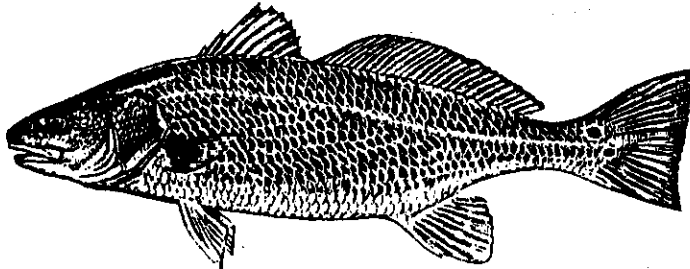


SEA GRANT PROGRAM



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NEW FISHERIES LAWS

The following bills were passed by the 1987 Louisiana Legislature and will go into effect on September 9, 1988 (unless otherwise noted). If you would like more information on these new laws, feel free to contact me at my office in Marrero.

House Bill 235 (Act 574) - S. H. Theriot

Defines "paratrawling as pulling a net from two or more vessels and prohibits paratrawling in any canal which is part of public waters within the state.

House Bill 336 (Act 1) - Patti & others

Gives the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the authority to enforce health laws on oysters. Allows the legislature to create a Shellfish Management Task Force. Increases the penalty for harvesting oysters from closed areas from a Class 3 to a Class 4 violation. Effective immediately.

House Bill 657 (Act 720) - Glover & Bagert

Repeals the law that allows the issuing of sportfishing licenses for gill nets, trammel nets and seines. Effective immediately.

House Bill 820 (Act 214) - Roach & Triche

Prohibits the setting of trawls or butterfly nets within 500 feet of the mouth of any inlet, pass, water control structure or weir. This does not affect the use of trawls and butterfly nets from moving vessels.

House Bill 844 (Act 825) - Melancon

Creates a \$25 commercial gear license for the use of cans, drums, tires, buckets and pipes to take fish commercially.

House Bill 1041 (Act 311) - Ellington & others

Creates the crime of criminal trespass on catfish ponds.

House Bill 1109 (Act 758) - Ackel & Patti

Authorizes the removal of objects from waterways and their banks by federal, state and local authorities. Effective immediately.

House Bill 1376 (Act 33) - Odinet & others

Provides that hearings shall no longer be required for claims with the Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund. Provides for a hearing in the case of a dispute. Effective immediately.

House Bill 1384 (Act 954) - Benoit & others

Allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set daily and possession limits for any saltwater finfish for which no limits have been set by law. Effective immediately.

House Bill 1386 (Act 35) - Benoit & others

Exempts tuna, garfish, swordfish and sharks from the law that requires that all fish must be landed with head and tail on. Provides that tuna, swordfish and sharks must be landed with skin and scales on and that garfish must have a strip on skin for identification purposes.

House Bill 1387 (Act 893) - Patti & others

Repeals all dates for opening and closing of shrimp seasons in inside and outside state waters and gives the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission the authority to open and close seasons by zone, based on technical and biological information. Effective immediately.

House Bill 1390 (Act 36) - Warner & others

Prohibits the taking of garfish by guns or traps.

House Bill 1393 (Act 614) - Benoit & others

Authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to regulate the possession, sale or transportation of any freshwater fish which is not native to Louisiana.

House Bill 1400 (Act 995) - Glover & others and Senate Bill 268 (Act 993 - Lauricella & Patti

Repeals one of the two laws which allows mariculture, but does allow people who have already received such a permit to operate for 2 1/2 years. Provides the mariculture permit fees shall be \$1000. The Senate bill does also provide that under the other law which permits aquaculture, that the permit shall expire after 2 years if work has not begun, the \$1000 fee will be annual and that the Department of Natural Resources shall have access for inspection.

House Bill 1404 (Act 883) - Glover & others

Allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to dispose of any net seized for being unattended if the net isn't claimed in 30 days.

House Bill 1406 (Act 240) - Odinet & others

Provides that penalties for fourth and subsequent offenses of a Class 1, 2 3 or 4 violation will be the same as the third offense.

House Bill 1408 (Act 955) - Triche & others

Provides that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may make the names and addresses of commercial fishermen available for financial consideration.

House Bill 1409 (Act 894) - Patti & others

Corrects some errors and makes some changes on the inside-outside shrimp line. The changes that concern this area most are that the line is moved slightly inward in Four-Bayou Pass and the new line in Barataria Pass runs from the eastern end of Grand Isle in to the turning buoy and out to the fort on Grand Terre. This moves the line outward there. Effective immediately.

House Bill 1470 (Act 958) - Odinet

Allows the use of a test trawl with two 25-foot trawls in inside waters in Zone 1. Allows the use of two 25-foot trawls in that part of Jefferson Parish east of the Mississippi River. Repeals the resolution that allowed for one year the use of two 25-foot trawls in inside waters in West Jefferson, Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes. Effective immediately.

House Bill 1473 (Act 959) - Guidry & others

Requires seizure of shrimp from anyone caught shrimping during closed season.

House Bill 1476 (Act 848) - Kimball

Provides that the closing of any fishery shall not prohibit the harvesting and sale of any mariculture fish.

House Bill 1583 (Act 620) - Odinet & others

Provides that in Chef Menteur Pass and in Lakes Borgne and Ponchartrain within two miles of the pass that a shrimp net may only be used from a motor-propelled boat which is underway. The only exception is for the use of single butterfly nets on Corps of Engineer approved wharfs with the owner being present when the net is used in the Chef Menteur Pass.

House Bill 1662 (Act 330) - Guidry & others

Provides that game wardens shall enforce the minimum size on blue crabs by taking 50 crabs from each crate or the equivalent to a crate. If more than 5% are undersized, the entire crate can be seized as being in violation. Also increases penalties for taking undersized crabs to a Class 4 violation.

Senate Bill 87 (Act 711) - Bagert

Provides that each gill or trammel net used to take saltwater fish must have a waterproof tag on each end bearing the fisherman's name and license number. Also repeals the provision that only a game warden may determine if a net is unattended.

Senate Bill 392 (Act 527) - Lauricella

Allows state and local government to remove and dispose of any vessel or machinery from any waterway, ditch or waterbody after a 30-day notice. Effective immediately.

Senate Bill 417 (Act 112) - Doland and others

Allows the Commission to establish a season for harvest of oysters from closed areas of Calcasieu and Sabine Lakes for depuration and relaying purposes.

Senate Bill 761 (Act 119) - Chabert

Increases the penalty for taking crabs at night to a Class 4 violation.

Senate Bill 829 (Act 889) - Bagert & Garrity

- * Makes redbfish illegal to buy, sell, exchange or import to sell in Louisiana until September 1, 1991.
- * Increases the annual commercial quota on speckled trout to 1.25 million pounds.
- * Prohibits all landing of speckled trout in Louisiana after the quota is reached even if the trout are taken in federal waters (out to 200 miles) or in other states. Also prohibits any vessel in state waters with a seine, gill net, trammel net or hoop net aboard from having a speckled trout on board during the closure.
- * Provides the minimum mesh size on seines, trammel nets and gill nets (except strike nets) increase from 1 3/4 inches square (3 1/2 inches stretched) to 2 1/4 inches square (4 1/2 inches stretched) after the trout quota is filled.
- * Provides that no person shall have more than 2 strike nets aboard a vessel.
- * Lowers creel and possession limits for sportsmen to 5 redbfish and 25 speckled trout.
- * Provides that no more than one redbfish over 27 inches long may be kept by sportfishermen.
- * Sets the minimum size on redbfish at 16 inches for sportfishermen.
- * Provides that violation of the recreational size limits shall be punishable by a fine of \$10 per pound on fish over 27 inches long and loss of fishing licenses. The violator shall also be prohibited from getting another fishing license for one to three years.
- * Provides that sportfishermen cannot possess redbfish or speckled trout of illegal size in federal waters (out to 200 miles offshore).

- * Provides a penalty for violation of commercial size limits of \$850 per 100 pounds of fish and loss of license. The violator shall also be prohibited from getting another license for one to three years.
- * Provides for procedures on shipping gamefish into Louisiana.
- * Provides for legal sale of aquaculture-produced fish. Effective Immediately.

THE GUMBO POT

Crab Turnovers

This recipe is one that I got from my fellow agent Sandy Corkern and modified. If you like crab meat, you'll love this recipe.

2 pie crusts	2 Tbsp. parsley
1 lb. crab meat	1 cup milk
2 Tbsp. flour	3 Tbsp. butter
1 stalk celery, finely chopped	1 medium onion finely chopped
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce	½ tsp. celery salt SALT

Boil chopped celery until soft and drain. Melt butter, blend in flour. Add chopped onion and cook until golden. Add celery, milk, crab meat and seasoning. Cook 20 minutes, add parsley and simmer 5 minutes. Place half of the mixture on each pie crust and fold over. Seal the edges with a fork and bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Serves 4.

Sincerely,

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