



1 et seq. Any transfers or appropriations to the account and any public or private gifts,  
 2 grants, or donations received by the state or the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
 3 for the purposes of this program shall be deposited into the account. Monies in the  
 4 account shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues  
 5 placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The monies in  
 6 the account shall be invested in the same manner as the monies in the state general  
 7 fund and all interests earned shall be deposited and credited to the account after  
 8 compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of  
 9 Louisiana. All unexpended or unencumbered monies remaining in the account at the  
 10 end of the fiscal year shall remain to the credit of the account.

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12 PART VII. LOUISIANA CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

13 §1938.1. Louisiana Conservation Incentive Program; fund

14 There is hereby established within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
 15 the Louisiana Conservation Incentive Program for the purpose of assisting private  
 16 land owners to enhance wildlife habitat and to manage native species on private  
 17 lands. The administration of the program and the projects funded to assist private  
 18 landowners related to improving and providing wildlife habitats on their property  
 19 shall be funded by the Conservation Incentive Program Account as provided for in  
 20 R.S. 56:10(B)(20).

21 §1938.2. Program eligibility; application process

22 A. The department shall establish a grant program for projects eligible to  
 23 receive funding through the Louisiana Conservation Incentive Program. Grants shall  
 24 be awarded only in fiscal years in which the department receives an appropriation  
 25 for the program. The department may seek additional funding through federal grant  
 26 programs and other available sources of public or private funding.

27 B. Projects eligible for funding opportunities on private lands include:

28 (1) Forest stand improvement.

29 (2) Increasing prevalence of water on agricultural landscapes to provide  
 30 habitat for wintering waterfowl and wetland birds.

1                   (3) Management of private wetlands to increase suitability for waterfowl and  
2                   wetland birds.

3                   (4) Prescribed fire implementation.

4                   (5) Feral swine control.

5                   C. The department shall, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure  
6                   Act, promulgate and adopt rules necessary to implement this program. The rules  
7                   shall include procedures for applying for the program and detailed criteria used to  
8                   evaluate and select projects to receive funding.

9                   Section 2.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when  
10                  an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the  
11                  implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

12                  (B) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature by the  
13                  governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become  
14                  law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the  
15                  Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the  
16                  legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such  
17                  approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_