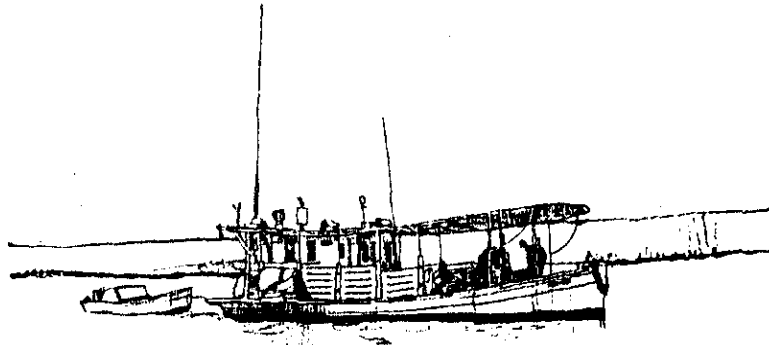


## SEA GRANT PROGRAM



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### SAVE \$ ON GASOLINE TAXES

With the new 8¢ per gallon tax increase on gasoline, commercial fishermen are paying 16¢ state taxes on every gallon of gasoline they use in their boats and trucks.

Under the law, commercial fishermen are eligible to have the 16¢ rebated to them by the state, both what they use in their boat and their business car or truck. Recently I sat down with a commercial catfisherman and figured out how much money he would save by using refund gasoline and it surprised both of us. The figure was \$1,300 per year.

In order to be eligible for the refund, a fisherman will have to call John Cimo with the Department of Revenue at 568-5226 in New Orleans. John will come out and sign up the fisherman at his house. The best time to call John for an appointment is between 8 and 9 a.m. on weekdays. The gasoline must be purchased from dealers who are registered to handle refund gas. John can help you there, with the names of the dealers in your area. The simplest way to purchase and store the gas is in a large tank on your property with the dealer making the delivery to the tank.

### NEW FISHING LAWS

The following bills were passed by the 1984 Louisiana Legislature and will go into effect on September 3, 1984 (unless otherwise noted). If you need to know more about any of these new laws, feel free to contact me at my office in Marrero.

#### Senate Bill 105 (Act 299) - Chabert and others

Allows Louisiana residents to buy commercial shrimp vessel licenses at any time of the year. Non-residents will still have to buy their licenses between January 1 and February 1 of each year.

#### Senate Bill 106 (Act 300) - Chabert and others

Closes outside state waters (beach to 3 miles out) from January 15 to March 15 of each year. Also allows the commission a 15 day leeway either way on either date, if the commission gives 72 hours notice.

#### Senate Bill 404 (Act 866) - Lauricella

Provides that anyone applying for any commercial fishermen's tax exemption must present a notarized statement with the application that he intends to make at least 50% of his income from commercial fishing.

Senate Bill 456 (Act 255) - Lauricella

Increases the maximum size of wing nets from 12 ft. by 12 ft. to 12 ft. vertically and 16 ft. horizontally. Prohibits the use of sweepers.

Senate Bill 460 (Act 586) - Lauricella

Changes the minimum count size on white shrimp from 68 to 100 per pound. This applies to all white shrimp taken in either inside or outside state waters, on the boat, at the dock, or in the possession of a first buyer.

Senate Bill 912 (Act 628) - Nunez

Allows commercial shrimp vessel licenses to be purchased at any time of the year.

Senate Bill 941 (Act 120) - Nunez and Patti

Requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to give at least 72 hours notice when opening a shrimp season.

Senate Bill 1179 (Act 784) - Nunez and Patti

Lengthens the pompano season in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds one month, to October 31 of each year and allows for the possession of black drum caught in the nets.

House Bill 808 (Act 273) - Kember and Guarisco

Allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to remove or reduce the minimum size limit on channel catfish (eel catfish) in any area of the state where it will not harm the resource.

House Bill 983 (Act 230) - M. Hebert and others

Increases commercial fishing, crabbing, oystering, shrimping and seafood dealer licenses by five dollars each and allocates the money for use by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. Effective immediately.

House Bill 1173 (Act 687) - M. Hebert

Provides that a vessel must be used primarily for commercial fishing if the fishermen applies for commercial fishermen's tax exemptions. Also provides that just having a commercial fishing license is not proof of being a commercial fisherman.

House Bill 1234 (Act 930) - Benoit and others

Creates a \$5 license fee for each 15 slat traps.

House Bill 1235 (Act 516) - Benoit and others

Changes the minimum mesh size of pompano nets permitted in Breton and Chandeleur Sounds from 6 inches stretched (3 inches square) to 5 inches stretched (2½ inches square). Changes the pompano season in the same area from July 1 through September 30 to May 1 through October 31 of each year. Also legalized the possession of black drum by pompano net fishermen.

House Bill 1236 (Act 277) - Benoit and others

Creates a \$5 license which must be purchased by any restaurant selling alligator meat and any retailer who purchases alligator parts (including meat) or sells canned alligator parts.

House Bill 1238 (Act 179) - Benoit and others

Changes the domicile (headquarters) of the Wildlife and Fisheries Department and Commission to Baton Rouge except for the Seafood Division which remains in New Orleans.

House Bill 1241 (Act 692) - Benoit and others

Gives the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission exclusive control over the shrimp fishery in both inside and outside state waters. Provides that outside state waters (beach to 3 miles out) shall be closed to shrimping a maximum of 60 days during the period of January 15 to March 15 west of the Mississippi River, and February 15 to April 15 east of the River. A fifteen day leeway period either way on either date is provided for if the commission gives a 72 hour notice.

House Bill 1243 (Act 235) - Benoit and others

Removes white trout and king mackerel from the state's list of underutilized species and adds gafftopsail and hardhead catfish, spot, pinfish and silver eel to the list.

House Bill 1244 (Act 279) - Benoit and others

Provides that no seines, gill nets, trammel nets, butterfly nets or beam trawls may be left unattended in saltwater areas of the state unless they are attached to a wharf at a camp.

House Bill 1247 (Act 693) - Benoit and others

Prohibits the use of chopsticks in state waters. Creates a butterfly net and beam trawl license of \$25. Prohibits the use of butterfly nets in Louisiana by non-residents from adjacent states if butterfly nets are prohibited in their home states.

House Bill 1648 (Act 706) - Kember and Guarisco

Creates a minimum mesh size on all commercial crawfish traps and nets of 3/4 inch. This law goes into effect on January 1, 1986.

House Bill 1697 (Act 295) - Ullo and others

Changes mesh size of saltwater seines from a minimum of 1-inch square to a flat 1-inch square (2-inches stretched). Changes saltwater trammel net mesh sizes. The outer layers are changed from a minimum of 3-inches square (6-inch stretched) to a minimum of 3-inches square and a maximum of 12-inches square (24-inches stretched). The inner layer is changed from a minimum of 1-inch square (2-inches stretched) to a minimum of 1 5/8-inches square (3 1/4-inches stretched). The mesh size on saltwater gill nets is changed from a minimum of 2-inches square (4-inches stretched) to a minimum of 1 3/4-inches square (3 1/2-inches stretched).

The tolerance for undersized commercial fish in the catch is changed from a 5% shrinkage allowable on each fish to 5% of the numbers of fish may be undersized.

Creates a \$5.50 saltwater sport fishing license for residents and non-residents. Also changes the one-month period when non-resident saltwater commercial fin fishermen must purchase their license from January to October.

Increases the license fee for saltwater seines, gill nets and trammel nets from \$10 per 600 feet of net to \$25 for 1200 feet. These licenses must also be purchased in October for the next year.

Creates a sellers license for anyone selling finfish (except menhaden) of \$100 for residents and \$400 for non-residents. This license and the vessel license for commercial saltwater fishing must also be purchased in October.

Money collected from sport and commercial saltwater finfishing licenses is to be used to support the Saltwater Finfish Section of the Seafood Division of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Repeals the use of shrimp seines except for bait seining. Also provides that no extensions or wings (sweepers) may be used on butterfly nets or beam trawls.

Also provides that any shrimper who wants to sell finfish must buy the \$100 sellers (\$400 for non-residents) license.

The bill also repeals the \$250 commercial rod and reel anglers license and changes the minimum commercial size limit on speckled trout from 10 to 12 inches.

Any non-resident shall only have the right to catch commercial finfish in Louisiana that his homestate gives to Louisiana residents.

The legal changes on mesh sizes on seines, gill nets and trammel nets go into effect on January 1, 1985. All other parts of this bill go into effect immediately.

House Concurrent Resolution 54 - Lynn

Requests the State Department of Health to allow the use of fish in making sausage.

House Concurrent Resolution 247 - Patti

Provides that the Task force studying water problems in oyster growing areas which was created last year, continue their work.

House Concurrent Resolution 259 - Lebleu

Asks the U.S. Congress to start a study commission on the impact of imported shrimp on the U.S. market.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 28 - Nunez and Guidry

Creates the Task Force on Shrimp Management to study the problems and future of the shrimping industry.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 29 - Nunez

Requests the Senate and House Natural Resources Committees to form a joint committee to study the problem of underwater obstructions.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 36 - Landry

Suspends the minimum 11-inch size limit on channel catfish (eel catfish) until January 1, 1985.

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THE GUMBO POT

Shrimp Mold

I put this recipe in this newsletter seven years ago when I got it from Claudia Fowler in Baton Rouge. Since that time I've tasted dozens of shrimp molds and dips and none were better than this one, so I'm giving you a chance to try it again.

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| 1½ lb. shrimp                   | ½ cup onion (chopped)       |
| 1 can tomato soup               | ½ cup celery (chopped)      |
| 2 packs Knox gelatin            | ½ cup bell pepper (chopped) |
| 1 cup mayonaise                 | pinch of soda               |
| 3 oz. Philadelphia Cream Cheese |                             |

Boil and season shrimp well and chop finely. Heat soup and cheese over double boiler till melted. Add soda. Dissolve gelatin in ½ cup of water. Add to soup mix and allow to cool. Mix shrimp, celery, onion and mayonaise. Add cooled soup mix to this. Add salt and red pepper to taste. Mold and chill. Spread on crackers or chips of your choice.

Sincerely,

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