

- 1 (10) The date the fish was acquired.
- 2 (11) The name and license number of the wholesale/retail seafood dealer or the out-
- 3 of-state seller from whom the fish was acquired.
- 4 (12) The number by head count of species subject to creel limits.
- 5 (13) The quantity and species of fish sold.
- 6 (14) The date the fish was sold.
- 7 (15) The name and license number of the person to whom the fish was sold.
- 8 (16) The quantity, species, and date sold for all fish sold directly to a consumer.
- 9 (17) The size and condition of each species.
- 10 (18) The unit price of each species.

11 WHEREAS, it has become an economic and time-trying hardship on both the part
12 of the commercial fisherman and the dealer to properly and precisely record all of the
13 information required; and

14 WHEREAS, the penalties for not properly recording such information are steep,
15 where a fisherman can be fined and their whole catch and even their vessel can be seized;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to record keeping, commercial fishermen are also required
18 to obtain several licenses for the privileges of fishing, using vessels to fish, and using gear;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, this system is a deterrent to progress for commercial sale of wild-caught
21 seafood; and

22 WHEREAS, the freshwater fisherman have a significant economic impact on the
23 state; and

24 WHEREAS, freshwater industries, such as the wild-caught crawfish industry, is one
25 of the industries that defines Louisiana and its culture; and

26 WHEREAS, the information gathered regarding fisheries through this process has
27 many times benefitted commercial saltwater fishermen, dealers, and fish farmers with
28 disaster relief funding based on the data gathered; and

29 WHEREAS, commercial freshwater fishermen of the state have not received the
30 same benefits; and

1 WHEREAS, for all they do for our state and culture, commercial freshwater
2 fishermen should not be burdened with having to perform all of the record keeping duties
3 for management of these fisheries in addition to the numerous other obligations they have
4 to work under, especially if the task creates an unnecessary hardship and provides no benefit
5 for them; and

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends
7 the provisions of R.S. 56:303, 303.1.1, 303.4, 303.7, and 306 through 306.6 to the extent
8 these provisions apply to wild-caught freshwater fish.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
10 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment
11 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Suspends R.S. 56:303, 303.1.1, 303.4, 303.7, and 306 through 306.6 to the extent these provisions require record keeping and receipts regarding wild-caught freshwater fish.

(Suspends R.S. 56:303, 303.1.1, 303.4, 303.7, and 306 through 306.6)