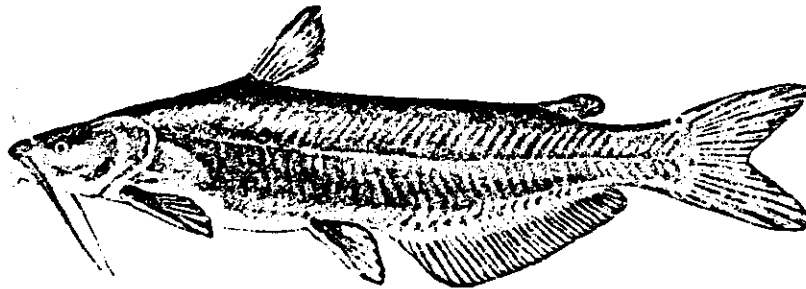




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## SEA GRANT PROGRAM



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#### FEDS ISSUE INTERIM RULE ON TEDS

The National Marine Fisheries Service has issued temporary rule changes concerning the use of TEDs by shrimpers. While most shrimpers expected the mandatory use of TEDs year around in all waters, the only major change was a reduction in tow times from 90 minutes to 75 minutes. Under these temporary rules, shrimpers in inshore waters and shrimp boats under 25 feet in length in outside waters will not have to use TEDs. No change was made in the three-month exemption period for using TEDs in offshore waters.

Other provisions in this rule specify general construction requirements for TEDs to ease enforcement, encourage design improvement and allow modifications to certain TEDs. The sale of illegal TEDs is also prohibited to protect shrimpers from fraud.

It is important to note that these are only temporary rules. Comments on these rules will be accepted until October 15 and should be sent to Nancy Foster, Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1135 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. After the comment period, it is expected that a set of final rules will be issued.

Due to the large amount of marine debris created by Hurricane Andrew, the use of TEDs has been suspended in the area between the Mississippi River and Atchafalaya Bay

from the Col-Regs line out to 15 miles offshore. This suspension lasts through October 3, 1992. TED regulations are still in effect for all other areas.

## **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Because of Hurricane Andrew, Louisiana has received a disaster declaration. People who suffered damage may be eligible for federal and state disaster assistance. You may apply for aid over the telephone by calling one of these numbers:

Nationwide  
1-800-462-9029

Louisiana only  
1-800-962-3362

### **Assistance that may be available includes:**

- \* Temporary Housing Grants
- \* Loans for Damage to Homes, Personal Property, and Businesses
- \* Grants for Serious Needs not met by other programs
- \* Disaster Unemployment Benefits
- \* Emergency Help from Voluntary Agencies
- \* Assistance from a variety of local, state and federal agencies
- \* Aid for Agricultural Losses

### **Before you call, please have the following information ready, if available:**

- \* Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are staying now.
- \* Your social security number.
- \* A list of damages and losses you suffered.
- \* Good directions to the property that was damaged.
- \* Your insurance policy number or the agent's and company name, if insured.

## **OIL RECYCLING TANK**

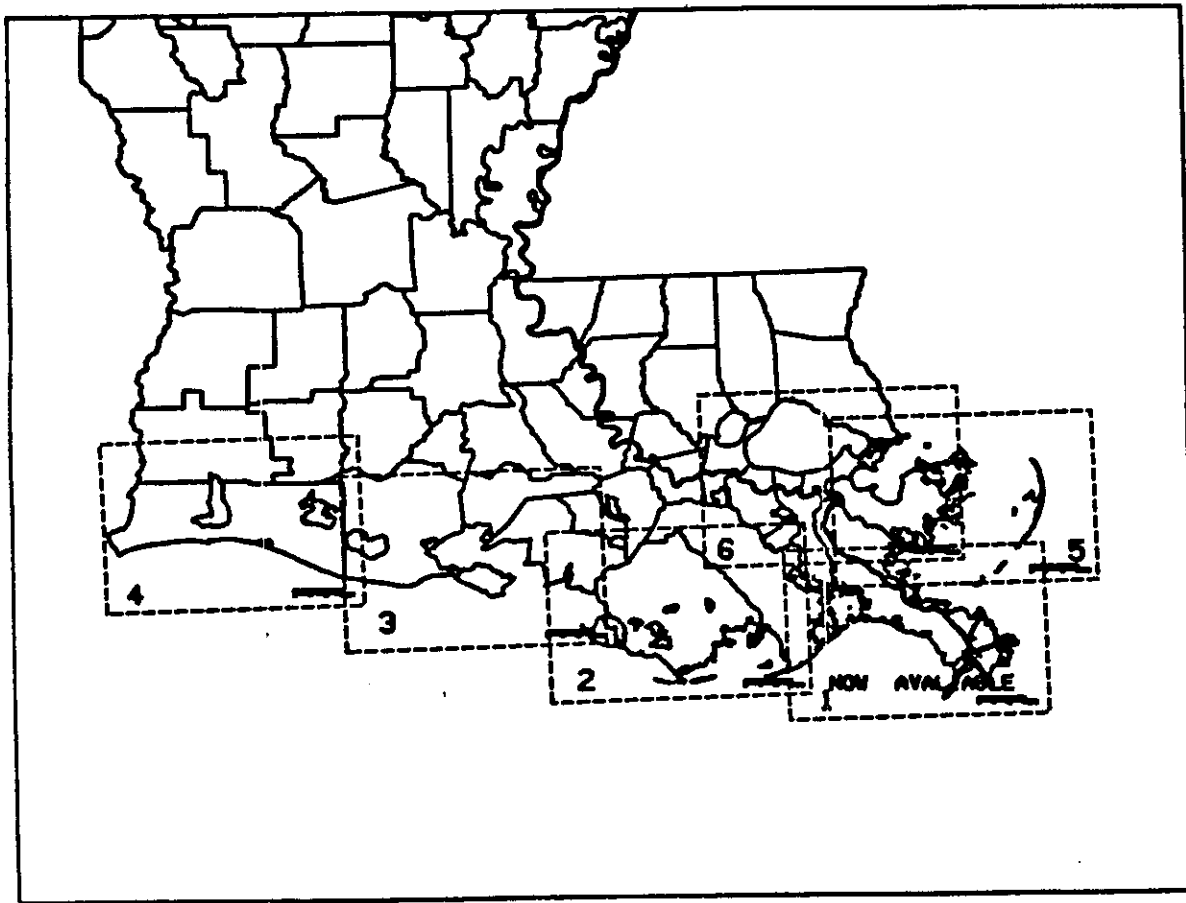
The tornado damaged platform at the oil recycling tank in Lafitte is being repaired and the tank will be ready for use soon. Both used automobile and vessel engine oil can be put in the tank. It is important that the tank be used because the oil recycling company will have to remove the tank if they don't get enough oil.

Used oil is a serious pollutant if it gets in our waters. University of Florida research has shown that one quart of used motor oil pollutes more water than that 30 people drink in a lifetime. Pollution also has serious effects on our shrimp, crabs, oysters, and other fisheries resources.

## FULL COLOR COASTAL FISHING MAPS

The first in a series of quality fishing maps will be available beginning in August from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The department, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service, is producing a set of six maps of coastal Louisiana which will provide excellent information for the fisherman.

Map #1 covers the extreme end of the mouth of the Mississippi River and the surrounding Gulf waters out to 30 miles. Land mass featured begins at Venice and extends west to Fourchon.



Fishermen and other interested persons may order the map by picking up an order form at any LDWF district office -- there are eight locations throughout the state. Also, order forms are available in the Louisiana Conservationist Magazine, published bi-monthly by the department. Purchase can be made by filling out the form and sending it along with \$11, plus \$3 for handling, to Rigs to Reefs Maps/Louisiana Artificial Reef Program/LDWF, P O Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898. The first map only is available at this time.

Each beautiful 25" x 38" map is four-color and can be distributed folded or rolled in protective mailers. One side features a detailed map of the area, complete with locations of oil and gas platforms, artificial reefs, wrecks and hazards. The state/federal line and the legal saltwater/freshwater line are both illustrated.

The reverse side is full of valuable information: angling tips, identification guides to popular species and basic information about each fish, details on the state's Artificial Reef Program, and informative facts about fishing marinas and oil and gas platforms.

## **STATE HANG FUND UPDATE**

The Louisiana Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund paid 394 claims for a total of \$905,300 during the fiscal year 1991-1992. During the same period, the Fund received 444 claims for \$1,018,056. Damage or loss of fishing gear was involved in 339 claims and vessel loss or damage occurred in 145 claims. Several claims involved both.

The Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund was created to pay for damage to gear and vessels caused by underwater obstructions in inside and state outside waters. Claimants must prove that they earn at least 50% of their income from commercial fishing. Claims are limited to \$5000 each and fishermen can make two claims a year.

Anyone interested in making a claim should call 342-0122 in Baton Rouge.

## **SAVING DEEPWATER FISH**

Many of our deepwater fish, such as red snappers, have minimum sizes on them now and they must be returned to the water if they are undersized. Many of these fish have a great deal of difficulty in swimming down to deeper water because of their air-filled stomachs sticking out of their mouth.

Experts recommend that the best way to release a fish that has its stomach out of its mouth is to make a small hole in it with something sharp like an ice pick. Fishermen should not worry about damaging the fish with the small hole, as it will heal quickly. It is more important to get the fish back into the water quickly with the least handling possible.

According to Dr. Peter Eldridge, fishery management specialist with the National Marine Fisheries Service, fish that float off "belly up" are very likely to be eaten by predators such as sharks before they can recover. He also encourages fishermen to be careful when unhooking undersized fish as a torn gill filament will cause the fish to bleed to death.

For more information on the subject, a video tape is available for loan from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council office. "Pass It On" is a 28-minute VHS tape showing proper fish catching and handling methods. Any individual or group may borrow

the tape by contacting Terry Leary, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, Lincoln Center, Suite 331, 5401 W. Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, Florida, 33609.

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## THE GUMBO POT

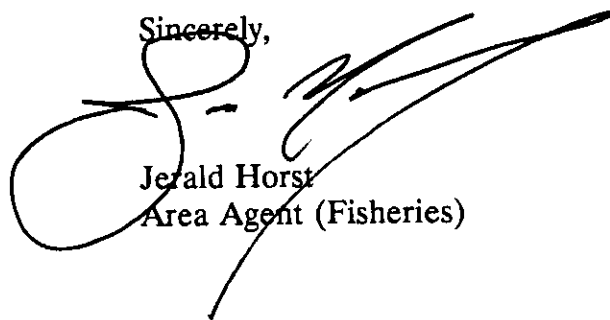
### Creole Bouillabaisse

A bouillabaisse is a seafood soup that Mediterranean fishermen's wives made from the unsold odds and ends of their husbands' catches. Almost any assortment of fish and shellfish can be used so feel free to substitute.

1 lb cut-up fish fillets	¼ cup chopped parsley
1 pint shucked oysters	2 cans chicken broth
1 pound peeled shrimp	1 large can (1lb 12oz) tomatoes, cut-up
¼ cup vegetable oil	1 cup dry white wine
¼ cup flour	1 tbsp lemon juice
1 cup chopped onions	1 bay leaf
½ cup chopped celery	¼ tsp salt
2 cloves minced garlic	¼ tsp red pepper

In large pot over medium heat, melt oil. To prepare roux, slowly blend in flour and stir constantly until mixture is light brown. Add onions, celery, garlic and parsley and continue stirring until vegetables are tender. Gradually stir in chicken broth. Add remaining ingredients except seafood. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 10 minutes. Add fish and oysters and simmer for 5 minutes. Add shrimp and cook for 5 minutes more or until all seafood is done. Makes 8 servings.

Sincerely,



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