

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 193

BY SENATOR FESI

FISH/FISHING. Provides for the menhaden fishery. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:325.7, relative to menhaden; to provide for statewide fishing buffers for the commercial menhaden fishery; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:325.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§325.7. Commercial menhaden fishery buffers

The commission shall promulgate no rule or regulation for the purpose, in whole or in part, of modifying any commercial menhaden fishery buffer prior to August 1, 2028.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations for the protection and preservation of fish, including the creation of closed zones and buffer zones within which commercial menhaden fishing is prohibited.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits the commission from modifying any commercial menhaden buffer zone prior to August 1, 2028.

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(Adds R.S. 56:325.7)