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## Principles:

- Conserve Louisiana's natural resources with emphasis on wildlife and their habitat
- Advance sound, scientifically established resource management principles
- Engage outdoor enthusiasts through education and advocacy

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As with everyone else this has been a trying time for LWF. Most of our meetings have been done by telephone or internet. Even the National Wildlife Federation's 84th annual meeting scheduled for June was conducted via Zoom. I missed the interactive participation where the 54 affiliates from around the country are able to share what they are doing and learn from each other. Using the internet, we were able to discuss the ten proposed resolutions and come to a final vote about adopting them for official positions for NWF. The work moves onward.

At LWF, we continue to work on issues that concern Louisiana, some of which require a quick response. The technology that allows us to communicate quickly is keeping us connected. LWF will also plan for our convention meetings to be held virtually via Zoom. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual awards banquet. But for 80 years LWF has found the way to fulfill our mission and 2020 is no different.

I've really enjoyed my two terms as president of Louisiana Wildlife Federation. Thanks to all of you for your part in supporting our efforts. ■

*-Marty Floyd*

## NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I hope you and yours are feeling well and staying safe during this ongoing pandemic. Pardon the delay in sending this newsletter to you. Though we have had to adjust the way we work, LWF's leaders and staff have been busy working on programs and advancing conservation advocacy.

Our outdoor infrastructure has never been more important to our health and enjoyment. As we all focus on being outdoors, the quality of our natural environment and adequate recreation opportunities became more pronounced. People are spending more time in parks. Boat launches are busier than ever. More folks are gardening or improving their birding skills.

You can count on LWF to look for opportunities to advance wildlife conservation and education and promote investments in recreation. LWF is well positioned to meet the challenges of this time and we are grateful for your support!

An envelope is attached to send an additional gift if you are able. LWF's secure website makes it easy to donate online, too. As we head toward the end of 2020, I hope you are able to get outside often and enjoy the solace nature provides. ■

*- Rebecca Triche*





## LOUISIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

### Strategic Plan 2020-2023



**Our Mission** - To be the voice of Louisiana's wildlife and natural resources.

**Our Vision** - Louisiana is once again a thriving wildlife paradise.

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#### Our Strategic Priorities

**Promote and Defend Louisiana's Habitats** - Louisiana's wildlife depends on healthy, sustainable habitats that are increasingly vulnerable to climate change, shifting land uses and urban development. To reverse declines in the state's native plants and animals and sustain long-term biodiversity, we must support and promote ecosystem-level conservation management priorities. Addressing coastal land loss is vital to recreational and agricultural interests and the state's more than \$1 billion per year seafood industry. Conserving native pine and coastal forests are essential to protecting not only wildlife but significant economic drivers in local communities.

**Lead in Protecting our Most Precious Resource: Water** - Louisiana's reputation as Sportsman's Paradise is integrally tied to the abundance of bayous, rivers, lakes and wetlands in our state that support the diversity of wildlife species and the natural resources we enjoy. Our citizens need clean water to drink and agriculture and manufacturing industries depend on our abundance of water, too. Over time, many of our water bodies and aquifers have been degraded, and often diminished, as a direct or indirect consequence



of human use. The effects from pollution, overuse, and lenient regulation can have severe and permanent impacts on wildlife and recreational use. We must be a leading voice in protecting and conserving the quality and quantity of our state's waters to sustain healthy wildlife populations, which is compatible with sustaining communities and a dynamic economy.

### **Advocate for Conservation Funding**

- The crisis facing our nation's fish and wildlife is

daunting. More than one-third of all species in the United States are at risk of becoming threatened or endangered unless we proactively implement on-the-ground conservation measures. To reverse the decline in wildlife in Louisiana specifically, we must have adequate resources to support the agencies entrusted with managing our natural resources and engage in opportunities for conservation in the private sector. As the voice for Louisiana's wildlife, we will advocate for increased and more sustainable funding for conservation.

**Build Strong Volunteer Leadership** - Good nonprofit governance focuses on the processes for making and implementing decisions that will continue to advance an organization's principles and mission, providing strategic leadership to a nonprofit organization. Louisiana Wildlife Federation's dedicated volunteers are one of the organization's critical assets. We must continue to strengthen the governance structure and leadership pipeline for years to come.

**Grow and Stabilize Revenue** - Louisiana Wildlife Federation needs to grow and stabilize its revenue base to be an effective champion for wildlife conservation. This will take focus, strategy, and effort by both board and staff. Elevating the public profile of the organization will be key in attracting new supporters.

**Raise Visibility** - Louisiana Wildlife Federation has a successful history of legislative wins and programmatic collaborations with key agencies and groups. Yet the organization's name is unrecognizable to the average Louisiana resident. In order to grow the organization's reach and revenue, it must raise its visibility through increased marketing and communications. ■





# 2019 YOUTH HUNTERS OF THE YEAR

Hagen Reitzell and Douglas Frey had deer hunts in the fall of 2019 that they'll never forget. Both 8 years old, they harvested their first ever deer, both doing so while hunting with their fathers.

They were selected as the Female and Male Youth Hunters of the Year, a program that is a joint effort with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Louisiana Wildlife Federation. Both were presented their awards in July 2020 with their families present, practicing social distancing and wearing masks during the small gathering held outdoors.

Youth Hunters of the Year received a plaque in recognition of their achievement and a gift certificate from Bowie Outfitters. Contest sponsors include the Baton Rouge Chapter of Delta Waterfowl, Andrew Harrison with Harrison Law, LLC, Bowie Outfitters - Baton Rouge, Outdoor Roots, and LOWA.

Reitzell, the Female Youth Hunter of the Year from Zachary, detailed her take of a doe on family property in East Feliciana Parish on Nov. 1, 2019. Frey, the Male Hunter of the Year from Gonzales, told of his successful hunt in which he harvested a button buck near Oakdale in Allen Parish on Oct. 12, 2019. ■



# CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP CORPS COMPLETES SECOND YEAR

By Stacy Ortego, LWF Outreach Coordinator



The Edgar Veillon Conservation Leadership Corps (EV-CLC) program is designed to engage with and educate college students about conservation policy, advocacy and leadership to foster tomorrow's conservation leaders in Louisiana. The program allows students the opportunity to meet and interact with natural resource professionals from federal and state agencies, nonprofits, and academia.

Eleven students successfully completed the program in 2020: Gracie Babineaux UL-Lafayette; Matthew Berry, LSU; Keith Chenier, Nicholls; Will delaBretonne, LSU; Josephine Engelman, LSU; Lexie LaGrone, LSU; Maegan LeBlanc, Nicholls; Avery Lemoine, LSU-A; Aly Pourciau, BRCC; Grant Rhodes, LSU; and Olivia Roy, LSU.



Four sessions were held during the 2019-2020 academic year in September 2019, November 2019, January 2020, and April 2020. During the first session, students toured the LSU Center for River Studies to view the Lower Mississippi River physical model in Baton Rouge. In Session 2, students broke into three groups to focus on a specific conservation issue that they would research and

give a presentation. Group topics included: changes in the Endangered Species Act; policies affecting migratory birds along the coast; and policies guiding wind energy development in Louisiana. Students were able to practice advocacy with mock meetings with legislators in Session 3. The final session was moved online and students presented their group work and policy reports.

Students were sent a scholarship check along with a certificate of achievement and letter of commendation for successfully completing the program. Students were engaged with group mentors and eager to learn from this year's 13 presenters.

LWF appreciates our funders for their support of this program: Friends of Grand Isle, the Boo Grigsby Foundation, and the Gustaf McIlhenny Family Foundation. In addition, LWF thanks our Conservation Education Committee for their volunteered time and guidance. ■





## NEW MEMBER DRAWING

By Rebecca Triche, LWF Executive Director

I'm happy to report on the drawing held for our new members who joined in 2019. Garrett Staudermann from Madisonville won the donated prize of a 40qt Cabela's Polar Cap Equalizer Cooler. He said he was planning to take his son on a fishing trip right after Christmas. This made a nice holiday treat! Thanks to Cabela's for supporting Louisiana Wildlife Federation and our campaign to reach new members. ■



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## BUSINESS ALLIANCE PARTNERS

LWF Business Alliance Partners help us strengthen the connection between Louisiana business leaders and our natural resources stewards. Corporate support has been and always will be essential for the promotion and protection of our Sportsman's Paradise. Quality outdoor opportunities make Louisiana a desirable place to live and work, and adds to our economic well-being. Business Alliance members join other outdoor-oriented citizens who believe in constructive conservation and protection of our state's natural resources. **We thank them for their support and belief in the mission of LWF.**



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## **LOTS TO CELEBRATE! RESTORE COUNCIL APPROVES \$130 MILLION FOR MAUREPAS RESTORATION**

**By Stacy Ortego, LWF Outreach Coordinator**

On February 12, the RESTORE Council voted to include the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp project in its Funded Priorities List, approving \$130 million in Deepwater Horizon oil spill funds for the project. These funds will effectively move the project towards construction in the next few years – a move that has been anticipated for 20 years!

“This project has literally been decades in the making.” – Bren Haase, CPRA Executive Director

Following the Council’s vote, Gov. John Bel Edwards held a press conference to announce the big news. “The Maurepas Swamp is not just an amazing and beautiful swamp and Wildlife Management Area, but it is also a crucial, natural buffer between hurricane winds and storm surge. If we let this swamp continue to die-off we would be putting many large communities in this region at increased risk,” Gov. Edwards said. “The protection and restoration of the Maurepas Swamp is essential to our survival and way of life in southern Louisiana.”

Prior to the consideration by the RESTORE Council, prospects for funding the project had been pretty slim according to Haase. The dollars approved by the Council will be made available for future funding and budgeting once the project accomplishes all engineering, design, and permitting requirements. The entire project is estimated to cost about \$200 million.



“This is one of the biggest projects that will have the most ecological benefits in the history of the Louisiana coastal program”, says Haase. The River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp will benefit approximately 45,000 acres of cypress tupelo swamp – bigger than any other project in Louisiana’s coastal program history to date.

“I am pleased with the continuing effort of the state to stay ahead of the situation before we approach a tipping point in this natural wonder,” said Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the La. House of Representatives whose district includes Garyville and a large portion of the Maurepas basin.

A reception, hosted by Louisiana Wildlife Federation (LWF), was held at the LSU Center for River Studies Wednesday evening following the funding announcement for the Maurepas project – a project that LWF has supported for years. Two years ago, LWF hosted a public meeting with CPRA to provide the public with updates on the project. LWF is excited to see the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp receive the much needed, long-awaited funds to move this project on to the construction phase.

The reception featured speakers that have worked on the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp as well as a showing of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority’s (CPRA) video highlighting Maurepas Swamp and the project to restore it. Attendees also had the opportunity to view the Lower Mississippi River Physical Model.

While there is much to be excited about for the future of Maurepas Swamp, there is still work to be done. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released its Draft Environmental Assessment #576, which evaluates alternatives to mitigate impacts incurred during construction of the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) Construction Projects which include West Shore of Lake Pontchartrain, Comite, and East Baton Rouge.

Unfortunately, the Corps has not included the River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp as a potential mitigation project for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain levee project. Using the Maurepas Swamp project as mitigation would save both time and money for the State – both of which we cannot afford to waste. LWF and other organizations are urging the Corps to reconsider and not waste the opportunity. To learn more about the River Reintroduction into the Maurepas Swamp project, visit <http://coastal.la.gov/news/maurepas> ■





*Photo of Blind River by Stacy Ortego*



## **Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers Program**

The Louisiana Legislature created the Louisiana Natural and Scenic Rivers System in 1970. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) administers the Scenic Rivers system, in which there are approximately 80 streams or stream segments thereof, constituting an estimated 3,100 miles of the state's streams, rivers and bayous.

In 2020, LDWF is celebrating the creation and evolution of the system and spotlighting exactly how, where and why these beautiful waterbodies are so recognized. LDWF partnered with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana and Pontchartrain Conservancy to hold a photo contest to celebrate. You can also view short film clips of selected Louisiana scenic rivers.

Learn more at <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/myscenicriver> ■



## AFFILIATE NEWS

### New Orleans Power Squadron – Affiliate of the United States Power Squadrons

By Clint Mouser, Squadron Safety Officer, Executive Committee Member

For anyone into recreational boating, be it for skiing, wakeboarding, fishing and hunting, or just cruising, the United States Power Squadrons (America's Boating Club) offer safe boating instruction through classroom and on-line training. There are many benefits and discounts available to USPS affiliate members and most insurance companies give discounts to boat owners that have completed a safe boating course. Several courses are available to improve a boater's capabilities beyond the initial USPS America's Boating Course. Boat Handling, Coastal Navigation, Weather and Engine Maintenance are just a few. Some advanced courses require squadron membership. Go to **usps.org** to find the squadron nearest you, including information on New Orleans Power Squadron. ■



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## Feral Hogs—What's New and What's Not

By Charles Williams, LWF's 2nd Vice President

In 2016 the Louisiana Legislature established a Feral Hog Task Force to study and make recommendations on the problem of Louisiana's mushrooming hog population which is now estimated to number 700,000 to 900,000 of these omnivorous and highly reproductive animals. LWF was one of the leaders, through our Executive Director Rebecca Triche, in getting the task force established as we were discouraged by the continuing spread and growth of this population and deadlocks in the Legislature when solutions were proposed.

I spoke with Dr. Kim Tolson who was appointed to the Task Force and became the chair. Dr. Tolson is a member of LWF affiliate Louisiana Association of



Professional Biologists and a professor at ULM in Monroe. We discussed the problem and possible solutions.

The Task Force's most significant achievement was the broadening of enforcement of the system requiring permits for movement of feral hogs, which had been a primary culprit in the spread of hogs to virtually all parishes in the state. The power to issue citations for unpermitted movement of hogs was extended to LDWF enforcement agents and to all law enforcement officers in Louisiana, including deputy sheriffs and State police officers. Previously only Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry personnel could write citations.

The Task Force also reviewed the status of two hog control pesticides, including a sodium nitrite product and a warfarin-based product, both of which can kill hogs but could have detrimental side effects. These products are now being studied in multi-year projects, one in Georgia and one in Texas. The two main questions are whether the products have adverse effects on non-target species and whether they can be considered humane. LWF will continue to follow this research in hopes that something effective will be found. Aerial shooting of hogs is now commonly practiced in Louisiana in coastal parishes where the sounders can be located readily.

In the interim, feral hogs continue to wreak havoc wherever they show up. Feral hogs are known predators of anything that nests on the ground including alligators and turkeys and compete for food directly with deer with whom they share a 50% dietary overlap. Besides competing with deer for mast, they also destroy agricultural crops, damage levees, reduce water quality, and potentially spread diseases including swine brucellosis. Harvested feral hogs should be handled with care due to their potential to carry brucellosis and other diseases.

LWF supports the idea of reconvening the task force, which was set to sunset, as needed to address any major recommendations or findings from the research studies of "hogicide" feeds. In the meantime, LWF encourages hunters to shoot feral hogs in random encounters since a 75% kill rate each year is required to just maintain the current population level given their astronomic reproductive rate. Think of a feral hog in the same way you would think about rats running loose in your home, and take action appropriately! ■

## HONORARY AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

- In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Svoboda from Alex Kufeldt
- In memory of Thomas Lynn Bradley Sr. from Michelle Collier
- In memory of Michael Richard from Jill Flynn, Carolee Laffoon, Ace Palacio, Janice Laffoon, Jacen Laffoon, Randle Laffoon, Louise McGinley, John Quinn, Nicolle Richard, and Ramboll-Baton Rouge

# WHOOPING CRANES IN LOUISIANA

By Jay V. Huner, Louisiana Ecrevisse, Boyce, LA

The best way to describe the call of a crane is that it sounds like a bugle. In April 2012, I heard the bugle of a Whooping Crane at the White Lake Wetland Conservation Area. That call had not been heard in the region for well over half a century.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries initiated the re-introduction of Whooping Cranes to the area in 2011. Partners include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the International Crane Foundation, and the Louisiana Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.



There are few large North American birds more impressive than Whooping Cranes. Standing 5 feet tall with a wing span more than 7 feet, this species is a massive bird. White with a red crown and mustache and black wing tips, seen only in flight, the birds cannot be mistaken for anything else with a good view.

Since 2011, a dozen or so young Whooping Cranes have been brought to the White Lake WCA and nurtured by personnel who don Whooping Crane costumes until the birds can be released. The idea was to develop a breeding presence of the species in southwestern Louisiana where a non-migratory flock existed into the early 1900s.



Wild Whooping Cranes migrate from their nesting area in Wood Buffalo National Park located on the border of Alberta and the Northwest Territories in Canada to wintering grounds in the Port Aransas, Texas area on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. In the 1930s, there were fewer than 20-30 migratory Whooping Cranes left in the world.

Today, the flock, with conservation efforts of Canada and the USA, exceeds 400 birds. That may sound like a lot but all manner of things could happen to eliminate that flock. As a result, efforts to develop resident populations in Louisiana as well as in Florida along with a migratory flock moving back and forth from Wisconsin to Gulf Coastal Florida have been underway for the past decade.

The Louisiana Whooping Crane flock currently numbers 76 birds. There have been 72 documented nests since 2014 with 26 chicks hatched, 7 fledged and separated from their parents, and 3 are currently alive.



The Louisiana Whooping Cranes do stray from southwest Louisiana. All have radio transmitters so that they can be located easily. Two birds went to Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada in 2017. Some cranes regularly wind up in southeast Texas. Currently one bird is wintering at the Wheeler National Wildlife Reserve in Alabama after spending her second summer in Oklahoma.

Readers have surely seen large billboards around Louisiana advertising the presence of the Louisiana Whooping Crane population and advising people of their protected status. To date, 14 cranes are known to have been shot. This is truly disappointing but the restoration project continues and much effort is being made to apprehend those who have killed cranes. Several well publicized prosecutions have taken place. While the intentional killing of any Whooping Crane is unacceptable, fewer than 2 have been lost to this source of mortality each year.

People currently finding Whooping Cranes should refrain from approaching them and providing others with exact locations. Habituating the cranes to humans can lead to negative interactions.

Note: This was written in January 2020 with data from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

## **SHOOTING WHOOPING CRANES IS A SERIOUS CRIME WARRANTING STIFF PENALTIES**

**By LWF Avian Conservation Committee**

Louisiana has a serious wildlife crime problem: our state has the highest rate of whooping crane shootings in the country. At least 12 of these magnificent birds have been shot in the state since 2011.

Once native to Louisiana, whooping cranes were wiped out statewide by shooting and habitat destruction by 1950. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries now has a reintroduction program to return these rare, majestic birds back into the coastal marshes that were once their home. The state has invested a considerable amount of time and money to raise captive-bred whooping cranes and prepare them for their life in the wild. It costs nearly \$94,000 per bird to bring them from egg to release because the process involves long, painstaking care. The hope is that released birds will eventually form a sustainable breeding population. The cranes range widely, singly or in small groups, throughout south Louisiana, and a few have begun to form nesting pairs.

Given the state's monumental effort and expense, it is especially heartbreaking to see the leniency given to those who brazenly violate the law: a mere two years' probation and 120 hours community service was the sentence given to a recent whooping crane shooter. No jail time and no fines make it a minor slap on the wrist for a crime that should be taken much more seriously.

The alleged killer of two whooping cranes in 2016 was arraigned in early 2020 in federal court in Lafayette. The defendant is accused of not only shooting the cranes, but also of removing the feet of one bird which was wearing a

radio monitor, then casting the birds in a ditch and throwing his knife in a crawfish pond. Since he transported the birds, he is being charged under the Lacey Act which carries a sentence of up to one year in jail and as much as a \$10,000 fine.



It's not just a matter of justice and decency; whooping cranes could be a true economic asset to Louisiana. About 8,000 tourists visit Texas every winter to see the migratory flock of whooping cranes at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Visiting birders provide as much as \$2 million annually for the local economy. Once Louisiana establishes a wild flock, ecotourism and its economic benefits will quickly follow. Benefits will likely be greater in Louisiana because its non-migratory population will be present year-round.

Louisiana prides itself as a "Sportsman's Paradise" and no true sportsman would kill a protected species. A few rogue outlaws are spoiling the image of many honorable people and of our state.

Minor penalties have provided little deterrent. It's time to treat this crime seriously with penalties that reflect its importance. It's time to stand up for true Louisiana sportsman's values.

To report a shooting of a whooping crane, call LDWF at 1-800-442-2511. The person whose report results in the arrest and conviction of a crane shooter will be eligible for a substantial reward.

*Photos provided by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. ■*

## Take the Conservation Pledge

"I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country – Its air, its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."

*Photo taken at D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge by R. David Breithaupt*







Spending more time outside? Want to attract more wildlife to your garden? Louisiana Wildlife Federation has partnered with National Wildlife Federation on the Garden for Wildlife program. Make your garden a Certified Wildlife Habitat and get a sign like this one to show your friends and neighbors that your garden is wildlife-friendly! Everyone that certifies helps support LWF. Find out more at [nwf.org/garden](http://nwf.org/garden)

LWF is an affiliate organization of National Wildlife Federation and together we form a powerful network for wildlife conservation locally and nationally.



## Leave a Legacy Gift for Louisiana's Wildlife

### Ways You Can Leave a Legacy Gift:

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***Gifts by Beneficiary Designation*** – Many assets transfer by the beneficiary designation form you completed when you established your account, rather than through your will or trust. To name LWF as a beneficiary, please use our legal name, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, Inc. and our federal tax identification number (72-0445638).

*Please let us know if you have already included LWF in your estate plans. We want to thank you for your gift.*

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