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For motorized boats, complete a Boat Registration/Boat and Motor Title Application and submit it, along with original documentation demonstrating boat ownership (for both new and used boats), any other documents required for the special cases listed below, and a check, cashier's check, or money order for applicable fees. For non-motorized houseboats, you must also complete and submit an Affidavit of Ownership of a Non-Motorized Houseboat and pictures of the houseboat. Apply either in person at LDWF Headquarters at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge during normal business hours, 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, or by mail to:LDWF Attn: Boat Registration/Boat and Motor Title Application PO Box 14796 Baton Rouge, LA 70898. If you purchased your boat new from a dealer, you must submit: If you purchased your boat used and do not have a complete chain of ownership from the last registered owner of the boat, you may be required to obtain a court order to register your boat. Please call 225.765.2898 for more information. If you purchased your boat from an individual who previously registered/titled the boat in another state, you must submit: Title and registration Bill of Sale of Boat/Motor If you acquired your boat from a dealer in another state and it was previously titled or registered, you must submit: Invoice from the dealer or a Bill of Sale of Boat/Motor Title and/or registration Proof of ownership from the titled/registered owner to the dealer If you're registering your out-of-state boat for the first time in Louisiana, you may be required to submit a completed Tax Payment Certification Form (R-1331) from the Louisiana Department of Revenue. Call 225.765.2898 for more information. If your boat does not have a Hull Identification Number (homemade boats) or has an incorrect Hull Identification Number and you're applying for registration for the first time, your boat must be inspected by LDWF and must be titled in addition to being registered. You must submit an Application for a Boat Inspection along with your completed registration application and provide receipts for building materials indicating taxes paid (for homemade boats) at the time of inspection. LDWF will send you a letter with information to call and make an appointment for your inspection. You must register all U.S. Coast Guard documented boats used recreationally in Louisiana waters. Your application must include a completed original Tax Payment Certification Form (R-1331) from the Louisiana Department of Revenue and a copy of your U.S. Coast Guard documentation (in the applicant's name). Once we receive and process your application, required documents, and payment, we will issue you a registration certificate, which states the number assigned to your boat, and two decals. You must keep your registration certificate onboard the vessel at all times. We suggest keeping it in a waterproof container in a safe but easily accessible place. You must paint or attach the number to your boat and attach the decals, both according to LDWF requirements. If you have not received your registration certificate and decals within 45 days of applying, please call 225.765.2898. LDWF maintains more than 1.6 million acres of Louisiana's land and waterways as wildlife management areas, refuges, and conservation areas. With a variety of habitats including upland pine-hardwood, cypress tupelo, pine savanna, bottomland hardwood, and brackish marsh, these areas are home to every game animal and freshwater and saltwater fish within the state, as well as rare plant communities and habitat types and important species such as the Louisiana black bear, red-cockaded woodpecker, and gopher tortoise. LDWF manages these areas not only to conserve the state's wildlife and fisheries resources and their habitat but also to provide the public with an array of outdoor recreational opportunities, from hunting, including lottery hunts, and fishing to canoeing, hiking, ATV riding, and birding. We encourage all Louisiana's citizens and visitors to get out and enjoy these resources and opportunities. Note that licenses and permits are required for many activities on Louisiana's public lands. See profiles of individual public lands below and current regulations for more information. Wildlife Management Areas WMA Parish(es) Acadiana Conservation Corridor Avoyelles, Evangeline, Rapides, St. Landry Alexander State Forest Rapides Atchafalaya Delta St. Mary Attakapas Island Iberia, St. Martin, St. Mary Hayou Macon East Carroll Bayou Pierre DeSoto, Red River Big Colewa Bayou Morehouse Big Lake Franklin, Madison, Tensas Biloxi St. Bernard Bodcau Bossier, Webster Boeuf Caldwell, Catahoula Buckhorn Tensas Bussey Brake Morehouse Clear Creek Vernon Dewey W. Wills Catahoula, LaSalle Elbow Slough Rapides Elm Hall Assumption Esler Field Grant, Rapides Floy Ward McElroy Richland Fort Johnson North Natchitoches, Sabine, Vernon Fort Johnson-Vernon Vernon Grassy Lake Avoyelles Hutchinson Creek St. Helena J.C. "Sonny" Gilbert Catahoula John Franks Caddo Joyce Tangipahoa Lake Boeuf Lafourche Lake Ramsay St. Tammany Little River Grant Loggy Bayou Bienville, Bossier Manchac St. John the Baptist Marsh Bayou Evangeline Maurepas Swamp Ascension, Livingston, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa Pass-a-Loutre Plaquemines Pearl River St. Tammany Pointe-aux-Chenes Lafourche, Terrebonne Pomme de Terre Avoyelles Richard K. Yancey Concordia Russell Sage Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland Sabine Island Calcasieu Sabine Sabine Salvador/Timken St. Charles Sandy Hollow Tangipahoa Sherburne Iberville, Pointe Coupee, St. Martin Soda Lake Caddo Spring Bayou Avoyelles Tangipahoa Parish School Board Tangipahoa Thistlethwaite St. Landry Tunica Hills West Feliciana Walnut Hill Vernon West Bay Allen Conservation Area Parish(es) White Lake Vermilion Ben Lilly Morehouse The 2024 dove hunting season begins Saturday (Sept. 7) statewide, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) announced. Louisiana is divided into the North and South zones for dove season. The North Zone runs from Sept. 7-28, Oct. 5-Nov. 9 and Dec. 21-Jan. 21, 2025. The South Zone runs from Sept. 7-21, Oct. 19-Nov. 30 and Dec. 14-Jan. 14, 2025. Dove hunters 18 and older are required to have a basic hunting license and be Harvest Information Program (HIP) certified. Youth 17 and under do not need a hunting license or HIP certification to dove hunt. To purchase a hunting license, go to LDWF. LDWF will have lease fields available in DeRidder and Colfax for the opening day (Sept. 7) of dove hunting season along with several LDWF Wildlife Management Area (WMA) dove fields. Hunters may access permits for the lease field hunts through the LDWF website at [☛Both hunts will begin one-half hour before sunrise on Saturday. The registration fee for the lease fields is \\$10 for adults plus a convenience fee. Youths age 17 and younger do not have to pay the registration fee. Only non-deer shot size 6 and smaller may be used at these hunts and no lead shot is to be used. Dogs are allowed and ATVs are allowed but may be restricted to field roads if wet conditions prevail. LDWF Wildlife Management Areas \(WMAs\) offering dove fields or dove hunting opportunities, including Bodcau WMA, Boeuf WMA, Clear Creek WMA, Elbow Slough WMA, John Franks WMA, Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA, Richard K. Yancey WMA, Russell Sage WMA, Sabine WMA, Sandy Hollow WMA, Sherburne WMA, the U.S. Forest Service Calcasieu Ranger District Vernon Unit and West Bay WMA. For more information on WMA dove fields, go to \[. For a complete list of WMAs open to dove hunting and more information on WMA dove hunting, go to \\[. All visitors to LDWF WMAs must have either a WMA Access Permit, Senior Hunting/Fishing License, Louisiana Sportsman's Paradise License or Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License. Go to \\\[☛for more information. For more information on dove hunting in Louisiana, go to or contact Richard Temple at \\\\[rtemple@wlf.la.gov\\\\]\\\\(mailto:rtemple@wlf.la.gov\\\\) or 337-491-2110. Residents and nonresident hunters age 18 or older must have a Basic Hunting License to hunt, take, possess or transport any wild birds or quadrupeds \\\\(for which hunting is permitted and seasons are opened\\\\). All youth \\\\(age 17 and younger\\\\) who are actively harvesting deer or turkey, participating in a lottery hunt, or trapping are required to have a Youth Hunting License. Youth who are spectating \\\\(not actively hunting\\\\) are not required to have a license. Additional special licenses are required to hunt, take, possess, or transport deer, turkey, or migratory waterfowl. Hunters must have licenses \\\\(or license numbers\\\\) and a physical form of identification on their person while hunting. No person born on or after September 1, 1969, shall hunt unsupervised unless that person has been issued a certificate of satisfactory completion of a Hunter Education course approved by LDWF. Penalties for violations, requirements, and methods for taking approved hunter education courses. Licenses are available at special rates for seniors, military, students, and people with disabilities. Lifetime licenses are also available. The following individuals are not required to have a hunting license: Residents and nonresidents under age 18 \\\\(i.e. age 17 and under\\\\) who are hunting game animals besides deer or turkey or are spectators of another person hunting Residents born before June 1, 1940 who have lived in Louisiana for 6 months. However, these individuals must have proof of age in their possession whenever hunting. Migratory Game Birds \\\\(2024/2025\\\\) Season Dates Daily Bag Limit Possession Limit Dove \\\\(Mourning, White-winged, Fully Dressed Eurasian, and Collard Doves\\\\) North Zone:September 7-28October 5 - November 9December 21 - January 21South Zone:September 7-21October 19 - November 30December 14 - January 14 15 in aggregate 45 in aggregate Rails and Gallinules September 14-29 November 9 - January 1Extended Falconry*:November 2 - January 26 King and Clapper:15 in aggregateSora and Virginia:25 in aggregateGallinules: 15 King and Clapper: 45Sora and Virginia: 75Gallinules: 45 Snipe November 2 - December 8December 21 - February 28 8 24 Woodcock December 18 - January 31Extended Falconry*:November 4 - January 31 3 9 Teal \\\\(Blue, Green, and Cinnamon\\\\) September 14-29 6 18 Ducks, Coots, Mergansers East Zone: Regular season: November 16 - December 1 and December 14 - January 26 Youth and veterans only: November 9 and February 1 West Zone: Regular season: November 9 - December 8; December 21 - January 5; January 18 - 31 Youth: November 2-3 Veterans only: February 1-2 Extended Falconry \\\\(all zones\\\\): November 2 - January 29 Ducks: Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no morethan 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 limits for scaup and mottled ducks during youth and veterans hunting days are 0 mottled ducks and 1scaup if before the regular season, 1 mottled duck and 2 scaup if after the regular season. Coots: 15Mergansers: 5 \\\\(only 2 of which may be hooded\\\\) 3 times the daily bag limit Light Geese \\\\(Snow, Blue, Ross\\\\), White-fronted Geese \\\\(Specklebelly\\\\), and Canada Geese East Zone:November 2 - December 1December 14 - January 26West Zone:November 2 - December 8December 21 - January 5January 18 - February 7 Light Geese: 20White-fronted Geese: 3Canada Geese: 1 Light Geese: NoneWhite-fronted Geese: 0Canada Geese: 3 Conservation Order for Light Geese* East Zone:December 2-13January 27 - March 2West Zone:December 9-20January 6-17February 8 - March 2 None *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. *Only snow, blue, and Ross's geese may be taken under the terms of the Conservation Order, which allows the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. During the Conservation Order, shooting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and extend until one-half hour after sunset. Area A Area B Area C Notes April 5-May 4* April 5-27* April 5-20* Youth & Physically Challenged Hunt \\\\(restricted to youth and wheelchair-confined physically challenged hunters - Areas A, B and C on private land only\\\\): March 29-30 Seasons open in Areas A, B and C, on private lands only. * See separate WMA, National Wildlife Refuge, and Federal Lands Schedules for season dates on those areas. Dates Daily Bag Limit Possession Limit November 16 - February 28 10 30 Dates Daily Bag Limit Possession Limit October 5 - February 28 8 24 Season Dates Daily Bag Limit Possession Limit Fall October 5 - February 28 8 24 Spring* May 3-25 3 9 *Spring squirrel season is CLOSED on the Kisatchie National Forest, some national wildlife refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and some state WMAs \\\\(check WMA season schedule\\\\). Area Archery Primitive Firearms Firearms \\\\(Still-Hunt only\\\\) Firearms \\\\(With or Without Dogs\\\\) Youth and Honorably/Discharged Veterans 1 Either Sex: October 1 - January 31 Either Sex:November 9-15 January 20-31 Either Sex:November 16 - December 6January 6-19 Either Sex:December 7 - January 5 Either Sex:October 26 - November 1 2 Either Sex:October 1 - January 31 Either Sex:October 19-25January 13-19 Either Sex:October 26 - December 4 Either Sex:December 5 - January 12 Either Sex:December 12-18 3 Either Sex:September 21 - January 15 Either Sex:October 12-18 January 6-12 Either Sex:October 19 - December 1 Either Sex:December 2 - January 5 Either Sex:September 28 - October 4 4 Either Sex:October 1 - January 31 Either Sex:November 9-15 January 20-31 Either Sex:November 16 - December 6January 6 - January 19 Either Sex:December 7 - January 5 Either Sex:October 26 - November 1 5 Either Sex:\\\\(unless a Bucks Only Firearms Season is in progress\\\\)October 16 - February 15 Bucks Only:October 1-15 Either Sex:November 9-15Bucks Only:January 20-31 Either Sex:November 16-17November 29 - December 1Bucks Only:November 18 - 28December 2 - 6 Either Sex:December 7-8December 14-15Bucks Only:December 9-13December 16 - January 19 Either Sex:October 26 - November 1 6 Either Sex:\\\\(unless a Bucks Only Firearms Season is in progress\\\\)October 16 - February 15 Bucks Only:October 1-15 Either Sex:November 9 - 15January 20 - 31 Either Sex:November 16 - December 6 Either Sex:December 7 - January 19 Either Sex:October 26 - November 1 7 Either Sex:September 21 - January 15 Either Sex:October 12-18 January 6-12 Either Sex:October 19 - December 1 Either Sex:December 2 - January 5 Either Sex:September 28 - October 4 8 Either Sex:September 21- January 15 Either Sex:October 12-18 January 6 - 12 Either Sex:October 19 - December 1 Either Sex:December 2 - January 5 Either Sex:September 28 - October 4 4 Either Sex:October 1 - January 31 Either Sex:November 9-15 January 20-31 Either Sex:November 16-17November 29 - December 1Bucks Only:November 18-28December 2-6 Either Sex:December 7-8December 14-15Bucks Only:December 9-13December 16 - January 19 Either Sex:October 26 - November 1 10 Either Sex:September 21 - January 15 Either Sex:October 12-18January 6-12 Either Sex:October 19 - January 5 Either Sex:September 28 - October 4 DAILY BAG LIMITS: 1 antlered and 1 antlerless \\\\(when legal\\\\)POSSESSION LIMIT: 6 per season, not to exceed 3 antlered OR 4 antlerless per season EXCEPT Deer Area 4 limit 3/season \\\\(not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer\\\\), and Deer Area 10 limit 3/season \\\\(not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer\\\\). Season Harvest Limit Experimental year-round season One per calendar year Raccoon and Opossum \\\\(2024/2025\\\\) Season Daily Limit Year-round Two raccoons and two opossums Dates Limit September 1 - January 1 None If you're age 18 or older, you must have a Basic Fishing License to fish recreationally in Louisiana waters. This license includes all legal means/gear for catching freshwater species. If you're fishing south of the saltwater line*, you must also have a Saltwater License \\\\(unless you are fishing south of the saltwater line and targeting and possessing freshwater fish only, then you only need to possess a Basic Fishing License\\\\). This license includes all legal means/gear for catching saltwater species. Please note that if you're fishing with a pole or hook and line without a reel and without artificial bait or any of the following: dip nets, landing nets, minnow traps, crab nets, or crab lines, you just need a Hook and Line License; no other license is required. Learn more about crabbing license requirements. *State law has designated a saltwater line across south Louisiana; this line divides fresh and saltwater areas of the state. Louisiana has many areas where you can catch fresh and saltwater species side by side. Instead of trying to determine exactly where the saltwater line is, the best practice is to purchase the additional saltwater license if you're fishing anywhere in south Louisiana and plan to catch any saltwater species. You also need licenses or permits for certain activities. Licenses are available at special rates for seniors, military, students, and people with disabilities. Lifetime licenses are also available. You are not required to have Basic or Saltwater Fishing licenses if you are: A resident or nonresident under age 18 \\\\(i.e. age 17 and under\\\\) A resident born before June 1, 1940, who has lived in Louisiana for 6 months. If you meet one of the above criteria, you must still have proof of age in your possession whenever fishing. License and Permit Types and Fees License/Permit Type Resident, Military, and Student Fee Nonresident Fee Nonresident Native 10-Day Nonresident 5-Day Basic Fishing \\\\(includes all legal recreational freshwater gear\\\\) \\\\\$17 \\\\\$68 \\\\\$17 \\\\\$30 Saltwater \\\\(Basic Fishing License required; includes all legal recreational saltwater gear\\\\) \\\\\$15 \\\\\$60 \\\\\$15 \\\\\$30 Hook and Line \\\\(cane pole\\\\) \\\\\$1 \\\\\$5 — \\\\\$5 — Senior Hunting/Fishing? \\\\\$5 — — — Louisiana Sportsman's Paradise\\\\\$3 \\\\\$100 \\\\\$400 \\\\\$100 \\\\\$120 Charter Passenger Saltwater \\\\(3-day\\\\) \\\\\$20 \\\\\$20 — — Charter Passenger Freshwater \\\\(3-day\\\\) \\\\\$10 \\\\\$10 — — Allows licenseholder to fish using a pole or hook and line without a reel and without artificial bait or any of the following: dip nets, landing nets, minnow traps, crab nets, or crab lines. No other license is required. 24 resident age 60 or older must obtain a Senior Hunting/Fishing License to hunt or fish. This license is in lieu of Basic and Saltwater Fishing Licenses; Basic, Deer, Waterfowl, and Turkey Hunting Licenses; and WMA Access Permit. It also includes all legal gear privileges. This license is free for residents born before June 1, 1940. 3Louisiana Sportsman's Paradise License includes Basic and Saltwater Fishing Licenses; Basic, Deer, Waterfowl, and Turkey Hunting Licenses; WMA Access Permit; and all legal gear privileges except for trawls longer than 25 feet. 4Valid to fish from a charter vessel in saltwater areas of the state, with a licensed guide on board at all times. Recreational Saltwater Bowfishing PermitA recreational saltwater bowfishing permit for the recreational fishery's private and charter sectors is required beginning January 1, 2024. The permit is free of charge and will be valid for one year from the date issued. Individuals 18 years of age and older taking or attempting to take saltwater recreational fish with bowfishing gear. Any person on a charter bowfishing trip, who pays a fee for that trip, is not required to have this permit, but the permit is required for the captain of that charter vessel. Charter guides must use charter license number and obtain a CHARTER bowfishing permit, get or renew your Bowfishing permit Offshore and Federal Permits Recreational Offshore Landing Permit \\\\(ROLP\\\\) Private recreational anglers are required to have a valid Recreational Offshore Landing Permit \\\\(ROLP\\\\) to possess tunas, billfish, swordfish, amberjacks, groupers, snappers, hinds, cobia, wahoo, and dolphinfish in Louisiana waters. This permit is free of charge. Minors \\\\(under age 18\\\\) are not required to have an ROLP. Only register for an ROLP if you do not need an ROLP if you do not fish offshore, if you only go offshore on charter boats as a client \\\\(as you're covered by the captain's Charter ROLP\\\\), or if you do not fish for or land those species. So, if you're fishing for speckled trout offshore, you do not need an ROLP. But if you land red snapper, you do. get or renew your rolp Highly Migratory Species Angling Permit Recreational vessels fishing for any federally regulated highly migratory species \\\\(HMS\\\\)—Atlantic tunas \\\\(bluefin, yellowfin, bigeye, skipjack and albacore\\\\), sharks, swordfish, white and blue marlin, sailfish and spearfish—must have a federal HMS Angling Permit. You may not sell your catch under this permit. The permit fee is \\\\\$20. You may apply for an initial or renewal permit one of the following ways: There are mandatory reporting requirements associated with this permit. You must report all bluefin tuna landings and dead discards, and swordfish, white and blue marlin, sailfish, and spearfish landings to NOAA Fisheries within 24 hours of your vessel returning from the trip. Report online, via the HMS Catch Reporting app, or by calling 800.894.5528. How do I purchase a recreational fishing license? You can purchase a recreational fishing license*. *This does not apply to most military, student, disability, and lifetime licenses. See Special Licenses for details. Online payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express; these purchases include a small handling fee. If you purchase your license online \\\\(via smartphone, laptop, tablet, etc.\\\\), you will not receive a license in the mail. You will receive a text with a temporary authorization number and an email with the temporary authorization number and a PDF of your licenses, which you can print and/or save to the electronic device you take fishing. Louisiana citizens with a Louisiana driver's license or ID card can also now use the LA Wallet app to display their purchased LDWF licenses on their smartphone. How do I qualify for resident rates? To purchase a license at the resident rate, you must meet the bona fide residency requirements defined below and present one of the following valid forms of identification: Louisiana driver's license \\\\(valid for 6 months or more\\\\) Louisiana ID card \\\\(issued by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety\\\\) If you obtain a resident license but do not comply with the bona fide residency requirements as stated below, you will be subject to criminal and/or civil sanctions. Bona Fide Residency Requirements: You're a bona fide resident if you've resided in the state of Louisiana continuously during the 6 months immediately prior to the date you apply for any license and if you've established Louisiana as your legal domicile. You must demonstrate compliance with all of the following, as applicable: If you're registered to vote, you're registered to vote in Louisiana If you're licensed to drive a motor vehicle, you have a valid Louisiana driver's license If you own a motor vehicle located within Louisiana, you have a valid Louisiana registration for that vehicle If you earn an income, you have filed a Louisiana state income tax return and have complied with state income tax law and regulations. Any person, corporation, or other legal entity that possesses a resident license from any other state or country shall not qualify for a resident license in Louisiana. How do I replace a lost license? If you lost your license, you can purchase a duplicate for \\\\\$2 per license. If you purchased it online or through a mobile device, you can reprint it for free. No duplicates are allowed for temporary licenses. Louisiana/Texas Agreement The waters in western Louisiana form a mutual border with Texas, so Louisiana and Texas have a reciprocal agreement that allows Louisiana and Texas recreational fishermen to fish border waters \\\\(except the Gulf of America\\\\) under their resident license from their home state. They are not required to purchase a nonresident license. Those exempted from resident licenses for their state \\\\(see above\\\\) are also included in this agreement. Border waters include: Caddo Lake Toledo Bend Reservoir Sabine River Sabine Lake Sabine Pass Louisiana residents age 65 or older are not required to purchase a Texas nonresident license to fish in any Texas public waters \\\\(both freshwater and saltwater\\\\), but they must have a valid Louisiana resident senior fishing license\\\\(s\\\\) and comply with Texas law. Louisiana residents from 17 to 64 years of age are still required to purchase a Texas nonresident fishing license when fishing in Texas waters, except border waters. Likewise, Texas residents age 65 or older may fish in any Louisiana public waters \\\\(both freshwater and saltwater\\\\) as long as they possess any type of valid Special Texas Resident license for seniors and comply with Louisiana law. This includes Texas residents born before September 1, 1930. LDWF Warns Public of Potential Fish Kills Statewide Louisiana Private Recreational Red Snapper Landing Estimates New Recreational Wahoo Regulations Effective June 20 LMFC Adopts Notice of Intent to Modify the Special Bait Dealer's Permit LDWF Partners with Ten States to Launch Alligator Information Website LDWF Announces Winners of the 2025 Durable License Card Contest LMFC Approves DE and NOI to Expand CWD Control Area Beginning May 1 LDWF Issues Permit Application for Registering Prohibited or Restricted Native Turtles in Possession by July 19 'Louisiana Outdoors Forever' Accepting Pre-Applications for a New Funding Cycle LDWF Announces Recreational Gag Grouper Season to Open September 1, 2025 Page 2 Louisiana offers some of the top inshore and offshore saltwater fishing in the world. Read on for more information on special licenses and permits you need to fish recreationally in saltwater in Louisiana as well as the latest seasons and limits, gear restrictions and requirements, and prohibited species. more information Louisiana's lakes, ponds, rivers, reservoirs, creeks, and bayous provide an abundance of freshwater fishing opportunities; harvesting crawfish is a popular pastime for Louisianans as well. Stay up to date on the licenses and permits you need to harvest freshwater finfish and crawfish recreationally as well as prohibited species, gear restrictions, seasons, and limits. more information Find out all you need to know to legally harvest crab, oyster, and shrimp as a recreational fisherman in Louisiana, from licenses and permits to gear, seasons, areas, and limits. more information Be aware of the license requirements for collecting reptiles and amphibians recreationally in Louisiana as well as harvest restrictions, especially for prohibited species. more information LA Creel is LDWF's recreational saltwater landings data collection program. LA Creel uses a combination of data collected dockside and through phone and email surveys to estimate recreational saltwater fish harvests. LDWF relies on this information to manage the state's valuable recreational fishery resources. more information Louisiana Catch and Cook provides fishermen and alligator hunters the opportunity to enjoy dining on their own catch-of-the-day prepared by a professional chef only hours after coming off the water. Any retail food establishment wishing to participate in the program can apply for a free permit issued by LDWF; rules and regulations, penalties, terms, conditions and requirements apply. more information\\\]\\\(#\\\)\\]\\(#\\)\]\(#\)](#)