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Present law authorizes the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish, maintain, and manage any state wildlife management area, wildlife refuge, public hunting ground, or outdoor recreation area, as it deems proper for wildlife management purposes.

Present law requires a user of department administered lands including wildlife refuges and wildlife management and habitat conservation areas, to hold a Wild Louisiana Stamp, hunting license, or fishing license. Present law further exempts persons under 16 years of age or 60 years of age or older, and persons attending official functions of private, nonprofit, and charitable organizations.

Present law also provides for an exemption to the stamp or license requirement for persons using department administered lands for commercial purposes who pay a royalty or special fee, and for persons or groups who use department administered lands for purposes other than fishing or hunting that receive, for good cause, a letter of permit from the secretary.

Proposed law exempts from the requirement to hold either a stamp, license, or letter of permit, or pay a royalty or special fee, persons conducting or participating in nonconsumptive ecological tours, swamp tours, alligator tours, or similar activities that traverse only the waterways of a wildlife management area.

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(Adds R.S. 56:109(D)(6))