

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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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 nominees submitted by the La. Hog Hunters Association.
- (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. 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. 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 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.

Charges the task force with the responsibility to make recommendations on issues related 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, and thereafter.

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.