

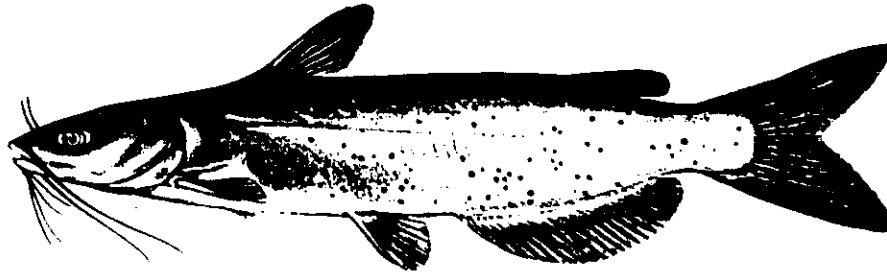


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SEA GRANT PROGRAM



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CATFISH SURVEY IN PROGRESS

At the end of September the Inland Fisheries Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries mailed a detailed questionnaire to all holders of hoop net licenses. Management of channel catfish by the use of minimum lengths has been a topic in front of the Wildlife and fisheries Commission this year.

The survey is designed to get information on the fishery and gather fishermen's opinions. If you receive one of the questionnaires it is important to fill it out and return it. This information may be used to develop future regulations under which catfish fishermen fish.

STATUS OF H.A.C.C.P.

As most seafood dealers are aware, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration is proposing to bring the seafood processing industry under a HACCP inspection program. Final rules on the program were expected soon, but it now appears that the issuance of final HACCP regulations will be delayed until mid 1995. Seafood processors will have one year after that to come into compliance.

Once final rules are issued we will arrange for training meetings on the regulations. These meetings will include instructions on how to prepare a HACCP plan. At this time it appears that seafood importers and seafood warehousemen, in addition to traditional seafood processors will come under the HACCP program.

COUNCIL RECOMMENDS REDUCED SNAPPER LIMIT

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at its September meeting recommended a reduction in the daily recreational limit on red snappers from 7 to 5 fish and an increase in the minimum recreational size to 15 inches. Another change was that "for hire" party and charter boat captains and crew are not allowed to take a limit of red snapper.

These actions were taken in response to the latest stock assessment which showed that recreational fishermen had harvested over their allocation in both 1992 and 1993. Some scientists at the meeting felt that the overharvest will be even greater in 1994.

The new regulations will take effect on January 1, 1995, if approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service

SUIT COULD STOP GULF SHRIMPING

Environmentalists with the Earth Island Institute and Ralph Nader's Public Citizen Organization filed suit in federal court in September to stop all shrimping in the Gulf of Mexico. Todd Steiner of the Earth Island Institute stated that the U. S. Department of Commerce is not fully enforcing TED laws and that large numbers of endangered sea turtles are being killed in trawls.

The problem appears to be centered off of Texas and western Louisiana where 270 dead turtles have been found since March. The lawsuit applies to the entire Gulf however. Shrimping industry leaders say that they are obeying TED laws and the turtle deaths are due to other causes.

FISHERIES MUSEUM NEEDS MATERIALS

The Jefferson Parish Marine Fisheries Advisory Board is actively seeking old equipment and photographs concerning fisheries in Louisiana for its planned Marine Fisheries Museum to be located in the Town of Jean Lafitte. Photographs will be returned to their owner after the board makes a copy of them. Old fishing, seafood processing, fur trapping and boat building equipment will have to be donated to the museum. Anyone who feels that they may have something of interest should contact Dr. Mary Grace Curry at 736-6422.

SPECIAL CATFISH PERMITS AVAILABLE

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission by a 4 to 2 vote passed a Declaration of Emergency this month allowing for the temporary harvest of smaller channel (eel) catfish by special permit. This measure was introduced by Commissioner Tee John Mialjevich. These permits, which will begin to be issued on Monday, October

17, will be good for 90 days from that date and will allow fishermen to harvest channel catfish of 8 inches in length and larger. The current legal minimum length is 11 inches.

The permit is only good for the waters of Lakes Des Allemands, Salvador, Cataouache, Maurepas, western Lake Pontchartrain and their associated bayous and streams. All fish taken under this permit must be landed in this special area and fishermen holding the permit must file a monthly landings report by the tenth of each month.

Permits may be obtained in person at room 304 of the Wildlife and Fisheries Office at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge or by writing to Mr. Dave Arnoldi, Inland Fisheries Division, Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000. Written requests must have the applicant's name, address, telephone number and commercial fishing license number. The price of the permit is \$25.

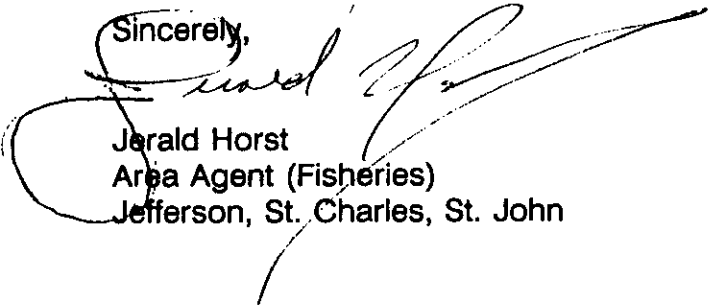
THE GUMBO POT
Marinated Seafood Salad

Seafood salads, especially those with crab meat are a big favorite of mine. This one is delicious.

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| 6 | large boiled crabs | 5 | cloves garlic, minced |
| 1 | lb. boiled shrimp tails | 1 | lemon, sliced thin |
| 1/2 | cup onion, chopped | 3 | tbsp. vinegar |
| 1 | stalk celery, chopped | 3 | tbsp. olive oil |
| 1/4 | cup shallots, chopped | 1 | 8 oz. bottle Italian dressing |
| 1/4 | cup green pepper, chopped | 1/4 | cup lemon juice |
| 1/4 | cup red pepper, chopped | | salt & pepper to taste |

Pick crab meat from crabs and peel shrimp. Mix all ingredients in a 3 quart container. Marinate overnight in refrigerator, stirring once. Serve cold with crackers or French bread. Serves 4.

Sincerely,



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