

1 WHEREAS, there are several long-standing and well-established annual fishing
2 tournaments in the state that have traditionally included bull redfish categories; and

3 WHEREAS, based on historical data, the department would still be able to exceed
4 its management goals for red drum stock recovery if these tournaments were allowed to
5 continue offering bull red categories; and

6 WHEREAS, allowing these tournaments to maintain their traditional bull red
7 categories would help preserve important cultural and recreational activity, and the
8 associated economic impact that these tournaments bring, without significantly impacting
9 red drum stock recovery efforts.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that LAC
11 76:VII.363(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §363. Red Drum - Harvest Regulations

13 A. Recreational Regulations

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15 (4) The secretary may, upon the request of an eligible applicant, issue a
16 special permit that allows the taking of red drum in excess of the regulatory size limit
17 for registered participants in a tournament or rodeo that meets the following
18 eligibility requirements:

- 19 (a) The event has been held regularly for five years or more.
- 20 (b) The event has historically included a bull red category.
- 21 (c) The event is no longer than four days long, once a year.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 office of the state register.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the state register is hereby directed
26 to have the amendments to LAC 76:VII.363(A) printed and incorporated into the Louisiana
27 Administrative Code.

DIGEST

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Amends LAC 76:VII.363(A) to authorize special permits that would allow the taking of red drum longer than 27 inches for participants in a fishing tournament or rodeo that meets the following requirements:

- (1) The event has been held regularly for five years or more.
- (2) The event has historically included a bull red category.
- (3) The event is no longer than four days long, once a year.

Directs the La. Register to print the amendment to LAC 76:VII.363(A) in the La. Administrative Code.

(Adds LAC 76:VII.363(A)(4))