

New law authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, at the request of a lake commission, a fish and game commission, or a watershed district to adopt rules to regulate the use of certain fishing gear in a lake under the control of the requesting entity.

New law provides that the rules relative to yo-yos must provide the following: limits each person to 50 yo-yos; requires that except those attached to private piers or docks, each be tagged with the name, address, and phone number of the owner; that each one is checked at least once every 24 hours, and all fish or other animals caught be removed; except those attached to private piers or docks, that each one be rebaited every 24 hours; prohibits a yo-yo from being attached to a metal object; prohibits the use of any metal object driven into the lake bottom, a stump, or tree, or the bank; and except those attached to private piers or docks, requires the removal of any yo-yo not in use.

New law provides that the rules relative to trotlines must provide the following: limits each person to three trotlines; requires that each be tagged with the name, address, and phone number of the owner and a float on each end; prohibits a trotline from being attached to a metal object; requires an eight-foot cotton leader on each end of each trotline; requires daily attendance while in service; and requires the removal of any trotline not in use.

New law authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at the request of a water conservation district to adopt regulations applicable to the use of jugs or float fishing gear in a specific water body. Requires the regulations be uniform in their application to water bodies subject to the regulations and provide for the opening and closing dates for the use of such gear.

New law provides that violations of all these provisions are class one violations punishable as follows, with no imprisonment but with seizure of the fishing device:

1st offense	\$50
2nd offense	\$75 - \$250
3rd +	\$200 - \$550

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 56:6(32) and (33))