

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA
GAME AND FISH PRESERVE COMMISSION

Meeting held on October 4, 2016

Present were Chairman Lonadier and Commissioners Cooper, Bedgood, Wilson, Self and Hubbard.

On motion by Self and seconded by Hubbard, the minutes were accepted as written.

Chairman Lonadier recognized guests, Renee' Crews and Wesley Maddox of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

There was then discussion concerning the boat ramps. The Allen Boat Ramp is in good condition and was mowed this past August. C.D. Baker is holding up very well after the recent work. A load of rock was hauled and spread at Westwind and Dickson is okay but will need some rock. The trash on the Recreation Point needs to be picked up and will be done in the near future.

There was then a great deal of discussion concerning lake management. Villis Dowden, Wildlife & Fisheries Biologist, and Westley Maddox provided updates to the Commission. The management plan for the lakes is being updated and is available online at the Wildlife & Fisheries website. Additionally, Mr. Maddox advised that they have sprayed about 1,600 acres of giant salvinia and plan on doing another 1,500 acres in the next three weeks. They are focusing on the area around the bridge. This should put us in good shape heading into winter and it is so important that we have cold weather this coming winter to help with this giant salvinia infestation. Mr. Maddox also advised that he did an aerial flyover with a helicopter about six weeks ago. Mr. Maddox also advised that they are still doing research on possible ways to combat the giant salvinia infestation.

Chairman Lonadier advised the Commission that SWEPCO will be moving power lines off Highway 1226.

There was then discussion concerning no wake zones and no action was taken by the Commission.

No one was in attendance from the Black Lake Citizen's Committee.

On New Business there was a discussion concerning the purchase of ramp markers to show the edges of the ramp. The Commission decided to purchase eight markers and use them first at Dickson and then see how that worked. Some of the Commissioners felt that markers were not necessary at Westwind or C.D. Baker. On motion by Bedgood and seconded by Hubbard Chairman Lonadier was authorized to obtain the ramp markers and install them as per the guidelines he furnished at the meeting.

There was then a great deal of discussion concerning duck blinds. It was decided that we would attempt to obtain GPS coordinates for each duck blind and put them on a map or a computer program. Commission Hubbard agreed to bring someone to the next meeting that could help with this. This was approved on motion by Self and seconded by Bedgood.

On motion by Cooper and and seconded by Bedgood, the meeting did adjourn.


STEVEN D. CREWS

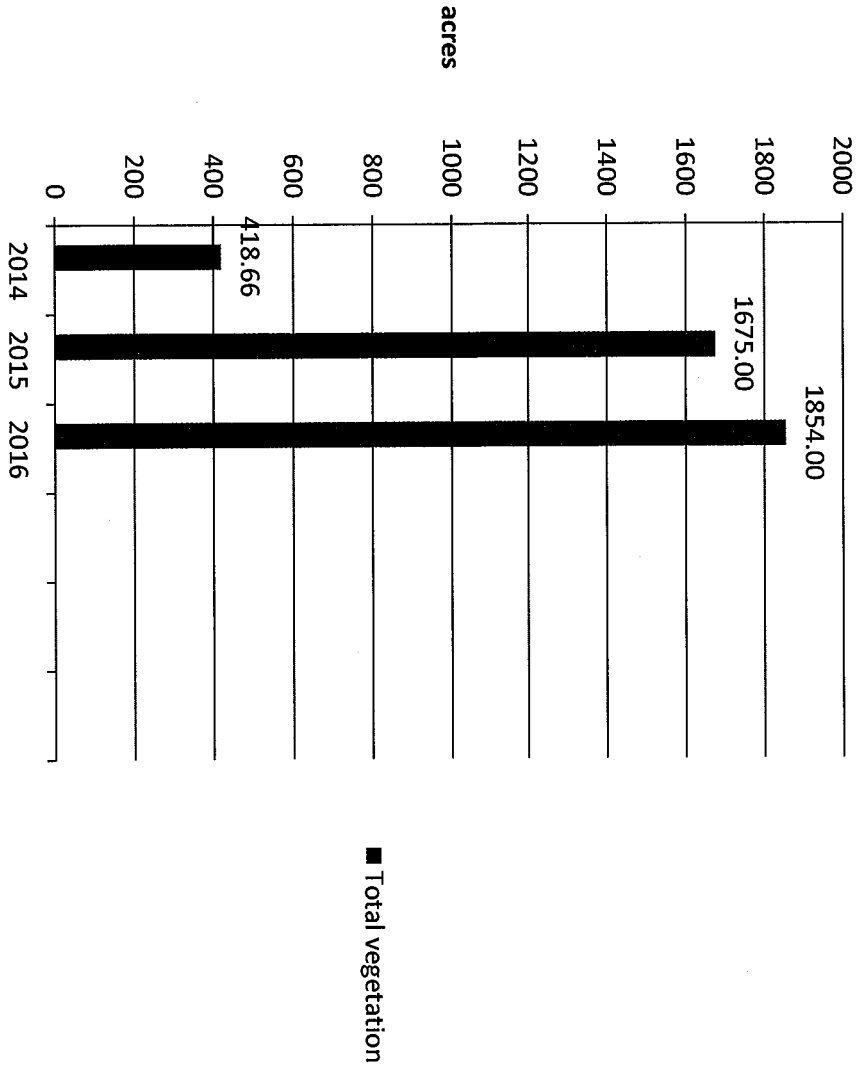


Figure 1. Number of acres treated for total vegetation on Black and Clear Lakes, 2014, 2015 and 2016 by The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Black Lake 2016

Dates Contract Length (Days) Acres

2/3-2/17 20 324

6/29-7/8 30 480

7/26-8/4 30 480

8/28-9/13 20 320

Total 100 1604