



**LAMP**  
LOUISIANA AMPHIBIAN  
MONITORING PROGRAM

*Ad Tutelum Ranarum!*

## Unified Protocol Summary (Louisiana version)

A route is surveyed 3 times per year, during the following sampling windows for your region:

Northern Louisiana (Areas 1, 2, 3)	Run 1: January 27-March 8	42 days
	Run 2: March 27-May 7	42 days
	Run 3: May 27-July 7	42 days
Southern Louisiana (Areas 4-10)	Run 1: January 1-February 10	42 days
	Run 2: February 26-April 7	42 days
	Run 3: April 27-June 7	42 days

Surveys should be conducted during appropriate sampling conditions during the windows. Avoid conditions that are too windy (above Beaufort 3) or heavy rain. Go out on a night that meets minimum temperature requirements (42° F for Run 1, 50° F for Run 2, 55° F for Run 3) and is humid or “good frog weather,” preferably within three days of significant rain.

Only one observer per datasheet, if more than one person wants to report data, then use separate datasheets. One person’s data will be entered into the NAAMP database, and used for trend analysis; the other data will be used for observer variation studies and other analyses. Return all completed datasheets to your State Coordinator.

You may start your survey 30 minutes after sunset or later, be sure to complete the survey by 1 a.m. Always start with Stop 1 and complete stops in numerical order.

Report the following data:

- Your name and contact information
- Route number
- Route name
- Run number
- Date
- Number of days since last rainfall

At the START and FINISH of each survey, please record the following data:

- Time
- Sky code
- Wind code
- Air temperature

At EVERY STOP on the survey route, please record the following data:

- Amphibian calling index for each species heard
- Whether you used a “time out” due to noise disturbance
- Whether background noise impacted your ability to hear