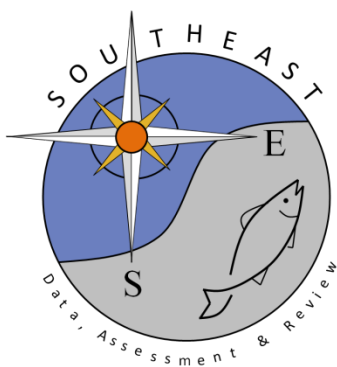


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1886 – Act 106: Allowed the people of Louisiana to use state owned water-bottoms for the purpose of catching oysters and other shellfish.

1904 – Act 85: Established the basket (considered 70 pounds) as the standard measure for weighing shrimp.

1908 – Act 144: Established the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources.

1910 – Act 172: Created an eight member Conservation Commission.

Act 245: The first comprehensive statute concerning shrimp. Established a license on shrimp seines that was dependent on length. Established a closed season from June 1 – July 14. Gave the Board of Commissioners for the Protection of Birds, Game, and Fish to issue shrimping regulations. Made it illegal to seine from a boat under some sort of propulsion.

1912 – Act 127: Established the Conservation Commission and empowered it to issue regulations for the comprehensive control of shellfish, superseding the Board of Commissioners for the Protection of Birds, Game, and Fish. Created a Conservation Fund in the State Treasury.

Act 168: Amended Act 245 of 1910. Set two closed shrimp seasons, Dec. 1 – Feb. 1 and June 1 – July 1. Added a minimum mesh size for shrimp seines of three-quarters of an inch square.

1914 – Act 86: First mention of inside and outside waters but not defined. First trawl regulations formed. Prohibited trawl use in inside waters if determined to be detrimental to the interests of the state. Allowed the take of shrimp for canning or drying purposes in closed seasons by trawls from any outside waters of the state with a permit and the shrimp could not measure less than 4 inches.

1918 – Act 105: Reaffirms the Department of Conservation and its control over shellfish. Also empowers the commissioner to appoint Conservation Agents.

1920 – Act 68: First delineation of the inside/outside line. Allowed bait shrimp to be taken anytime. Made it illegal to take and sell shrimp that measure less than 4 inches in length for canning or drying. First trawl licenses introduced. First severance tax on shrimp set forth. Established licenses for shrimp canning or packing plants and drying platforms.

1924 – Act 140: Further delineation of the inside/outside line. Specifies two closed seasons, Dec. 1 – Mar. 1 and June 15 – August 15. Required a license to use a shrimp seine in excess of 10 fathoms, a trawl, or other device.

1926 – Act 103: Further delineation of the inside/outside line. Closed season, all waters, Jun. 15 – Aug. 15. Inside closed seasons Dec. 1 – Mar. 15 and Jun. 15 – Aug. 15. Seines 10 fathoms in length may be used for catching shrimp without a license. Any gear used to catch shrimp can have a license fee established.

1932 – Act 50: New delineation of the inside/outside shrimp line. Two closed seasons established, Mar. 1 – Apr. 15 and June 10 – Aug. 10. Made it illegal to use a seine longer than 5 fathoms or a trawl without a license.

Act 134: Allows for the Department of Conservation to collect severance taxes on shrimp fished from Louisiana waters, sent out of state.

Act 206: Exempts contracts or agreements for seafood, including shrimp, from antitrust violations.

1934 – Act 193: First requirement of a license for shrimp wholesalers and retailers. Prohibited the use of seines in excess of 3,000 feet in length and trawls with a spread of more than 100 feet for the taking of shrimp. Vessels not allowed to operate more than one trawl at a time.

1940 – Act 10: New delineation of the inside/outside shrimp line. Made it illegal to use or possess any trawl in excess of 60 feet in length for the purpose of catching shrimp. Establishes 2 closed seasons, Mar. 1 – Apr. 15 and Jun. 10 – August 10. Provides for shrimp licensing reciprocity agreements with other states.

Act 408: Requested the Department of Conservation to establish a freshwater/saltwater line.

1942 – Act 80: Made it illegal to take or possess any saltwater shrimp less than 4 inches in length.

Act 143: New delineation of the inside/outside shrimp line. Sets two closed seasons for inside waters, Mar. 16 – May 15 and Jun. 26 – Aug. 15. First shrimp count law enacted, 68 shrimp to the pound. Made it illegal to harvest saltwater shrimp in trawls or seines in inside waters between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

1944 – Act 328: Proposed constitutional amendment creating a Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and a Department of Conservation out of the former Department of Conservation.

1946 – Act 78: Placed exclusive control of the shrimp fishery and shrimp industry in Louisiana in the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Established a yearly closed season in inside waters from Dec. 15 – Mar. 15 and a closed season for inside and outside waters from Jun. 10 – the second Monday in August of each year. First shrimp vessel license was established and based on vessel length. Set a gear fee for each trawl in operation. Established the first license requirement for shrimp wholesalers' agents and for shrimp retailers.

1948 – Act 51: New delineation of the inside/outside shrimp line. Established a 68 count size limit for shrimp but does not apply to bait shrimp or to "grooved shrimp" when taken between Apr. 15 and Jun. 21. Established two closed seasons for inside waters Feb. 15 to Apr. 15 and Jun. 21 – the second Monday in August each year.

1950 – Act 544: Defines minimum mesh size for shrimp seines, trawls, or other devices as $\frac{3}{4}$ inch "bar" or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stretched. Count laws of 1948 Act 51 repealed.

1952 – Act 57: Established the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and transferred the functions from the LDWF.

Act 627: Establishes gear and vessel licenses. Set license fees for shrimp seines and trawls based on length and for shrimp vessels based on length.

1954 – Act 251: Sets size limits for shrimp trawls used in Vermilion Bay and East and West Cote Blanche Bays.

Act 348: Set two shrimp seasons for inside waters. No shrimp can be caught in trawls or seines in inside waters between sunset and sunrise.

1956 – Act 92: Extensive delineation of the inside/outside water “line” for shrimping.

1958 – Act 53: Defines the inside/outside shrimp line. Made it illegal for a boat to use two or more trawls at the same time in inside waters. Prohibited the use of trawls greater than 50 feet in inside waters. Established two seasons in inside waters Dec. 21 – Apr. 30 and Jul. 1 to the third Monday in August. Established a count size of 68 shrimp per to the pound with some exceptions during open season or on seabobs and bait shrimp.

1960 – Act 160: Reestablished the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the office of Commissioner of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

1962 – Act 452: Extensively delineated inside/outside line. Established a spring open season in inside waters for a 60 day period starting no earlier than May 1 and no later than May 15. Established a fall open season in inside waters from the 3rd Monday in August to December 21. No closed season in outside waters. Enacted a count-size limit of 68 shrimp to the pound except during the spring open season, or from Nov. 15 – Dec 20 for brown shrimp, and no count for seabobs and bait shrimp.

1964 – Act 490: Specified legal gear for bait shrimping. Made it illegal to trawl for shrimp with more than two trawls and no trawl over 50 feet long in inside waters.

1966 – Act 54: Changed the dates for the spring open season in inside waters to no earlier than May 1 and no later than May 25 and extend for a period of not less than 50 days and no more than 60.

Act 190: Made it illegal to trawl for shrimp at night in Calcasieu Lake.

Act 421: First regulations of beam trawls and butterfly nets for shrimping. Minimum mesh size for both gear types set at 5/8 inch “bar” and 1 ¼ inch stretched.

1969 – Act 60: Allowed the Commission to open and close shrimp seasons based on technical data. The stipulations were that there must be no less than two open seasons for all inside waters. One season must commence no later than May 25 and remain open a minimum of 50 days and closed using technical data to protect the incoming white shrimp. The other season shall begin on the third Monday in August and remain open until Dec. 21.

1971 – Act 179: Allowed double riggers and “Biloxi type” vessels, either single or double rigged, to shrimp within Breton Sound and Chandeleur Sound during the open seasons.

Act 504: Specified gear used for bait shrimping. Provided statute concerning the use of butterfly nets, paupiers, trawls, night trawls and beam trawls.

1972 – Act 203: First delineation of the inside-outside line using coordinates.

1974 – Article IX §6 of the Louisiana Constitution: Established the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a constitutional agency.

1975 – Act 245: Bait seines longer than 30 feet but no exceeding 100 feet can only be used for taking shrimp south of the saltwater/freshwater line.

1976 – Act 238: Adopted regulations for allowing the take of live bait shrimp by permit holders during the closed seasons.

1977 – Act 127: Delineated inside/outside shrimp line.

Act 549: Allowed double riggers and “Biloxi type” vessels, either single or double rigged, to shrimp within Breton Sound and Chandeleur Sound during the open seasons.

1979 – Act 284: Allowed commercial vessels to use a test trawl not to exceed 16 feet without an additional license. Allowed recreational fishermen to use trawls not to exceed 16 feet in open waters during the open seasons. The limit for recreational shrimping was 100 pounds in aggregate per day.

Act 286: Required shrimp trawls to have a mesh size of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ inch bar or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stretched. Required beam trawls and butterfly nets to have a mesh size of at least $\frac{5}{8}$ inch bar or 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stretched. Use of these gears in closed waters made illegal.

Act 291: Made it illegal to pull more than one trawl, which cannot exceed 50 feet, in inside waters with the exception of the test trawl.

Act 673: Established the Fishermen’s Gear Compensation Fund.

1980 – Act 817: Made it illegal to use a trawl with a mesh size of less than $\frac{5}{8}$ inch bar or 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stretched during the May shrimp season.

Act 834: Established the Commercial Fisherman’s Fuel Compensation Fund.

1981 – Act 890: Established the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board.

1982 – Act 777: Decreased the minimum mesh size for shrimp trawls to $\frac{5}{8}$ inch bar or 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stretched.

1984 – Act 230: Commercial license fees raised \$5 in order to fund Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund.

Act 255: Double beam trawls or butterfly nets having individual nets may not measure greater than 16 feet horizontally or 12 feet vertically, each. Neither of these gear may use sweeper devices.

Act 300: Closed outside waters to shrimping from Jan. 15 to Mar. 15 but allowing for 15 day leeway period for opening and closing.

Act 586: Removed the shrimp count limitation from all shrimp during the spring open shrimp season. Removed the count restriction from brown shrimp from Nov. 15 – Dec. 15. Placed a possession count on white shrimp that must average larger than 100 per pound.

Act 692: Made it illegal to pull more than one shrimp trawl, not to exceed 50 feet in length, excluding test trawls. Allowed the Commission to close the outside waters for a period not to exceed 60 days during Jan. 15 – Mar. 15 west of the Mississippi River and during Feb. 15 – Apr. 15 on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

Act 693: Prohibited the use of “chopstick beam trawls” for commercial shrimping.

1985 – Act 908: Redefined shrimp “trawl”. Allowed the only legal method of taking shrimp to be trawls, butterfly nets, cast nets or licensed experimental gear.

1986 – Act 494: Allowed the LDWF and the Commission to use the Declaration of Emergency to set the shrimp seasons.

Act 554: Defined the inside/outside shrimp line.

Act 570: Provided that the outside waters can be closed to shrimping by the Commission from Jan. 15 to Apr. 15.

1987 – Act 283: The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is prohibited from enforcing any federal law or regulations requiring commercial or recreational shrimp fishermen in Louisiana to use TEDS until specified conditions have been satisfied.

Act 576: First use of shrimping zones I, II, and III to determine the opening of the seasons.

Act 876: Defined the inside/outside line.

1988 – Act 893: Deleted statutory shrimp season dates.

Act 894: Defined the inside/outside line.

Act 983: Empowered the Commission to open and close inside and outside waters based upon the inspection of the biological data.

1989 – Act 85: Superseded by Act 489 same year.

Act 489: Allowed for when more than 50% by weight of saltwater shrimp taken or possessed is seabobs, then maximum allowable amount of undersized white shrimp taken or possessed cannot exceed 10% by weight of the total.

Act 510: Amended Act 893 of 1988 to include that before the Commission sets the season dates, a public hearing must be held to determine when to open or close the season.

Act 607: Defined the inside/outside shrimp line.

1990 – Act 549: Defined the inside/outside shrimp line.

1991 – Act 259: Prohibited fishing with butterfly nets in inside waters during the closed season. Made it illegal for vessels to pull more than four trawls and a test trawl in outside waters. Added a penalty for the second and any subsequent shrimping violations that included loss of license for a period of one year.

Act 931: Made “skimmer nets” a legal gear for catching shrimp. Skimmer net minimum mesh set at 5/8 inch bar or 1 ¼ inch stretched. Set measurement of frames for skimmer nets at no more than 16 horizontally and 12 feet vertically and with a lead line not to exceed 28 feet.

Act 946: Defined the inside/outside shrimp line. Amended the white shrimp count to provide that when more than 50% by weight of the saltwater shrimp taken or possessed is seabobs or brown shrimp, then the maximum allowable amount of undersized white shrimp taken or possessed cannot exceed 10% by weight of the total saltwater shrimp taken or possessed.

1992 – Act 619: Removed the possession count on white shrimp during the period of Oct. 15 through the third Monday in December.

1993 – Act 69: Amended a provision so that skimmer and butterfly nets may be mounted no more than 24 inches from the side of a vessel.

Act 263: Changed the minimum mesh size for trawls, skimmer nets, or butterfly nets to ¾ inch square or bar or 1 ½ inch stretched in inside waters during the fall inshore shrimp season.

1995 – Act 509: Prohibited night time taking of shrimp in certain coastal waters except in the waters of Southwest Pass at Marsh Island past a line delineated in the law.

1997 – Act 277: Added “skimmer nets” to the list prohibited gears to be used during closed seasons.

Act 919: Reduced the minimum mesh size to 5/8 inch square or 1 ¼ inch stretched except in Zone 2 west of the Atchafalaya River.

2001 – Act 83: Removed the provision to open the spring season no later than the third Monday in May and instead using the LDWF’s projection of when 50% of the brown shrimp crop reaches 100 count per pound or greater.

Act 87: Double skimmer net shall not exceed 20 feet measured diagonally. Also allows that reinforcement framing shall not be considered when determining the size of the net frame.

2002 – Act 75: Repealed the severance tax on shrimp and enacted an excise tax on saltwater shrimp taken in Louisiana and on any shrimp imported to Louisiana.

2003 – Act 269: Added a provision that prohibited the use of attachments in conjunction with or attached to skimmer nets, not just butterfly nets.

2004 – Act 161: Enacted a possession limit of 50 pounds for saltwater shrimp taken for bait with a 30 foot seine with ¼ inch mesh or dip nets with a maximum three foot diameter.

Act 904: Shrimp Trade Petition Account was created. Purpose of the expenditures was to promote and protect domestic wild caught shrimp. Also imposed an additional gear license fee of \$10 for residents and \$40 for nonresidents during the 2005 and 2006 license years. Imposed a new fee on wholesale/retail seafood dealers who pay a shrimp excise tax.

2005 – Act 102: Created a license withdrawal process for repeated convictions and ban on commercial and recreational shrimping by repeat offenders.

2007 – Act 296: Added “skimmer nets” to the list of prohibited gears for taking shrimp at night in certain areas of Cameron Parish.

2008 – Act 16: Removed channel markers as lines of delineation and replaced with lat/long measurements.

2010 – Act 606: Created the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and provides for its powers, duties, functions, responsibilities and funding.

2012 – Act 83: Removed provision to require the opening of Zone 2 no later than the third Monday in May. Authorized the Commission to increase the minimum mesh size when opening a special season or extending a season. Authorized bait shrimp to be taken during the closed seasons with a special bait dealer’s permit available for purchase any time.

2014 – Act 14: Provision limited the size of a double skimmer to no larger than a 72 foot opening and a lead line no more than 33 feet. Repealed the law that prohibited the mounting of a skimmer net or butterfly net more than 24 inches from the side of the vessel. Prohibited the use of a double skimmer net where the horizontal net frame extends more than 20 feet from the gunwale of the vessel. Repealed the law that prohibited the use of sweeper devices, leads, extensions, wings, or other attachments in conjunction with or attached to butterfly nets or skimmer nets. Created a new provision that retained all of the above listed prohibitions for butterfly nets but repealed them for skimmer nets.

2015 – Act 416: Repeals the prohibition on state enforcement of the federal TEDS in shrimp nets requirement

2016 – NOI: establish administrative rule relative to the use, possession, and configuration of devices designed to exclude the take of marine wildlife from shrimp trawls within the territorial waters of Louisiana and in the adjacent federal exclusive economic zone

2019 – Federal requirement of TEDs in skimmer vessels 40' in length or greater. Rule active by February 2021.

LOUISIANA INSHORE SHRIMP SEASON DATES

Updated: 04/13/23 PC

| YEAR | ZONE 1 | | ZONE 2 | | ZONE 3 | |
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| | OPENED | CLOSED | OPENED | CLOSED | OPENED | CLOSED |
| Early 40's | 4/1 | 5/30 | 4/1 | 5/30 | 4/1 | 5/30 |
| Late 40's | 4/15 | 6/13 | 4/15 | 6/13 | 4/15 | 6/13 |
| Early 50's | 5/1 | 6/29 | 5/1 | 6/29 | 5/1 | 6/29 |
| Late 50's | 5/15 | 7/13 | 5/15 | 7/13 | 5/15 | 7/13 |
| 1957 | 5/15 | 7/13 | 5/15 | 7/13 | 5/15 | 7/13 |
| 1958 | 5/15/58 | 7/13/58 | 5/15/58 | 7/13/58 | 5/15/58 | 7/13/58 |
| 1959 | 5/15/59 | 7/13/59 | 5/15/59 | 7/13/59 | 5/15/59 | 7/13/59 |
| 1960 | 5/15/60 | 7/13/60 | 5/15/60 | 7/13/60 | 5/15/60 | 7/13/60 |
| 1961 | 5/15/61 | 7/13/61 | 5/15/61 | 7/13/61 | 5/15/61 | 7/13/61 |
| 1962 | 5/15/62 | 7/15/62 | 5/15/62 | 7/15/62 | 5/15/62 | 7/15/62 |
| 1963 | 5/15/63 | 7/15/63 | 5/15/63 | 7/15/63 | 5/15/63 | 7/15/63 |
| 1964 | 5/15/64 | 7/15/64 | 5/15/64 | 7/15/64 | 5/15/64 | 7/15/64 |
| 1965 | 5/15/65 | 7/15/65 | 5/15/65 | 7/15/65 | 5/15/65 | 7/15/65 |
| 1966 | 5/15/66 | 7/15/66 | 5/15/66 | 7/15/66 | 5/15/66 | 7/15/66 |

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| 1967 | 5/15/67 | 7/15/67 | 5/15/67 | 7/15/67 | 5/15/67 | 7/15/67 |
| 1968 | 5/20/68 | 7/15/68 | 5/20/68 | 7/15/68 | 5/20/68 | 7/15/68 |
| 1969 | 5/25/69 | | 5/25/69 | | 5/25/69 | |
| 1970 | 5/18/70 | 7/16/70 | 5/18/70 | 7/16/70 | 5/18/70 | 7/16/70 |
| 1971 | 5/17/71 | 7/15/71 | 5/17/71 | 7/15/71 | 5/17/71 | 7/25/71 |
| 1972 | 5/15/72 S | 7/30/72 S | 5/15/72 S | 7/15/72 S | 5/15/72 S | 7/15/72 S |
| | 8/21/72 F | | 8/21/72 F | | 8/21/72 F | |
| 1973 | 5/25/73 S | 7/23/73 | 5/25/73 S | 7/23/73 | 5/25/73 S | 7/23/73 |
| | 8/20/73 F | | 8/20/73 F | | 8/20/73 F | |
| 1974 | 5/13/74 S | 7/12/74 S | 5/13/74 S | 7/12/74 S | 5/13/74 S | 7/12/74 S |
| | 8/19/74 F | ? F | 8/19/74 F | ? F | 8/19/74 F | ? F |
| 1975* | 6/02/75 S | 8/03/75 S | 5/19/75 S | 7/17/75 S | 6/02/75 S | 7/31/75 S |
| | 8/18/75 F | 12/20/75 F | 8/18/75 F | 12/20/75 F | 8/18/75 F | 12/20/75 F |
| 1976 | 5/28/76 S | 7/26/76 S | 5/10/76 S | 7/09/76 S | 5/28/76 S | 7/26/76 S |
| | 8/16/76 F | 12/20/76 F | 8/16/76 F | 12/20/76 F | 8/16/76 F | 12/20/76 F |
| 1977 | 5/30/77 S | 7/18/77 S | 5/16/77 S | 7/04/77 S | 5/30/77 S | 7/18/77 S |
| | 8/15/77 F | 12/20/77 F | 8/15/77 F | 12/20/77 F | 8/15/77 F | 12/20/77 F |

| YEAR | ZONE 1 | | ZONE 2 | | ZONE 3 | |
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| 1978 | 5/29/78 S | 7/30/78 S | 5/25/78 S | 7/13/78 S | 5/29/78 S | 7/13/78 S |
| | 8/21/78 F | 12/20/78 F | 8/21/78 F | 12/20/78 F | 8/21/78 F | 12/20/78 F |
| 1979 | 5/28/79 S | 7/18/79 S | 5/14/79 S | 7/03/79 S | 6/04/79 S | 7/30/79 S |
| | 8/20/79 F | 12/20/79 F | 8/20/79 F | 12/20/79 F | 8/20/79 F | 12/20/79 F |
| 1980 | 6/02/80 S | 7/03/80 ^a S | 5/24/80 S | 7/03/80 S | 6/02/80 S | 7/18/80 ^b S |
| | 8/18/80 F | 7/31/80 ^c S | 8/18/80 F | ? F | 8/18/80 F | 7/31/80 ^c S |
| | | ? F | | | | ? F |
| 1981 | 5/18/81 S | 7/19/81 S | 5/18/81 S | 7/08/81 S | 5/18/81 S | 7/08/81 S |
| | 8/17/81 F | 12/21/81 F | 8/17/81 F | 12/21/81 F | 8/17/81 F | 12/21/81 F |
| 1982 | 5/24/82 S | 7/24/82 S | 5/17/82 S | 7/12/82 S | 5/24/82 S | 7/24/82 S |
| | 8/16/82 F | 12/21/82 F | 8/16/82 F | 12/21/82 F | 8/16/82 F | 12/21/82 F |
| 1983 | 6/13/83 S | 7/22/83 ^d S | 5/23/83 S | 7/08/83 S | 6/13/83 S | 7/22/83 ^b S |
| | 8/15/83 F | 12/21/83 F | 8/15/83 F | 12/21/83 F | 8/15/83 F | 7/27/83 ^c S |
| | | | | | | 12/21/83 F |
| 1984 | 6/25/84 S | 7/28/84 ^a S | 5/21/84 S | 7/14/84 S | 5/25/84 S | 7/14/84 ^b S |
| | 8/20/84 F | 8/13/84 ^c S | 8/20/84 F | 12/21/84 F | 8/20/84 F | 7/16/84 ^c S |
| | | 12/21/84 F | | | | 12/21/84 F |
| 1985 | 5/20/85 S | 7/23/85 ^a S | 5/20/85 S | 7/08/85 S | 5/25/85 S | 7/15/85 ^b S |

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| | 8/19/85 F | 8/06/85 ^d S 12/21/85 F | 8/19/85 F | 12/21/85 F | 8/19/85 F | 7/20/85 ^c S 12/21/85 F |
| 1986 | 5/19/86 S 8/18/86 F | 7/25/86 ^d S 12/21/86 F | 5/19/86 S 8/18/86 F | 6/30/86 ^e S 7/03/86 ^c S 12/21/86 F | 5/19/86 S 8/18/86 F | 7/03/86 S 12/21/86 F |
| 1987 | 5/25/87 S 8/17/87 F | 7/14/87 ^d S 12/21/87 F | 5/25/87 S 8/17/87 F | 7/01/87 ^f S 7/14/87 ^c S 12/21/87 F | 5/25/87 S 8/17/87 F | 7/14/87 ^b S 7/28/87 ^c S 12/21/87 F |
| 1988** | 5/25/88 S 8/15/88 F | 7/31/88 ^d S 12/21/88 F | 5/16/88 S 8/15/88 F | 7/08/88 S 12/21/88 F | 5/25/88 S 8/15/88 F | 7/11/88 ^g S 7/17/88 ^c S 12/21/88 F |
| 1989 | 6/05/89 S 8/21/89 F | 7/24/89 ^d S 1/1/90 F | 5/22/89 S 8/21/89 F | 7/14/89 S 11/21/89 F | 6/05/89 S 8/21/89 F | 7/24/89 S 12/22/89 F |
| 1990 | 5/21/90 S 8/20/90 F | 7/11/90 S 12/31/90 F | 5/12/90 S 8/20/90 F | 6/28/90 S 12/01/90 F | 5/23/90 S 8/20/90 F | 7/11/90 S 12/21/90 F |
| 1991 | 5/30/91 S 8/19/91 F | 7/19/91 S 1/01/92 F | 5/16/91 S 8/19/91 F | 7/03/91 S 12/10/91 F | 5/30/91 S 8/07/91 F | 7/13/91 S 12/10/91 F |
| 1992 | 6/01/92 S 8/17/92 F | 7/22/92 ^d S 12/21/92 F | 5/18/92 S 8/17/92 F | 7/03/92 S 12/21/92 F | 6/01/92 S 8/10/92 F | 7/11/92 S 12/21/92 F |

| YEAR | ZONE 1 | | ZONE 2 | | ZONE 3 | |
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| | OPENED | CLOSED | OPENED | CLOSED | OPENED | CLOSED |
| 1993 | 6/07/93 S 8/16/93 F | 7/23/93 ^c S 12/20/93 F | 5/31/93 ^h S 6/07/93 ^c S 8/16/93 F | 7/10/93 ⁱ S 7/14/93 ^c S 12/20/93 F | 6/07/93 S 8/16/93 F | 7/18/93 S 12/20/93 F |
| 1994 | 5/30/94 S 8/15/94 F | 7/15/94 ^k S 7/29/94 ^d S 2/01/95 F | 5/16/94 S 8/15/94 F | 7/01/94 S 12/18/94 F | 5/30/94 S 8/22/94 F | 7/31/94 S 12/18/94 F |
| 1995 | 5/15/95 S 8/21/95 F | 7/08/95 ^a S 7/15/95 ^d S 2/01/96 ^d F 4/01/96 ^c F | 5/15/95 S 8/21/95 F | 7/01/95 S 12/17/95 F | 5/29/95 S 8/21/95 F | 7/15/95 S 12/17/95 F |
| 1996 | 5/29/96 S 8/19/96 F | 7/22/96 ^d S 12/15/96 ^d F 4/01/97 ^c F | 5/29/96 S 8/19/96 F | 7/08/96 S 12/15/96 F | 5/29/96 S 8/19/96 F | 7/13/96 S 12/15/96 F |
| 1997 MS11 | 5/19/97 S 8/18/97 F | 7/21/97 ^a S 8/01/97 ^c S 12/14/97 ^a F 12/21/97 ^d F | 5/19/97 S 8/18/97 F | 7/08/97 S 12/14/97 F | 5/26/97 S 8/18/97 F | 7/25/97 S 12/14/97 F |

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| | | 4/01/98 ^c F | | | | |
| 1998 | 5/18/98 ^s S | 7/27/98 ^d S | 5/18/98 S | 6/30/98 S | 5/25/98 S | 7/06/98 S |
| | 5/25/98 ^j S | 12/21/98 ^a F | 8/17/98 F | 12/21/98 F | 8/17/98 F | 12/21/98 F |
| | 8/17/98 F | 1/11/99 ^d F | | | | |
| | | 3/31/99 ^c F | | | | |
| 1999 | 5/17/99 S | 7/19/99 ^d S | 5/10/99 S | 6/28/99 ^e S | 5/17/99 S | 7/06/99 S |
| | 8/16/99 F | 12/31/99 ^d F | 8/16/99 F | 7/06/99 ^c S | 8/16/99 F | 12/20/99 F |
| | | | | 12/20/99 F | | |
| 2000 MB10 | 5/15/00 ^a S | 7/17/00 ^a S | 5/08/00 S | 6/24/00 ^e S | 5/08/00 S | 6/24/00 S |
| | 5/22/00 ^d S | 7/25/00 ^c S | 8/21/00 F | 7/03/00 ^c S | 8/21/00 F | 12/20/00 F |
| | 8/07/00 ^l F | 12/31/00 ^d F | | 12/20/00 F | | |
| | 8/21/00 ^c F | | | | | |
| 2001 | 5/14/01 ^l S | 7/16/01 ^a S | 5/10/01 S | 6/23/01 ^e S | 5/28/01 S | 7/01/01 S |
| | 5/21/01 ^c S | 7/24/01 ^d S | 8/15/01 F | 7/01/01 ^c S | 8/15/01 F | 12/18/01 F |
| | 8/15/01 F | 12/31/01 ^a F | | 12/18/01 F | | |
| | | 1/11/02 ^d F | | | | |

| YEAR | ZONE 1 | | ZONE 2 | | ZONE 3 | |
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| | OPENED | CLOSED | OPENED | CLOSED | OPENED | CLOSED |
| 2002 | 5/16/02 ^l S 5/27/02 ^c S 8/19/02 F | 7/02/02 ^a S 7/15/02 ^d S 12/31/02 ^d F 03/31/02 ^c F | 5/16/02 S 8/19/02 F | 6/28/02 S 12/17/02 F | 5/27/02 S 8/19/02 F | 7/15/02 S 12/17/02 F |
| 2003 | 5/13/03 ^l S 5/26/03 ^c S 8/18/04 F | 7/07/03 ^m S 7/25/03 ^d S 12/31/03 ^d F 03/31/03 ^c F | 5/13/03 S 8/11/04 F | 6/20/03 ⁱ S 6/28/03 ^c S 12/16/03 F | 5/26/03 S 8/11/03 F | 7/07/03 ^b S 7/14/03 ^c S 12/16/03 F |
| 2004 | 5/14/04 ^l S 5/24/04 ^c S 8/09/04 F | 7/06/04 ^d S 12/31/04 ^a F | 5/14/04 S 8/2/04 F | 6/16/04 S 12/21/04 F | 5/31/04 S 8/9/04 F | 6/29/04 ^b S 7/06/04 ^c S 12/21/04 F |
| 2005 | 5/23/05 S 8/15/05 F | 6/27/05 ^a S 7/03/05 ^d S 12/20/05 ^a F 1/30/06 ^d F 4/07/06 ^c F | 5/16/05 S 8/01/05 ⁿ F 8/15/05 ^c F | 6/27/05 S 12/20/05 F | 6/02/05 S 8/15/05 F | 7/03/05 S 12/20/05 F |
| 2006 | 5/08/06 ^l S | 7/05/06 ^d S | 5/04/06 S | 6/19/06 S | 5/22/06 S | 7/17/06 ^b S |

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| | 5/15/06 ^c S 8/21/06 F | 12/19/06 ^d F 03/31/07 ^c F | 8/14/06 ⁿ F 8/21/06 ^c F | 12/19/06 F | 08/21/06 F | 7/26/06 ^c S 12/19/06 F |
| 2007 | 5/28/07 S 8/13/07 F | 7/16/07 ^d S 12/18/07 F 3/31/08 ^c F | 5/14/07 S 8/13/07 F | 6/25/07 ^h S 6/30/07 ^e S 7/06/07 ^c S 12/18/07 F | 5/28/07 S 8/06/07 F | 6/30/07 ^b S 7/07/07 ^c S 12/18/07 F |
| 2008 | 6/02/08 S 8/11/08 F | 7/01/08 ^m S 7/12/08 ^l S 12/16/08 ^a F 1/23/09 ^d F 3/31/09 ^c F | 5/12/08 S 8/11/08 F | 6/24/08 ^{e+n} S 6/30/08 ^c S 12/16/08 F | 6/02/08 S 8/11/08 F | 7/01/08 ^b S 12/16/08 F |
| 2009 | 5/11/09 ^l S 5/18/09 ^c S 8/10/09 F | 6/30/09 ^c S 7/11/09 ^m S 12/22/09 ^a F 1/14/10 ^d F 3/31/10 ^c F | 5/11/09 S 8/10/09 F | 6/22/09 S 12/22/09 F | 5/25/09 S 8/11/09 F | 7/11/09 S 12/22/09 F |

| YEAR | ZONE 1 | | ZONE 2 | | ZONE 3 | |
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| | OPENED | CLOSED | OPENED | CLOSED | OPENED | CLOSED |
| 2010 | 4/28/10 ^l Special | 4/30/10 ^v Special | 4/29/10 ^t Special | 5/04/10 Special | 5/10/10 ^z S | 7/20/10 ^q S |
| | 4/29/10 ^u Special | 5/04/10 ^x Special | 5/10/10 S | 5/06/10 ^y Offshore | 5/31/10 ^c S | 12/21/10 F |
| | 5/31/10 ^p S | 7/20/10 ^o S | 5/10/10 ^{ac} S | 5/08/10 ^{aa} Offshore | 5/08/10 ^{ab} S | |
| | 5/31/10 ^{ad} S | 12/21/10 ^r F | 8/16/10 F | 7/05/10 S | 8/16/10 F | |
| | 8/16/10 F | 1/29/11 ^s F | | 12/21/10 F | | |
| | | 4/01/11 ^w F | | | | |
| 2011 | 5/16/11 ^{ah} S | 7/18/11 ^r S | 4/18/11 ^{ae} Special | 4/23/11 Special | 5/16/11 S | 7/18/11 ^q S |
| | 5/23/11 ^c S | 8/02/11 ^m S | 4/18/11 ^{af} Offshore | 6/25/11 ^{ak} S | 8/22/11 F | 7/23/11 ^c S |
| | 8/22/11 F | 12/20/11 ^{am} F | 5/06/11 ^{ag} Special | 7/11/11 ^{al} S | | 12/20/11 F |
| | | 2/02/12 ^s F | 5/13/11 ^{ai} S | 7/18/11 ^c S | | |
| | | | 5/16/11 ^{aj} S | 12/20/11 F | | |
| | | | 8/22/11 F | | | |
| 2012 | 5/21/12 S | 7/09/12 ^r S | 5/07/12 ^{an} S | 6/23/12 ^{ao} S | 5/21/12 S | 6/23/12 ^{ap} S |
| | 8/13/12 F | 7/14/12 ^s S | 5/21/12 ^c S | 7/09/12 ^c S | 8/13/12 F | 7/09/12 ^{aq} S |
| | | 1/18/13 ^d F | 8/13/12 ^{ar} F | 8/27/12 ^{ai} F | | 7/12/12 ^c S |
| | | | 8/13/12 ^{as} F | 12/18/12 ⁱ F | | 12/18/12 F |
| | | | 9/10/12 ^{ai} F | 12/20/12 ^c F | | |
| 2013 | 5/27/13 S | 7/18/13 ^m S | 5/13/13 ^e S | 7/4/13 ^{ai+i} S | 5/27/13 S | 7/9/13 S |

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| | 8/12/13 ^{au} F | 1/13/14 ^d F | 5/20/13 ^c S 8/12/13 ^{au} F | 7/6/13 ^{at} S 12/18/13 ^{av} F | 8/12/13 ^{au} F | 12/18/13 ^{av} F |
| 2014 | 6/2/14 S 8/18/14 ^{au} F | 7/15/14 ⁱ S 7/21/14 ^m S 12/22/14 ^j F 1/28/15 ^d F | 5/26/14 S 8/18/14 ^{au} F | 7/03/14 ^{at} S 7/15/14 ^c S 12/22/14 ^t F 1/28/15 ^{aw} F | 5/26/14 S 8/18/14 ^{au} F | 7/21/14 S 12/22/14 F |
| 2015 | 5/18/15 S 8/17/15 F | 6/19/15 ^j S 7/02/15 ^d S 12/21/15 ^{av} F 1/25/16 ^d F | 5/18/15 S 8/17/15 F | 6/19/15 ^{i+ax} S 7/02/15 ^{at} S 12/21/15 F | 5/18/15 S 8/17/15 F | 7/02/15 S 12/21/15 F |
| 2016 | 5/23/16 S 8/15/16 F | 7/3/16 ^m S 8/1/16 ^d S 12/19/16 ^{av} F 1/20/17 ^d F | 5/23/16 S 8/15/16 ^h F 8/22/16 ^c F | 7/3/16 S 12/19/16 F | 5/23/16 S 8/22/16 F | 7/15/16 S 12/19/16 F |
| 2017 | 5/15/17 S 8/14/17 F | 7/14/17 S 12/18/17 ^{az} F 1/26/18 ^d F | 5/8/17 S 8/14/17 F | 6/23/17 S 12/18/17 F | 5/15/17 S 8/14/17 F | 7/14/17 S 12/18/17 F |
| 2018 | 5/9/18 S 8/13/18 F | 7/3/18 S 12/17/18 ^{az} F 1/21/19 ^d F | 4/30/18 S 8/13/18 F | 6/27/18 S 12/17/18 | 5/21/18 S 8/27/18 F | 7/3/18 S 12/17/18 F |
| 2019 | 5/27/19 S 8/5/19 F | 6/28/19 S 12/16/19 ^{ba} F | 5/20/19 S 8/5/19 F | 6/28/19 12/16/19 F | 5/27/19 S 8/5/16 F | 6/28/19 12/16/19 F |

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| | | 1/24/20 ^d F | | | | |
| 2020 | 5/18/20 S 8/10/20 ^{bb} F 9/11/20 ^c F | 7/1/20 ^m S 7/6/20 ^d S 12/23/20 ^{ba} F 1/24/21 ^d F | 5/18/20 S 8/10/20 F | 7/6/20 S 12/23/20 F | 5/27/20 S 8/10/20 ^{bc} F 9/11/20 ^c F | 7/6/20 S 12/23/20 F |
| 2021 | 5/24/21 S 8/9/21 ^{bb} F 8/27/21 ^c F | 6/28/21 ^{bd} S 7/2/21 S 12/20/21 ^{ba} F 1/24/22 ^d F | 5/24/21 S 8/9/21 F | 7/2/21 S 12/20/21 F | 5/24/21 S 8/9/21 F | 7/2/21 S 12/20/21 F |
| 2022 | 5/16/22 ^{bb} S 5/23/22 ^c S 8/8/22 ^{bb} F 8/15/22 ^c F | 6/30/22 S 12/19/22 ^{az} F 1/23/23 ^d F | 5/9/22 S 8/8/22 F | 6/30/22 S 12/19/22 | 5/23/22 ^{bc} S 5/28/22 ^c S 8/8/22 ^{bc} F 8/15/22 ^c F | 6/30/22 S 12/19/22 |

- S = Spring Season
- F = Fall Season
- * = Zone System Implemented
- ** = Both spring and fall seasons began opening based on biological data.
- ^a = Except for those waters north of the southern shore of the MRGO, including portions of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds
- ^b = Except for a portion of Calcasieu Ship Channel
- ^c = Remainder of Zone
- ^d = Except for portions of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds
- ^e = Except for those waters east of Bayou Lafourche

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| f | = East of the Atchafalaya River except for portions of Lake Pelto and Terrebonne and Timbalier Bays |
| g | = Except for those waters west of the Mermentau River |
| h | = Except for those waters west of the Atchafalaya River |
| i | = Except for portions of Lake Pelto and Terrebonne and Timbalier Bays |
| j | = Except for Lake Pontchartrain, Rigoletes and Chef Menteur Passes, MRGO and portions of Breton, Chandeleur and Mississippi Sounds |
| k | = Except for Lake Pontchartrain, Middle Ground, Lake Borgne and portions of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds |
| l | = Portions of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds only |
| m | = Except for portions of Mississippi, Breton and Chandeleur Sounds |
| n | = Except for waters west of the Atchafalaya River |
| o | = Except for Lake Pontchartrain, Rigoletes and Chef Menteur Passes and portions of Breton, Chandeleur and Mississippi Sounds |
| p | = Portions of Pass Manchac, Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne, Chef and Rigolets Passes, portions of Breton, Chandeleur and Mississippi Sounds, portion of outside waters and south and east of Baptiste Collette |
| q | = Except for a portion of the Calcasieu Ship Channel and that portion of Cameron Parish west of Calcasieu Lake |
| r | = Except for Lake Pontchartrain, Chef Menteur Pass, Rigolets Pass, the MRGO, that part of Lake Borgne seaward of a line extending one-half mile from the shoreline, a portion of Mississippi Sound and open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. |
| s | = Except for open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. |
| t | = Including state outside waters between the Atchafalaya River and western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal. |
| u | = That portion of Zone 1 north of 29°30'00" N latitude. |
| v | = South of the MRGO including Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. |
| w | = Breton and Chandeleur Sounds extended until further notice |
| x | = Remainder of Zone 1 including state outside waters from the MS/LA state line to the western shore of South Pass of the MS River. |
| y | = State outside waters from the western shore of South Pass of the MS River to the eastern shore of Four Bayou Pass. |
| z | = Portions of the Calcasieu Ship Channel and the Sabine River Ship Channel. |
| aa | = State outside waters from the eastern shore of Four Bayou Pass to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal. |
| ab | = Rescinded previously established dates by the LWFC and all of Zone 3 opened. |

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| ac | = Maintained previously established date established by the LWFC but advanced opening to noon. Inshore areas between the MS River and Empire Canal, certain inshore waters between Bayou Lafourche and Oyster Bayou remained closed. Offshore waters opened between the eastern shore of Atchafalaya Bay at Pt au Fer Island to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou opened. |
| ad | = Except for Breton and Chandeleur Sounds, certain areas near Martin Island and certain waters S and E of Baptiste Collete Bayou. |
| ae | = Gand Caillou Bayou to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island. |
| af | = State outside waters from Caillou Boca to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou. |
| ag | = Atchafalaya River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island. |
| ah | = MRGO southward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the MS River. |
| ai | = Bayou Lafourche to the Atchafalaya River. |
| aj | = Bayou Lafourche to the eastern shore of South Pass of the MS River. |
| ak | = Bayou Lafourche to the eastern shore of South Pass of the MS River except portions of Timbalier Bay, Terrebonne Bay and Lake Pelto. |
| al | = Atchafalaya River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island and Bayou Lafourche to the eastern shore of South Pass of the MS River except for a portion of Barataria Bay. |
| am | = Except for north of the southern shore of the MRGO, including the GIWW north of the Paris Rd Bridge and the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds. |
| an | = That portion of Zone 2 from the eastern shore of South Pass of the MS River westward to the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel red buoy line. |
| ao | = Eastern shore of Bayou Lafourche westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and SW Pass at Marsh Island. |
| ap | = Western shore of Vermilion Bay and SW Pass at Marsh Island westward to western shore of Freshwater Bayou. |
| aq | = Western shore of Freshwater Bayou westward to the eastern shore of the Calcasieu Ship Channel |
| ar | = South Pass of the MS river westward to the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel red buoy line – opened at 6:00 pm |
| as | = Atchafalaya River Ship Channel red buoy line westward to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and SW Pass at Marsh Island – opened at 6:00 am |
| at | = Atchafalaya River Ship Channel red buoy line westward to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou |
| au | = West of the Atchafalaya River opened at 6:00 am. Waters east of the Atchafalaya River opened at 6:00 pm |
| av | = Included all inside waters west of the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River |
| aw | = Caillou Boca westward to Atchafalaya River Ship Channel red buoy line |
| ax | = Except portions of Barataria Bay |
| ay | = Except Lake Pontchartrain, Chef Menteur and Rigolets Passes, Lake Borgne, Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO), Mississippi Sound, and the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as bounded by the double-rig line described in R.S. 56:495.1(A)2 |

- az = Except Chef Menteur and Rigolets Passes, Lake Borgne, Mississippi Sound, Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO), a section of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in Orleans parish from the GIWW East Closure Sector Gate westward to the GIWW intersection with the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, and the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as bounded by the double-rig line described in R.S. 56:495.1(A)2.
- ba =Except Lake Pontchartrain, Chef Menteur and Rigolets Passes, Lake Borgne, Mississippi Sound, Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO), a section of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in Orleans parish from the GIWW East Closure Sector Gate westward to the GIWW intersection with the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, and the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as bounded by the double-rig line described in R.S. 56:495.1(A)2.
- bb =Except the Biloxi Marsh.
- bc =Except the Mermentau River.
- bd = Closed on in the Biloxi Marsh.