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HOUSE BILL NO. 796

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COASTAL RESOURCES: Requires that mitigation funding associated with the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project be used to compensate commercial fishermen for losses associated with that project

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:214.5.9, relative to integrated coastal protection; to require that mitigation
3 funding for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project be used to compensate for
4 losses by commercial fishermen; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:214.5.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §214.5.9. Mitigation funding for Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project;
8 compensation for commercial fishing losses
9 Mitigation monies included in the funding for the Mid-Barataria Sediment
10 Diversion project shall be used to compensate commercial fishing losses resulting
11 from that project. Claims for compensation by commercial fishermen shall be
12 submitted to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. The determination
13 of the amount of losses shall be made based on the most recent seven years of tax
14 returns. The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority shall promulgate rules and
15 regulations to implement the provisions of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that mitigation funding associated with the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project be used to compensate commercial fishermen for losses associated with that project.

Proposed law requires the use of mitigation monies included in the funding for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project to compensate commercial fishing losses resulting from that project. Provides that claims for commercial fishing compensation be submitted to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and that a determination of the amount of losses be made based on the most recent seven years of tax returns. Requires the CPRA to promulgate rules and regulations for implementation.

(Adds R.S. 49:214.5.9)