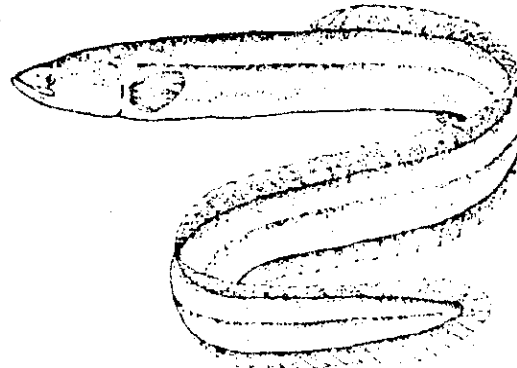


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EELS

For several years now we have been looking off and on at the possibility of establishing an eel fishery in Louisiana. Lately we have been seeing some very encouraging signs and I have received many calls asking where to sell eels and buy eel pots.

At this time there is only one eel buyer established in the state, Chef Mentour Seafood Exporters. Their office phone number is 254-2265 in New Orleans. The owners' names and home telephone numbers are Stig Norrby, 254-9313 and Gunnar Wessman, 254-4050.

Their interest is in buying eels 15 inches long and larger and they are paying 70 cents per pound rough. Both trap and hook-caught eels are acceptable.

Wire eel traps are commercially available at two places in the state now; Alario Bros. Hardware and Fishing Supplies in Westwego, 341-1843 and Duchamp's Hardware and Supply in St. Martinville, (318) 394-3161.

Wooden eel traps are available through Joseph Fonseca 758-7827 and Steven Loupe 758-2481, both of Des Allemands. As the fishery grows, other sources of traps may become available. Also I do not have the prices on the traps now.

If you have any questions on eels and eel fishing, feel free to contact me.

NEW FUR TRAPPING REGULATIONS

A new state law requires that all animal traps be removed from the field on the closing day of trapping season. In the past, trappers were allowed 5 days after the season to get their traps picked up. This can be quite a job if a trapper has a couple of hundred traps out.

Also this year for the first time, trappers will be required to fill out a special tag for each otter and bobcat fur he sells. The blue tag for otters and the red tag for bobcats must be filled out by the trapper at the time the pelt is sold.

The information required includes the trapper's name, license number, parish in which caught and date trapped. Fur dealers will be keeping the tags until the trappers bring in the pelts.

The tag is required because a federal permit is required to export the furs out of the United States. In order to get the federal permit, the state must prove that all the furs are produced within the state, as some states have closed seasons on otters and bobcats.

FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX CHANGE

Unless something changes between now and tax time, fishing vessel owners will have to pay Federal Unemployment Taxes (FUTA) for their crew members this year.

Last year Congress passed a special one year exemption for fishing vessel owners with crews of less than 10 people, so that the owners did not have to pay unemployment taxes.

Since the exemption ran out and hasn't been renewed (congress hasn't passed any part of the Federal budget yet), owners of fishing vessels over 10 tons will be required to pay FUTA on their crewmen's earnings for 1982. This amounts to 3.4% of the first \$6000 paid to each crew member.

If you're confused don't feel bad because it is confusing. The best thing to do, come tax time, is to check with your tax expert at the time you pay your taxes.

COAST GUARD USER FEES

You may be as tired of hearing about Coast Guard user fees, but they are back in the news again. The Administration has pushed user fees as a way of helping to pay for public programs and services for over a year. Congress however wouldn't touch the subject because of strong objections by fishermen and industry.

Recently, however, a new CG-user fee draft plan was released which is milder than the other plans. Under this new plan, no fees would be charged for:

1. Boats used only in state waters.
2. Search and rescue operations to save lives.

However part or all of the expenses involved in the following operations would try to be recovered:

1. Navigational aids
2. Some boating safety programs
3. Documentation
4. Some ice-breaking
5. Marine environmental protection

The fee schedule proposed looks like this:

COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS

<u>Gross Tons</u>	<u>Fee per year</u>
5 and under	\$ 290
5-99	600
100-499	1200
500-1499	4500
1500 and over	9000

According to the Transportation Department it would collect about \$440 million per year and cover one-third of the Coast Guard's annual budget. All fees collected would be put into a special Coast Guard fund, not into the general treasury as proposed last year.

The Administration still has not found anyone who will sponsor this bill in congress, so there is nothing solid on these user fees yet. Source: Commercial Fisheries Newslite. Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. October 1982

NOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Earlier this year at an East Bank Commercial Fishermans Association meeting, I was asked to put the names and addresses of the US Senators and Congressmen for this area in my newsletter. It took me a while but here they are:

Representative Robert Livingston
130 Cannon Building
Washington D. C. 20515

District 1

St. Tammany, St. Bernard, Plaquemines and the following Wards and Precincts in Orleans - Wards 2 (Pct. 7), 3 (Pcts 5-20), 4 (Pcts 4-23), 5 (Pcts 11-17 (Pcts 25 & 31-42), 8 (Pcts 1-4 and 15-30), 9 (Pcts 1-9, 11-16 and 28-45), 13 (Pcts 2, 4, 6 and 8), 14, 15, 16, 17 (Pcts 17-21)

Representative Corinne "Lindy" Boggs
1524 Longworth Building
Washington D. C. 20515

District 2

Orleans, Wards 1, 2 (Pcts 1-6A), 3 (Pcts 1-4), 4 (Pcts 2, 3), 5 (pcts 1-10, 6, 7 (Pcts 1, 2, 4, 4A, 5-24 and 26-30), 8 (Pcts 5-14), 9 (Pcts 1-9K, 10B-10F, 10 H, 10K and 11-13K), 10, 11, 12, 13 (Pcts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9-16), and 17 (Pcts 1-16 Jefferson, Wards 1-7, 8 (Pcts 1-18, 20, 22-24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 37, 43, 45, and 47), 9 (Pcts 1-13K).

Representative W. J. (Billy) Tauzin
222 Cannon Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

District 3

Jefferson, Wards 8 (Pcts 19, 21, 25, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, 38-44, 46, 48-50), 9 (Pcts 10A, 10G, 12K-28K), 10, 11. St. Martin, Ward 1 (Pcts 5, 6), Assumption, Iberia, LaFourche, St. Charles, St. Mary and Terrebonne.

Senator J. Bennett Johnston Jr.
Senate Office Building
Washington D. C. 20510

Statewide

Senator Russell B. Long
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Washington, D. C. 20510

Statewide

DON'T OUTLAW IN RUSSIA!

Recently the Soviet government executed by firing squad, a former government official who was involved in smuggling caviar out of the country. Valdimir Rytov, who was Deputy Fisheries Minister, was arrested along with 200 other officials when the illegal operation was discovered two years ago.

The caviar was hidden in cans that were supposed to contain herring and were headed for western Europe.
Source: Gulf Fishery News: Vol. 2, No. 6 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

SEA GRANT PUBLICATIONS CATALOG

The MIT Sea Grant program has published a catalog of Sea Grant Publications For the Fishing Industry 1982. It is a 119-page listing of Fisheries related publications and a short explanation of each one. The catalog covers publications from all of the Sea Grant programs in the U.S.

The price is \$1.20 and it can be ordered directly from MIT Sea Grant Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139.

U. S. CATCH DOWN ——— EARNINGS AND CONSUMPTION UP

Americans ate more fish in 1981, and they also paid more for it. Estimated per capita consumption inched up to 13 pounds from 12.8 in 1980. The catch brought a record dockside value of \$2.4 billion even though the volume fell to six billion pounds, lowest since 1977. The most valuable species was shrimp, worth more than \$463 million at dockside, followed by salmon (\$438 million), crabs (\$297 million) and tuna (\$206 million). The nation's two fishing capitals are Kodiak, which had the highest-valued landings of any United States port; and Cameron, Louisiana which led, as it has for five years, in volume of commercial landings. Meanwhile, U.S. fishermen also caught and delivered to foreign processors

vessels 123 percent more fish from within the 200-mile conservation zone than in 1980, and sold it for 150 percent more money.
Source: NOAA Magazine, Volume 12, Number 3.

FISH LEATHER

A group of investors have come up with a fishy idea to tip the scales of fashion — fish leather.

If officials with the Miami-based Aquaris International Industries have their way, Americans will soon get hooked on shoes made of tuna skins, wear belts of grouper skin, carry snapper-skin wallets and lug luggage crafted from shark hide.

The company says fish leather will serve as a low-priced, durable alternative to conventional, more expensive leather.

"Everything that exotic leathers are used for, fish skin can be used for less," said Eduardo Millas, one of five investors who are using a new method to tan fish skin to try and take the fashion world by storm.

Rudolf Ernst, an industrial engineer, developed the new tanning process for fish skin which, until now, has had little use except as cat food.

In addition to being inexpensive, Ernst said the material is extremely durable. In fact, Ernst said, during some tests of the material fish skin in some cases was even stronger than cowhide.

Tuna has a supple skin perfect for shoes, while belts and wallets can be made from the rugged skin of snapper or grouper. The almost indestructible skin of shark can be crafted into upholstery or luggage.
Source: Texan Coastal & Marine Council Clips & Briefs, 9/24/82

THE GUMBO POT

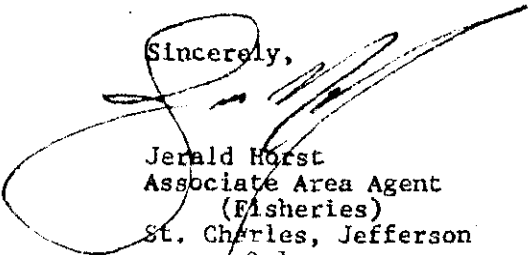
Oyster-Water Chestnut Stuffing

1 pint oysters	½ cup butter
1 8oz. can sliced water chestnuts	1 egg, beater
1 cup finely chopped onion	1 tsp. salt
½ cup chopped celery	½ tsp. thyme
¼ cup chopped parsley	½ tsp. sage
1 8oz. pkg. cornbread stuffing mix	½ tsp. pepper

Drain oysters and reserve liquor. Drain water chestnuts. Saute onion, celery and parsley in butter until tender. Do not brown. Add enough water to reserved oyster liquor to make 1 cup. In a bowl, combine stuffing mix, egg and liquor and mix lightly to blend. Stir in sauteed vegetables and seasonings. Spoon the stuffing loosely into the cavity of a 10 to 12 pound turkey.

If stuffing is to be baked separate from turkey, bake at 350°F for 15 to 20 minutes.

Sincerely,



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