

RESOLUTION

Establishing the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex and Adding Certain Property Thereto

Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
November 1, 2018

- WHEREAS, the Elmer's Island Wildlife Refuge was established by Resolution of this Commission dated August 9, 2009, and by Proclamation of the Governor dated August 9, 2013, sometimes referred to herein as Goat Island; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, through an Assignment dated March 19, 2014 by the Grand Isle Independent Levee District, received 876.734 acres, more or less, of property comprising land and water bottoms situated in Jefferson Parish, herein referred to as the GILD Tract, to be operated and maintained by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and incorporated into the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex; and
- WHEREAS, the LDWF and LWFC, through an Act of Sale dated March 5, 2015 by Richard J. Gillen, Jr., Ronald J. Gillen and Janet Frances Gillen Robinson, received a tract of land containing approximately 1.15 acres, more or less, identified as Lot "X-1", Cheniere Caminada, situated in Jefferson Parish, herein referred to as the Gillen Tract, to be operated and maintained by LDWF and LWFC and incorporated into the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex; and
- WHEREAS, the LDWF and LWFC, through an Act of Sale dated as of December 15, 2016 by the United States of America, acting by and through the Federal Aviation Administration, received two tracts of land; one containing 34.168 acres, more or less, and the other containing 2.563 acres, more or less; located on Cheniere Caminada Island in Jefferson Parish, herein referred to as the FAA Tracts, to be operated and maintained by LDWF and LWFC and incorporated into the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex; and
- WHEREAS, this property contains both valuable wildlife and fish habitats, the protection and proper management of which are critical to the State's conservation and wildlife management and refuge efforts; and
- WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the State and provide for public and recreational use opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that the lands and water bottoms bounded on the west by the Jefferson Parish line (being the meander line of Bayou Thunder), on the north by La. Hwy. 1, on the south by the 50' Cal-KY Pipeline Right-of-Way and Caminada Bay, and on the east by Caminada Bay and Section 15, T22S-R24E, less and except the "Dumpsite Area" and the "Gulf Refining Co. ROW", all as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, be selected and established as a Wildlife Management Area and added to and included in the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex; and
- WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that in order to enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the State and provide for appropriate public use and recreational opportunities on these lands, including water bottoms, that the lands and water bottoms bounded on the west by the Jefferson Parish line (being the meander line of Bayou Thunder), on the north by the 50' Cal-KY Pipeline Right-of-Way and Caminada Bay, on the south by the meander line of the Gulf of Mexico, and on the east by Goat Island, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, be selected and established as a Wildlife Refuge Area and added to and included in the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex; and


WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission confirms and reaffirms that all State-owned lands, containing approximately 244 acres, and water bottoms (located within the property description of the Elmer's Island Wildlife Refuge as described in the Resolution dated August 6, 2009 and the Governor's Proclamation dated August 9, 2013), are selected and established as a Wildlife Refuge Area and added to and included in the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex; and

WHEREAS, it is the further recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission selects all State-owned lands, including water bottoms (located within the GILD Tract, the Gillen Tract and the FAA Tracts), and all adjacent State-owned water bottoms be hereby added to and included in the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, particularly Title 56, Section 109 and Section 781, *et seq.*, of the Revised Statutes of 1954, hereby confirms and reaffirms the selection and establishment of all State-owned lands containing approximately 244 acres, including water bottoms located within the property description of the Elmer's Island Wildlife Refuge as described in the Resolution dated August 6, 2009 and the Governor's Proclamation dated August 9, 2013 as a Wildlife Refuge Area; and selects and establishes all State-owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the GILD Tract, the Gillen Tract and the FAA Tracts, and all adjacent State-owned water bottoms bounded on the west by the Jefferson Parish line (being the meander line of Bayou Thunder), on the north by La. Hwy. 1, on the south by the 50' Cal-KY Pipeline Right-of-Way and Caminada Bay, and on the east by Caminada Bay and Section 15, T22S-R24E, less and except the "Dumpsite Area" and the "Gulf Refining Co. ROW", as identified on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, as a Wildlife Management Area; and selects and establishes all State-owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the GILD Tract, and all adjacent State-owned water bottoms bounded on the west by the Jefferson Parish line (being the meander line of Bayou Thunder), on the north by the 50' Cal-KY Pipeline Right-of-Way and Caminada Bay, on the south by the meander line of the Gulf of Mexico, and on the east by Goat Island, as identified on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, as a Wildlife Refuge Area; and selects and establishes all State-owned lands, including water bottoms, located within the Wildlife Management Area and the Wildlife Refuge Areas described hereinabove, as identified on Exhibit "B" attached hereto, as the Elmer's Island Wildlife Complex.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this property shall be used for both wildlife management purposes and wildlife refuge purposes and, as such, is perpetually dedicated to the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and such public recreational purposes which are consistent with the management goals of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on behalf of the Commission, to take all actions necessary in furtherance of this resolution.



Robert J. Samanie, III, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission



Jack Montoucet, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Exhibit A



Legend

- Eimer's Island Wildlife Refuge (Goat Island)
- Gillen Tract
- FAA Tract
- GILLD Tract
- Gulf Refining Company
- Township & Range
- Section
- Access Road

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Exhibit B



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