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Present law authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules and regulations for the entry of commercial fishermen into the commercial fishery for certain species that includes black drum, also known as puppy drum. Present law provides for limitation on the use of pompano strike nets for taking black drum. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits the use of certain nets, including trammel nets, seines, gill nets, or webbing, in the waters of the Breton Islands and Chandeleur Islands, subject to specified exceptions and penalties. Present law further provides requirements applicable to pompano strike nets.

Present law requires that each pompano strike net have attached to it a tag issued by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries stating the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano or black drum. Present law further prohibits the department from issuing a tag to any person who does not have a social security number.

Proposed law retains present law except removes the requirement that the tag state the owner's social security number and removes the prohibition against issuing a tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4) and 406(A)(3)(e))