

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Health Office of Public Health

#### State Sign Language Interpreter Certification Standards (LAC 67:VII.1301)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Health (LDH) proposes to repeal LAC 67:VII.1301 in its entirety to remove current rules that provide for State Sign Language Interpreter Certification Standards.

#### Title 67

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

#### Part VII. Rehabilitation Services

#### Chapter 13. State Sign Language Interpreter Certification Standards

#### §1301. Certification Standards

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 46:2351-2354 and 46:2361-2374.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services, Commission for the Deaf, LR 17:389 (April 1991), amended LR 18:968 (September 1992), LR 19:905 (July 1993), LR 21:838 (August 1995), LR 26:1489 (July 2000), repealed by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, LR 51:

#### Family Impact Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on family, formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

#### Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on any child, individual, or family as defined by R.S. 49:973.

#### Small Business Analysis

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating this proposed Rule. This proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

#### Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on staffing requirements, qualifications, and cost for providers as defined by HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

#### Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Such comments must be received no later than Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at close of business, 4:30 p.m., and should be addressed to Amy Zapata, Program Manager, Bureau of Family Health, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Suite 590, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or emailed to Amy Zapata at amy.zapata@la.gov.

#### Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing either by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public

hearing at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025, in Room 117 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after Tuesday, June 10, 2025. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in the Galvez Parking Garage which is located between North Sixth and North Fifth/North and Main Streets (cater-corner from the Bienville Building). Validated parking for the Galvez Garage may be available to public hearing attendees when the parking ticket is presented to LDH staff at the hearing.

Bruce D. Greenstein  
Secretary

#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

#### RULE TITLE: State Sign Language Interpreter Certification Standards

#### I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Office of Public Health is approximately \$121 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

#### II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

#### III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no known estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

#### IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.

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## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

#### Black Bass Regulations on Bussey Brake Wildlife Management Area (LAC 76:XIX.111)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do provide notice of their intent to amend a Rule (LAC 76:XIX.111) by modifying the Black Bass Regulations on Bussey Brake Wildlife Management Area. The new maximum length limit will be increased from 16 to 18 inches and removes the daily take allowance of one bass over 16 inches.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and compiling public comments and submissions for the commission's review and consideration. In the absence of any further action by the commission following an opportunity to consider all public comments regarding the proposed Rule, the secretary is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a summary report to the legislative oversight committees and file the final Rule.

#### **Title 76**

### **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

## **Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations**

### **Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

#### **§111. General and Wildlife Management Area**

##### **Hunting Rules and Regulations**

A. - G.17.I.iii. ...

m. Bussey Brake. Area closed to all hunting and trapping activity. Area closed to all activities between two hours after sunset until 4 a.m. with the exception of rod and reel or cane pole fishing. Fishing may take place between these hours at the north fishing pier or by boat. Access to all other areas are prohibited between these hours. Recreational fishing and all other allowed non-consumptive uses only. No personal watercraft or water skiing. No camping. No ATVs/UTVs or electric bicycles allowed. No motorized vehicles of any type allowed on reservoir levee except at boat launch for purpose of launching boat or to access fishing pier. Pulling boats over levees or any other activities that cause detriment to the levees is prohibited. Horseback riding and non-motorized bicycles are allowed only on the designated trail named Levee Trail (see map at boat launch kiosk). Access is granted at two marked locations, adjacent to the boat launch and just beyond the boat launch parking area. No tying boats to channel marker poles. A No-Wake Zone is in effect in the harbor inside the wave break. No boats allowed within 30 feet of fishing piers.

i. Fishing: fish may be taken only by rod and reel or cane pole for recreational purposes. Tournament fishing allowed by Special Use Permit only. All types of nets, including but not limited to gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, wire nets, fyke nets and fish seines are prohibited. Trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, stump lines, slat traps, jugs, cans, and pipes are prohibited. Shoreline (non-boat) fishing only allowed at designated locations. No fishing or lake access from rocks along interior of reservoir levee.

(a). Black Bass (*Micropterus spp.*)

(i). Daily limit: recreational daily creel limit shall be five fish, in the aggregate;

(ii). Possession limit: possession limit shall be five fish while on water and ten fish while off water, in the aggregate;

(iii). Length: the maximum total length limit shall be 18 inches, with the exception that one bass over 22 inches may be temporarily retained in an aerated livewell immediately prior to weighing on a personal scale or LDWF provided certified scale. The bass must be immediately released into Bussey Brake Reservoir following weighing,

and all anglers in the boat (if caught from boat) must cease fishing until the retained bass over 22 inches has been released.

G.17.m.i.(b). - G.21.c.vi. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116, R.S. 56:6(25)(a), R.S. 56:325 (C) and R.S. 56:326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), amended LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31:1611 (July 2005), LR 32:1251 (July 2006), LR 33:1382 (July 2007), LR 34:1429 (July 2008), LR 35:1264 (July 2009), LR 36:1566 (July 2010), LR 37:2190 (July 2011), LR 38:1732 (July 2012), LR 39:2292 (August 2013), LR 40:1540 (August 2014), LR 41:963 (May 2015), LR 42:1112 (July 2016), LR 43:1423 (July 2017), LR 44:1277 (July 2018), LR 45:938 (July 2019), LR 46:961 (July 2020), LR 47:904 (July 2021), LR 48:511 (March 2022), LR 48:1867 (July 2022), LR 49:1235 (July 2023), LR 50:794 (June 2024), LR 51:

#### **Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

#### **Poverty Impact Statement**

This proposed Rule will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers as described in HCR 170 of 2014.

#### **Small Business Analysis**

This proposed Rule is anticipated to have a positive economic impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.2 through R.S. 49:965.8.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until July 2, 2025, to Ryan Daniel, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 368 Century Link Drive, Monroe, LA, 71203 or via e-mail to rdaniel@wlf.la.gov.

Kevin Sagrera  
Chairman

### **FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

#### **RULE TITLE: Black Bass Regulations on Bussey Brake Wildlife Management Area**

#### **I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact expenditures for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

The proposed rule change increases the maximum size limit for bass in Bussey Brake Reservoir from 16 inches total length (TL) to 18 inches TL. The proposed rule change would allow the temporary retention of one bass over 22 inches total length in an aerated live well until the fish can be weighed.