

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Addition of Louisiana Lands East of the Mississippi River
in East Carroll, Madison and Tensas Parishes included in the
Cervid Carcass Importation Ban

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 and under the authority of R.S. 56:115 and 116, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

On January 25, 2018, a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) positive buck was discovered in Issaquena County, Mississippi. The CWD positive buck was located only a few miles from the Louisiana border on the east side of the Mississippi River.

Therefore, the addition of Louisiana lands east of the Mississippi River being included in the Carcass Importation Ban is another measure to reduce the risk of introducing CWD into Louisiana by reducing movement of possible infected deer carcasses or material.

This Declaration of Emergency shall become effective October 4, 2018, and remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. 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 Declaration of Emergency and extend if necessary.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§119. Cervid Carcass Importation

A. Definitions

Cervid—any animal of the family *Cervidae* including but not limited to white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, caribou, fallow deer, axis deer, sika deer, red deer, and reindeer.

B. No person shall import, transport or possess any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass originating outside of Louisiana including Louisiana lands east of the Mississippi River in East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas parishes, except: for meat that is cut and wrapped; meat that has been boned out; quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, antlers, clean skull plates with antlers, cleaned skulls without tissue attached, capes, tanned hides, finished taxidermy mounts and cleaned cervid teeth. Any and all bones shall be disposed of in a manner where its final destination is at an approved landfill or equivalent. Said rule shall be effective March 1, 2017.

C. Approved parts or deboned meat transported from other states must be legally possessed from the state it was taken. Approved parts and deboned meat from other states must contain a possession tag with the hunter's name, out-of-state license number (if required), address, species, date and location (county and state) of harvest. All cervids transported into or through this state in violation of the provisions of this ban shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rules and regulations.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 43:344 (February 2017), amended LR 44:

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