

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

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

#### Lake Darbonne Fishing Closure

Due to excessive high water from extraordinary rainfall in Union Parish, Lake Darbonne and its tributaries are experiencing flooding, and the surrounding houses and camps are vulnerable to wakes from boat traffic from fishing and boating activities. Therefore it is necessary to close this area to all fishing activities and ensure boat traffic proceeds without making any waves. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:6.1 and R.S. 34:851.27, Lake Darbonne and its tributaries are hereby closed to any fishing, and effective with the closure, no person shall fish or possess fish or operate any watercraft in excess of bare steerage speed, the slowest speed the vessel can travel while allowing the minimum operator to maintain directional control of the vessel to produce the minimum water surface turbulence. There is hereby established a "No Wake" zone on Lake Darbonne and its tributaries. This Declaration of Emergency shall become effective October 16, 2009 and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until rescinded by the Secretary.

Robert J. Barham  
Secretary

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