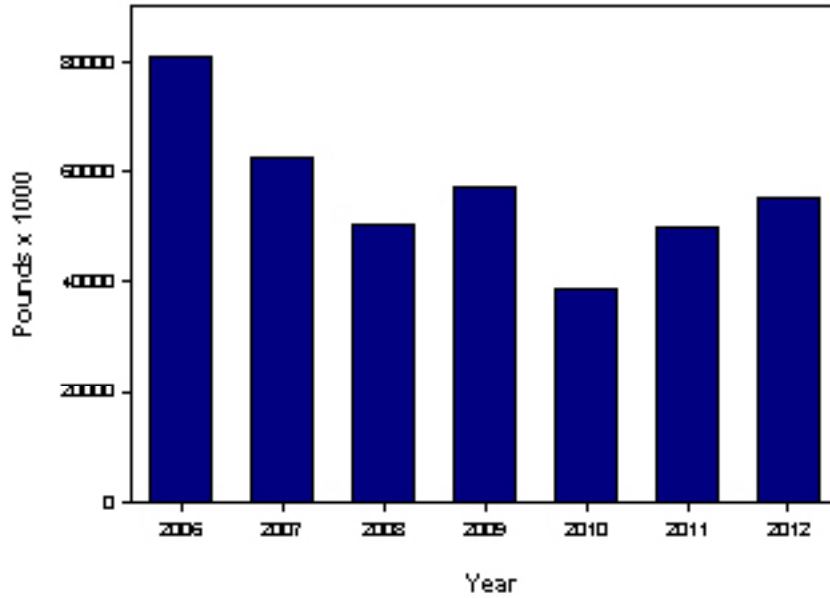
Louisiana 2012 Shrimp Harvest



December Northern GoM Shrimp Prices



Louisiana Year to Date Shrimp Harvest



The Gumbo Pot

Cyndi's Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

Recipe courtesy of *Louisiana Kitchen & Culture* and Cynthia Collier, New Orleans. For more recipes or to subscribe to their magazine or free newsletter, visit <http://louisiana.kitchenandculture.com/>

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head green cabbage, steamed
- 12 ounces uncooked ground turkey breast
- ½ cup onions, diced
- ½ cups cooked brown rice, regular or instant
- 1 large egg
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 28 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth



Remove eight outer leaves from cabbage; place leaves in a large stockpot. Add enough water to cover leaves; set pot over high heat. Bring water to a boil; boil until leaves are pliable and soft, about 10 minutes. Drain; when leaves are cool enough to handle, cut off thickest part of vein from bottom of leaves, leaving leaves intact.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine turkey, onion, rice, egg, garlic powder, cinnamon, salt and black pepper; mix well.

Place a small amount of turkey mixture (enough to fit in the palm of your hand) onto center of each leaf. Fold in sides of leaves and then roll up tightly from one end to other, making sure filling is fully covered by leaf.

Pour a small amount of tomatoes into stockpot so a thin layer covers bottom of pot. Place cabbage rolls in pot, packing them tightly to prevent opening during cooking; pour in remaining tomatoes and broth. Set pot over medium-high heat and bring to a simmer; reduce heat to low, cover pot and simmer 45 minutes more. Remove from heat and serve hot. Yields two stuffed leaves and about 1/4 cup of sauce per serving.

If you have a favorite seafood recipe that you would like to share, please send it to Julie Anderson janderson@agcenter.lsu.edu for inclusion in future issues.



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We would like to hear from you! Please contact us regarding fishery questions, comments or concerns you would like to see covered in the Lagniappe. Anyone interested in submitting information, such as articles, editorials or photographs pertaining to fishing or fisheries management is encouraged to do so.

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