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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1334

**Abstract:** Provides relative to programs for fisheries conservation, management, and sustainability by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Present law assigns the responsibility for saltwater finfish conservation and management to the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries. Proposed law expands that responsibility to include conservation, management, and sustainability programs for all fisheries in the state, including saltwater and freshwater.

Present law prohibits the department from enforcing federal laws which require the use of turtle excluder devices and fish excluder devices by commercial fishermen in La. waters. Proposed law repeals both of these statutory prohibitions.

(Amends the heading of Subpart L of Part VII of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the L.R.S. of 1950 and R.S. 56:638.1 - 638.5; Repeals R.S. 56:57.2, as enacted by Act No. 283 of the 1987 R.S. and as enacted by Act No. 891 of the 1987 R.S. and R.S. 56:57.4)