

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 872

2026 Regular Session

Zeringue

FISHING/COMMERCIAL: Requires all commercial menhaden reduction fishery vessels to use an AIS system

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Limits the requirement that purse boats utilize an automatic identification system (AIS) when they are actively engaged in fishing.
2. Prohibits any vessel from engaging in fishing for more than two consecutive days without a functioning AIS system.
3. Requires at least two boats cooperating in a set to have functioning AIS.
4. Makes Act effective on April 19, 2027.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides a definition for "automatic identification system".

Proposed law requires all vessels engaged in commercial menhaden reduction fishing to use an automatic identification system (AIS), including the carrier vessels or steamers (also known as "mother ships") and boats used to deploy purse seines when actively fishing.

Proposed law prohibits vessels from engaging in fishing without a functioning AIS for more than two business days.

Proposed law requires at least two vessels in a set to have a functioning AIS.

Directs the La. State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber definitions in present law (R.S. 56:8).

Effective April 19, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 56:8(160) and 325.5(D))