
DIGEST

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HB No. 523

Abstract: Allows a possession limit of three times the daily take limit for certain species of bass taken in the saltwater areas under certain circumstances.

Present law provides daily take limits for various species of fish. Further provides for possession limits that are equal to twice the daily take limits.

Proposed law authorizes a possession limit of three times the daily take limit for largemouth bass and spotted bass taken in the saltwater areas of the state. The fisherman must show a landing receipt from a public boat launch that demonstrates that the fisherman was actively on the water or at a remote camp two days or more. Requires the fish to be kept in separate bags for each species of fish and date taken and requires that the bags are marked with the date the fish were taken, the species and the number of fish contained in the bag, and the name and license number of the person who took the fish. Provides that the fish be in the possession of only the person who took the fish. Provides that the increased possession limit be null and void and of no effect beginning July 1, 2016 and thereafter.

(Adds R.S. 56:325(B)(4))