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Abstract: Authorizes possession of up to the bag limit of filleted red drum, spotted sea trout, or Southern flounder on board a vessel while on the water under certain circumstances.

Present law prohibits possession of over the daily bag limit of red drum, spotted sea trout, or Southern flounder while fishing or while on the water, unless such recreational saltwater fisherman is aboard a trawler engaged in commercial fishing for a consecutive period of longer than 25 hours and the vessel is equipped to cook. Further prohibits the possession of filleted fish while aboard a vessel on the water.

Proposed law allows possession of up to the bag limit of filleted red drum, spotted sea trout, or Southern flounder while traversing the waterways between a camp owned by the boat operator and a recognized boat ramp, provided that the filleted fish are segregated by species into plastic bags or containers that are marked by species and the date caught in order to allow easy identification of the species and amount of fillets and the boat operator has a global positioning system that can demonstrate to representatives of the department that the vessel has traveled in a direct route from the camp to the recognized boat landing.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3))