

Prior law provided for the definition of "motorboat" to mean any vessel propelled by machinery, but not a vessel, other than recreational vessels or commercial fishing vessels, documented by the U.S. Bureau of Customs.

New law retains prior law but excludes from the definition documented commercial fishing vessels.

Prior law prohibits operation of motorboats or sailboats unless the vessel displays numbers in accordance with both existing law and federal law or a federally approved number system of another state.

New law retains prior law but requires the numbers to be in accordance with existing law or federal law, but not both.

New law provides a credit towards any license issued by the department to an owner of a commercial fishing vessel as of Aug. 15, 2008, who paid a state numbering application fee for that vessel. The credit shall expire on Dec. 31, 2010.

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(Amends R.S. 34:851.2(3) and 851.19)