



March 4, 2025

Chairman Kevin Sagrera  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
P.O. Box 98000  
2000 Quail Drive  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898

**Re: Hunting Regulations for the 2025-2027 Seasons (LAC 76:XIX.Chapter 1)**

**Position: Support with Suggested Changes to Primitive Firearms Definition**

Dear Chairman Sagrera and Commissioners,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, I write to respectfully urge you to amend what constitutes a legal firearm during primitive firearms season in the Commission's proposed hunting regulations for the 2025 – 2027 seasons. As currently written, Louisiana does not allow for technology that has enhanced the safety and reliability of muzzle-loading firearms. Specifically, we'd encourage the following changes under §111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules – Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Season:

“i. Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which are designed to have projectiles, ball, shot, or bullet, including sabot bullets, loaded exclusively through the muzzle, or the muzzle end of the cylinder chamber, and is fired by wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap, or centerfire primer ~~must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball, shot, or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets,~~ and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

Founded in 1989, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

---

**Your Inside Connection to Outdoor Legislation**

With our suggested changes, Louisiana would join 26 other states, including other southern states such as Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee, that have recently recognized the advancements in muzzle-loading technology. New products, such as the FireStick, which is a polyethylene capsule filled with black powder that can be loaded and unloaded from a specialized breech of a muzzleloader, allow sportsmen and women to utilize a safe and reliable method of muzzleloader shooting. This new technology still only accepts one projectile at a time, and outside of the way the propellant is loaded is otherwise nearly identical to presently authorized primitive weapons in terms of both technology and performance. Moreover, a potential cause of inconsistency in presently authorized muzzleloaders (user-caused variances in powder loads) would be eliminated with the use of these new products. Eliminating this variable would enhance the consistency and repeatability of primitive weapons afield while simultaneously improving safety by eliminating the chance of the user inadvertently double-charging the propellant.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback, and please let us know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



Mark Lance  
Assistant Manager, Southeastern States  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
[mlance@congressionalsportsmen.org](mailto:mlance@congressionalsportsmen.org)

---

**Your Inside Connection to Outdoor Legislation**