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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

HUNTING: Creates the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To create the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force in the Department of Wildlife
3	and Fisheries.
4	WHEREAS, feral hogs (Sus scrofa), including European wild hogs and hybrids,
5	commonly weigh two hundred pounds but can easily weigh up to four hundred pounds, are
6	quickly becoming the most serious problem facing land managers and hunters in Louisiana;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, feral hogs are omnivorous but vegetation constitutes the largest portion
9	of their diet as they use their very tough nose that allows them to "root" for invertebrates,
10	tubers, or any other underground food, thereby disrupting crops, golf courses, levees,
11	hayfields, tree farms, and even lawns; and
12	WHEREAS, feral hogs are extremely prolific with generally two litters per year of
13	up to ten piglets per litter; while the feral hogs have virtually no natural predators, so piglet
14	survival is nearly one hundred percent which allows the population to increase
15	geometrically; and
16	WHEREAS, feral hogs are plagued by a multitude of diseases that can affect humans,
17	commercial swine operations, or wildlife, including swine brucellosis, pseudorabies, and
18	classical swine fever; and
19	WHEREAS, with their high proliferation and lack of natural predators, management
20	of feral hogs is of paramount importance to the state and the hunters and farmers of the state.

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1	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2	create the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force in the Department of Wildlife and
3	Fisheries as follows:
4	A. There is hereby established the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task
5	Force to study and monitor the feral hog issues in the state of Louisiana and to make
6	recommendations for the management of the feral hogs.
7	B. The task force shall be composed as follows:
8	(1) One member appointed from the staff of the Department of Wildlife and
9	Fisheries by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
10	(2) One member appointed from the staff of the Department of Agriculture
11	and Forestry by the Commissioner of Agriculture.
12	(3) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife
13	and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the Louisiana Hog Hunters
14	Association.
15	(4) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife
16	and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the Louisiana Landowners
17	Association.
18	(5) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife
19	and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the Louisiana Forestry
20	Association.
21	(6) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife
22	and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the Louisiana Quality Deer
23	Management Association.
24	(7) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife
25	and Fisheries who is a landowner in the state of Louisiana.
26	(8) One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife
27	and Fisheries who is a resident of Louisiana and a licensed deer hunter in the state
28	of Louisiana.
29	C. The members appointed under the provisions of Paragraphs $(B)(1)$ and
30	(2) of this Section shall be nonvoting members. However, they shall be considered

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members of the task force for determination of the number of members necessary for a quorum and for establishing the presence of a quorum.

D. Five members of the task force shall constitute a quorum sufficient to conduct meetings and business of the task force. The task force shall elect a chairman from its membership and may seek and receive assistance from universities within the state in the development of methods to manage feral hogs in the state of Louisiana. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation; however, the task force may receive the same reimbursement of travel expenses for attending the meetings as is allowed for other state employees' travel.

E. The task force is hereby charged with the responsibility to make recommendations with respect to issues pertaining 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 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the legislature. The task force shall consider hunter-based solutions and shall gather input from various stakeholder groups.

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F. The activities of the Feral Hog Management Advisory Task Force shall

- 18 be funded through the Feral Hog Management Account, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h).
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
- 20 secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

DIGEST

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(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 nominations submitted by the La. Hog Hunters Association.

(4) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the La. Landowners Association.

(5) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the La. Forestry Association.

(6) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries from three nominations submitted by the La. Quality Deer Management Association.

(7) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries who is a landowner in the state of Louisiana.

(8) One member appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries who is a resident of Louisiana and a licensed deer hunter in the state of Louisiana.

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.

Provides that the task force is hereby charged with the responsibility to make recommendations with respect to issues pertaining 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. Provides that activities of the task force are funded from the Feral Hog Management Account.