

Existing law authorizes farmers and landowners to hunt raccoons or opossums when the animals are found destroying crops of corn, sweet potatoes, watermelons, pecans, and other crops, with no bag limit any time of the year. Prior law authorized such takings with a .22 caliber rifle. New law requires the .22 caliber rifle to be a rimfire model.

Prior law prohibited the taking of raccoons, opossums, nutria, or beaver from a boat or vehicle.

New law authorizes a crawfish farmer or landowner to take racoons, opossums, nutria, or beaver that are destroying either crawfish on private ponds or the ponds themselves. Such takings may be from a boat or vehicle with a .22 caliber rimfire rifle with no bag limit any time of the year during the day or at night.

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(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(C)(2)(a); Adds R.S. 56:116.1(C)(2)(c))