

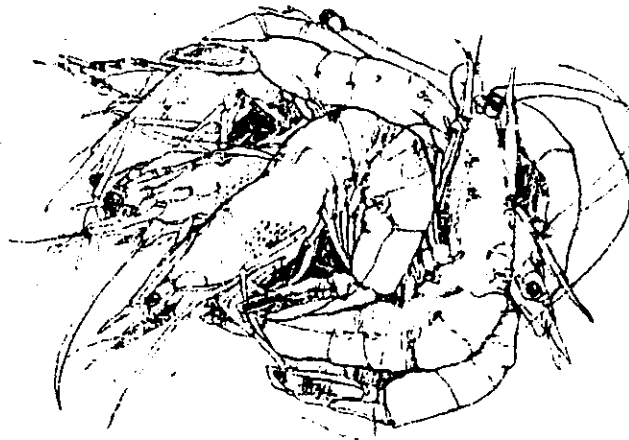


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## SEA GRANT PROGRAM



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#### NEW TED REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED

The National Marine Fisheries Service has announced its new Turtle Excluder Device (TED) regulations. During the month of December 1992, all trawlers over 25 feet long must use a TED when trawling outside the COL-REG's line. These are an extension of the same regulations which were in effect in November.

Beginning in January 1, 1993, all trawlers, no matter what size their boat is, will have to use a TED in each trawl year-round in waters outside of the COL-REG's line. In inshore waters, all shrimp trawlers will also have to use a TED except those with a single trawl with a corkline of less than 35 feet and a leadline of less than 44 feet.

Trawlers who do not have to use TEDs are limited to tow times of 55 minutes from April 1 through October 31 and 75 minutes the rest of the year.

No mention was made in the regulations of TEDs being required in skimmers or butterfly nets.

## MORE FISHING SAFETY REGS PROPOSED

The Coast Guard is moving to develop the next round of fishing vessel safety regulations. Of most interest at the December 1 meeting of the Coast Guard's Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee, was the issue of operator's licenses.

The Fishing Vessel Safety Act of 1988 authorized the development of such a license. At this time the Coast Guard has not settled on what size vessels will require a licensed operator, but it was suggested that the requirement apply to all commercial fishing vessels over 36 feet long, or at least to all documented vessels.

Some of the proposed qualifications to hold a license include age, citizenship, ability to speak English, physical fitness, experience, professional qualifications, and no record of drug use or violence. Completion of a course which includes seamanship and survival at sea was also discussed as a requirement.

The term of the license under discussion was five years with possible loss or suspension of the license because of an accident due to incompetence or a drug conviction. While the final requirements and form of the license are not determined yet, fishermen should be aware that it is being planned.

## FISHING VESSEL SAFETY MANUALS

Commercial fishermen interested in ordering a safety manual should be sure that they are ordering the Gulf Coast Fishing Vessel Safety Manual, which is the correct one for this area. Some fishermen have been ordering the North Pacific manual which is older, not tailored for this area and costs twice as much. The Gulf Coast Manual has chapters on safety and survival, medical emergencies, fire prevention and fire fighting, U.S. Coast Guard standards and procedures, Navigation, Seamanship, watchkeeping, rules of the road, stability and vessel systems and engineering.

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### GULF COAST FISHING VESSEL SAFETY MANUAL Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the Gulf Coast Fishing Vessel Safety Manual @\$30 each.  
\*(Includes shipping and handling)

Please return order with full payment by check to:  
Sea Grant College Program  
Texas A&M University  
1716 Briarcrest, Suite 702  
Bryan, TX 77802  
(409) 845-3857

Please make checks payable to: Texas A&M University

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are again needed for the Jefferson Parish Christmas tree recycling project. The trees will be used to fill in abandoned oilfield canals to help restore marsh lands in the Barataria Basin.

Jefferson and Orleans Parish residents who would like to donate their trees should put them out on January 6th. The trees will be picked up within three days. All trees should be free of tinsel and flocking and the stand should be removed. Truckloads of trees will also be accepted at the Louisiana Dept. of Transportation storage yard at 700 Peters Road in Harvey.

Hundreds of volunteers will also be needed to tie the trees into bundles. Scheduled dates for tree tying are January 23 and 30, with February 6 as an alternate date. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and should come to the Peters Road storage yard at 8 a.m. on either of the days above, with gloves on. For more information call Marnie Winter at 736-6440.

## **KEMP'S RIDLEY TURTLE NESTS-UP AGAIN**

For the fifth straight year, the endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle has had an increase in nesting success. This turtle usually only nests on one beach in Mexico and its decline has brought on TEDs in an effort to save it.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Nests</u>
1978	924
1979	954
1980	868
1981	897
1982	750
1983	746
1984	798
1985	702
1986	744
1987	737
1988	842
1989	878
1990	967
1991	1027
1992	1173

Also, for the first time ever, two Kemp's ridley's nested somewhere else. One nested on May 28 in South Carolina and another on June 17 in North Carolina. Researchers don't know if this was one turtle that nested twice or two turtles.

## TIME TO RENEW TAX EXEMPT NUMBERS

The 1992 commercial fishermen sales tax exemptions will expire on December 31, 1992. In order to get a new exemption, fishermen will need to send in another application for 1993. I have a supply of application forms in my office. If you would like one, call, write, or come by my office in Marrero.

## SHRIMP CONVERSION TABLE

Shown below is a handy table for converting the weight of headless shrimp to head-on or vice versa. You might want to cut it out and put it in a handy place for reference.

ITEM	SOUTH ATLANTIC & GULF CATCH	
	Percent Recovery From Heads-On Weight	To Convert to Heads-on Weight Multiply By:
HEADLESS:		
BROWN( <i>Penaeus Aztecus</i> )	62.1	1.61
PINK ( <i>Penaeus Duorarum</i> )	62.5	1.60
WHITE ( <i>Penaeus Setiferus</i> )	64.9	1.54
ROYAL RED ( <i>Hymenopenaeus Robustus</i> )	55.6	1.80
SEA BOBS ( <i>Xiphopenaeus Kroyer</i> )	65.4	1.53
OTHER (Mostly <i>Pandulus</i> Species)	---	---
ALL SPECIES (Weighted Average)	62.9	1.59
PEELED FANTAIL, RAW <sup>1</sup>	50.0	2.00
PEELED RAW <sup>1</sup>	49.0	2.04
PEELED, COOKED <sup>1</sup>	31.9	3.13
BREADED, RAW (Including Fantail) <sup>1</sup>	100.0	1.00
DRIED <sup>1</sup>	13.0	7.6
CANNED <sup>1</sup>	31.2	3.21

<sup>1</sup>AVERAGE FOR ALL SPECIES

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## THE GUMBO POT

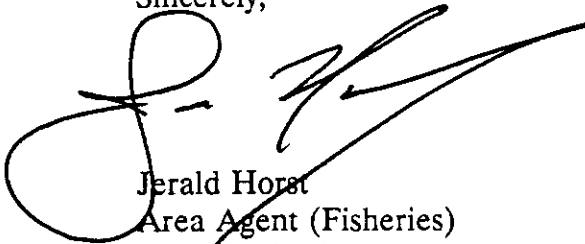
In spite of all the seasonings this dish is not overly seasoned. If you like broiled fish you'll enjoy it.

### BROILED FILLETS MEXICAN STYLE

2 pounds skinless fish fillets	1 teaspoon paprika
1 can (4 ozs.) chopped green chilies	1/2 teaspoon chili powder
2 tablespoons vegetable oil	1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2 tablespoons soy sauce	1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce	Dash liquid hot pepper sauce

Cut fillets into serving-size portions and place in a single layer in a well-greased baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour sauce over fillets. Broil approximately 4 inches from source of heat for 5 minutes or until fish flakes. Baste once with natural juices during broiling. Makes 6 servings.

Sincerely,



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