

1 natural resource damage caused by feral hogs and focus interagency management efforts to
2 reduce impacts and health concerns for other animals and humans.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 create the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force in the Department of Wildlife and
5 Fisheries as follows:

6 A. There is hereby established the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force to
7 study and monitor the feral hog issues in the state of Louisiana and to make
8 recommendations for the management of feral hogs.

9 B. The task force shall be composed as follows:

10 (1) One member appointed from the staff of the Department of Wildlife and
11 Fisheries by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to serve in an advisory
12 role as a nonvoting member.

13 (2) One member appointed from the staff of the Department of Agriculture and
14 Forestry by the commissioner of agriculture to serve in an advisory role as a nonvoting
15 member.

16 (3) One member appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture
17 and Forestry from three nominations submitted by the Soil and Water Conservation
18 Commission.

19 (4) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and
20 Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Landowners Association.

21 (5) One member appointed by the commissioner of agriculture from three nominees
22 submitted by the Louisiana Forestry Association.

23 (6) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and
24 Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Chapter of the National Deer
25 Association and Louisiana Wildlife Federation.

26 (7) One member appointed from the faculty of the LSU College of Agriculture
27 appointed by the dean of the LSU College of Agriculture.

28 (8) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and
29 Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Association of Professional
30 Biologists - Louisiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

1 (9) One member appointed by the commissioner of agriculture from three nominees
2 submitted by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

3 (10) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and
4 Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana.

5 (11) One member appointed by the state conservationist for United States
6 Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service to serve in an advisory
7 role as a nonvoting member.

8 (12) One member appointed by the State Conservationist for United States
9 Department of Agriculture, representing United States Department of Agriculture Animal
10 Health and Plant Health Inspection Service/Wildlife Services Louisiana to serve in an
11 advisory role as a nonvoting member.

12 C. The members appointed under the provisions of Paragraphs (B)(1), (2), (11) and
13 (12) of this Section shall be considered members of the task force for determination of the
14 number of members necessary for a quorum and for establishing the presence of a quorum.

15 D. Six members of the task force shall constitute a quorum sufficient to conduct
16 meetings and business of the task force. The task force shall elect a chairman from its
17 membership and may seek and receive assistance from universities within the state in the
18 development of methods to manage feral hogs in the state of Louisiana. The members of the
19 task force shall serve without compensation; however, the task force may receive the same
20 reimbursement of travel expenses for attending task force meetings as is allowed for other
21 state employees' travel.

22 E. The task force is hereby charged with the following responsibilities:

23 (1) To provide an annual estimate of the population of feral hogs in Louisiana.

24 (2) To analyze the financial impact of feral hogs.

25 (3) To identify human health impacts from an increasing population of feral hogs
26 in Louisiana, include reporting of all diseases carried by feral hogs that can be transferred
27 to humans, wildlife, domesticated animals.

28 (4) To identify and coordinate public outreach opportunities to educate about feral
29 hog control methods and the need for control to protect human health, native wildlife and
30 their habitat, farm land, levees and water quality.

1 (5) To identify available funding sources that can be used to assist Louisiana in
2 reduction and control methods.

3 (6) To coordinate efforts to control and reduce the population of feral hogs,
4 including private, local, state and federal efforts.

5 (7) To assess current control methods and effectiveness in population control.

6 (8) To identify alternative methods and potential for effectiveness in feral hog
7 population control.

8 (9) To assist in developing and evaluating new methods of control.

9 (10) To recommend programs needed and identify funding mechanisms.

10 (11) To coordinate enforcement and tracking of transport and movement of feral
11 hogs.

12 (12) To recommend regulations necessary to achieve goals of population control and
13 reduction.

14 F. The Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force shall make recommendations
15 to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee
16 on Natural Resources from time to time as it sees fit.

17 G. The Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force shall submit a report to the
18 House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on
19 Natural Resources no later than February 1, 2027 and shall cease to exist on March 1, 2027,
20 and thereafter.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
22 secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the commissioner of agriculture.

DIGEST

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- (1) One member appointed from the staff of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to serve in an advisory role as a nonvoting member.

- (2) One member appointed from the staff of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry by the commissioner of agriculture to serve in an advisory role as a nonvoting member.
- (3) One member appointed by the commissioner of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry from three nominations submitted by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
- (4) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the La. Landowners Association.
- (5) One member appointed by the commissioner of agriculture from three nominees submitted by the La. Forestry Association.
- (6) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the La. Chapter of the National Deer Association and La. Wildlife Federation.
- (7) One member appointed from the faculty of the LSU College of Agriculture appointed by the dean of the LSU College of Agriculture.
- (8) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the La. Association of Professional Biologists - La. Chapter of The Wildlife Society.
- (9) One member appointed by the commissioner of agriculture from three nominees submitted by the La. Farm Bureau Federation.
- (10) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the Association of Levee Boards of La.
- (11) One member appointed by the state conservationist for U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service to serve in an advisory role as a nonvoting member.
- (12) One member appointed by the state conservationist for U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, representing USDA Animal Health and Plan Inspection Service/Wildlife Services La. to serve in an advisory role as a nonvoting member.

Provides that the members of the task force serve without compensation; however, authorizes them to receive the same reimbursement of travel expenses for attending the meetings as is allowed for other state employees' travel.

Provides for the responsibilities of the task force.

Requires the task force to submit a report by Feb. 1, 2027 and sunsets the task force on March 1, 2027.