

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 688

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

FISHING: Adds Atlantic tarpon to the definition of saltwater game fish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:8(70)(b), relative to saltwater game fish; to add Atlantic
3 tarpon to the definition of saltwater game fish; to update the names of certain
4 saltwater game fish; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:8(70)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §8. Definitions

9 For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the
10 meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different
11 meaning:

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13 (70) "Game fish" means all of the following species of freshwater and
14 saltwater fish:

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16 (b) Saltwater game fish means any sailfish (~~*Istiopharus*~~ *Istiophorus*
17 *platypterus*), blue marlin (~~*Makaira indica*~~ *nigricans*), black marlin (~~*Makaira*~~
18 *nigricans* *Istiompax indica*), striped marlin (~~*Tetrapturus*~~ *Kajikia* *audax*), hatchet
19 marlin or roundscale spearfish (~~*Tetrapturus spp.*~~ *georgii*), white marlin (~~*Tetrapturus*~~

