

SENATE BILL NO. 186

BY SENATOR MORRISH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:799.2, 799.3(A)(4) and (D), the introductory paragraph of
3 799.5, and 799.6, and to repeal R.S. 36:610(K) and R.S. 56:799.4, relative to the
4 White Lake Property Advisory Board; to discontinue the board; to remove references
5 to the board; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:799.2, 799.3(A)(4) and (D), the introductory paragraph of 799.5,
8 and 799.6 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §799.2. Definitions

10 As used in this Subpart, the following terms shall have the following
11 meanings:

12 (1) "Act of donation" means the "Act of Donation by BP America Production
13 Company to the State of Louisiana," dated July 8, 2002, and recorded July 11, 2002,
14 in the conveyance records of Vermilion Parish, bearing entry number 20208337 in
15 which the property in and around White Lake, located in Vermilion Parish, was
16 donated to the state.

17 ~~(2) "Board" means the White Lake Property Advisory Board.~~

18 ~~(3)~~(2) "Commission" means the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
19 Commission.

20 ~~(4)~~(3) "Department" means the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

21 ~~(5)~~(4) "Fund" means the White Lake Property Fund.

22 ~~(6)~~(5) "White Lake Property" means the properties owned by the state in and
23 around White Lake, located in Vermilion Parish which were donated to the state in
24 "Act of Donation by BP America Production Company to the State of Louisiana,"
25 dated July 8, 2002, and recorded July 11, 2002, in the conveyance records of
26 Vermilion Parish, bearing entry number 20208337.

27 §799.3. White Lake Property Fund

1 A. Effective January 1, 2005, there shall be established in the state treasury,
 2 as a special fund within the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund, the
 3 White Lake Property Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund." After allocation of
 4 money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII,
 5 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer shall deposit in and credit
 6 to the fund all of the following:

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8 (4) All donations of private funds or public contributions made to the state,
 9 commission, or department, ~~or board~~ for the conservation, administration, control,
 10 management, development, or operation of the White Lake Property or the activities
 11 conducted thereon.

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13 D. The monies in the fund shall be appropriated only for the purposes set
 14 forth in Subsection C of this Section. ~~The legislature shall make no appropriation~~
 15 ~~from the fund which is inconsistent with the recommendations of the White Lake~~
 16 ~~Property Advisory Board.~~

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18 §799.5. Commission duties and responsibilities

19 In addition to duties, responsibilities, and powers provided by the constitution
 20 and statutory law ~~and consistent with the recommendations of the board~~, the
 21 commission:

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23 §799.6. Department duties and responsibilities; powers

24 A. In addition to duties, responsibilities, and powers otherwise provided by
 25 law ~~and consistent with the recommendations of the board~~, the department shall
 26 administer, control, and manage the White Lake Property.

27 B. ~~Subject to recommendations by the board, the~~ **The** department may enter
 28 into cooperative endeavor agreements to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under
 29 this Subpart. Each such agreement shall be subject to review by the Joint Legislative
 30 Committee on the Budget.

1 Section 2. R.S. 36:610(K) is hereby repealed.

2 Section 3. R.S. 56:799.4 is hereby repealed.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____