

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 by Representative Thibaut, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources (#1981) be adopted.
- 2. That the following amendment be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"(11) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the Wildlife Research Institute."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Major Thibaut, Jr.

Senator Norby Chabert

Representative Stuart Bishop

Senator Rick Ward

Representative Chad Brown

Senator Francis Thompson

DIGEST

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HUNTING: Creates the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Remove members as follows:

One member who is a landowner appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

One member who is a licensed deer hunter appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

One member appointed by the governor's executive assistant on coastal activities from the staff of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

2. Add members as follows:

One member appointed by the dean of the LSU College of Agriculture from the faculty of the LSU College of Agriculture.

One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the La. Assoc. of Prof. Biologists-La. Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Add a member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the Wildlife Research Institute.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Creates the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force composed as follows:

(1) One member appointed from the staff of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

(2) One member appointed from the staff of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry by the commissioner of agriculture.

(3) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the La. Hog Hunters Association.

(4) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the La. Landowners Association.

(5) One member appointed by the commissioner of agriculture from three nominations submitted by the La. Forestry Association.

(6) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the La. Quality Deer Management Association.

(7) One member appointed by the dean of the LSU College of Agriculture from the faculty 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. Assoc. of Prof. Biologists-La. Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

(9) One member appointed by the commissioner of agriculture from three nominations submitted by the La. Farm Bureau Federation.

(10) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the Association of Levee Boards of La.

(11) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominees submitted by the Wildlife Research Institute.

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 that the task force is hereby charged with the responsibility to make recommendations with respect to issues pertaining to feral hog management efforts, including public awareness programs, to the various state agencies charged with responsibility for managing the feral hogs in this state, including the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, and the legislature. Requires the task force to consider hunter-based solutions based on input from stakeholder groups.

Requires the task force to submit an annual report by Feb. 1st of each year and sunsets the task force on Jan. 1, 2020.

Directs the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, from monies appropriated to the department, to provide an additional \$360,000 to fund activities related to feral hog management, education, research, and control during FY 2016 over and above the amount expended during FY 2015.