

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FISHING/OYSTERS: Provides for the gear authorized for oyster harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:435.1(A) and 435.1.1(A)(2) and (C), relative to oyster harvest
3 in Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake; to provide for the gear authorized for oyster
4 harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:435.1(A) and 435.1.1(A)(2) and (C) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §435.1. Sabine Lake; methods of harvest; penalty; season; self-propelled vessels;
9 harvested oysters

10 A. Oysters may be harvested in Sabine Lake using only tongs, ~~a hand~~
11 ~~scraper, or a single scraper with mechanical assist with a flat bar length of no more~~
12 ~~than thirty-six inches.~~

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14 §435.1.1. Oyster harvest in Calcasieu Lake

15 A.

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17 (2) Such permit shall be in addition to all other licenses and permits required
18 for harvesting of oysters. At all times, such oyster harvesting shall be limited to

1 using tongs, ~~a hand scraper, or use of a single scraper with mechanical assist and~~
2 a flat bar length of no more than thirty-six inches is allowed.

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4 C. The commission shall fix the open season for oyster harvest tonging in
5 Calcasieu Lake, which shall begin on any date between October fifteenth and
6 November first and shall end on April thirtieth. However, in consultation with the
7 Calcasieu Oyster Task Force, the commission may open or close the season as
8 biological data indicate a need and may manage East Cove and West Cove
9 separately.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Limits the gear used for oyster harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake to tonging.

Present law provides for oyster harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake. Provides that such harvest may be by use of tongs, a hand scraper, or a single scraper with mechanical assist and a flat bar length of no more than 36 inches.

Proposed law limits the gear used for oyster harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake to tonging.

(Amends R.S. 56:435.1(A) and 435.1.1(A)(2) and (C))