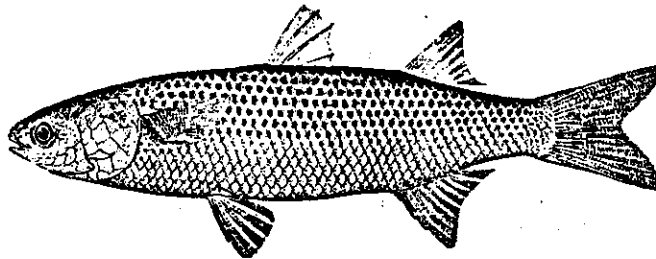


SEA GRANT PROGRAM



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PROGRAM FOR SEAFOOD PROCESSORS

Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, Sea Grant Program and Department of Natural Resources Energy Division will be holding an informational program for seafood processors on December 10, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, at the Old Metairie Public Library on 2350 Metairie Road in Metairie.

The program agenda is as follows:

Your utility bill--what does it tell you?

Lessons learned from processing plants--where can you save?

Low cost/no cost methods of reducing energy costs.

Product quality--an important part of energy conservation.

New technology for improving quality and shelf life.

Waste water -- D.E.Q. regulations.

Waste water--treatment technologies and options.

Summary

Workshop meeting and energy savings evaluation.

This program is funded by Department of Energy PVE funds and is open to all interested individuals.

SHRIMPING VS NAVIGATION IN PASSES

Recently, there have been a few incidents occurring between vessels trawling in passes and vessels utilizing the channel areas of passes for navigation; particularly, Barataria Pass and Belle Pass. Trawling gear has been run over, causing damage to nets and, in some instances, to the vessels underway.

Who has the right-of-way in these situations? The law is very clear concerning navigation in channels. Both international and inland rules of the road specifically state "A vessel engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of any other vessel navigating within a narrow channel or fairway." This means that vessels utilizing the channel for navigation have the right-of-way; shrimp vessels trawling in navigable waterways must not block passage.

The U.S. Coast Guard will strictly enforce regulations concerning blockage or restriction of navigable channels and fairways. Fishing vessels operating in narrow channels, such as the Barataria Waterway or Belle Pass, so as to impede the navigation of larger less maneuverable vessels, will be cited for a violation of these rules. The maximum penalty for this violation is \$25,000.

Source: U.S. Coast Guard, Grand Isle Station, 10/25/90.

GULF COUNCIL ADVISES OIL COMPANIES

During the recent hearings on red snappers, the Gulf Council received many complaints about crewmen on offshore oil and gas platforms catching over the limit of red snappers and landing them by helicopter and crewboat.

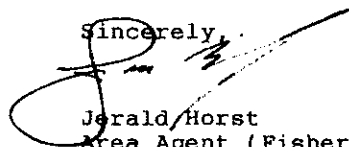
In response to these complaints, the Council is advising offshore oil and gas operators of current fish regulations and asking that they assist in getting their crews to comply with the laws. The Council has also asked the companies to remove and destroy any illegal fish traps used by their crews.

Source: Gulf Fishery News. Sept./Oct. 1990.

COMMERCIAL QUOTAS MET

The commercial quotas for king mackerel and shallow-water groupers have been met and the fisheries have been closed. The king mackerel season will reopen July 1, 1991 and the new season for shallow-water groupers will reopen on January 1, 1991. Shallow-water groupers are all groupers except yellowedge, misty warsaw, snowy, and jewfish. All harvest of jewfish is prohibited. These closures do not affect the recreational fisheries for mackerel and groupers.

Sincerely,



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