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HOUSE BILL NO. 810

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COASTAL RESOURCES: Provides for freshwater diversions effects on fisheries

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:214.6.2(C)(5), relative to freshwater diversion projects; to provide for
3 operation of freshwater diversion projects; to require notice of changes of operational
4 plans; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. 49:214.6.2(C)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §214.6.2. Functions and responsibilities; coastal activities

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9 C. The authority shall:

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11 (5) Operate any freshwater diversion constructed, operated, or maintained
12 pursuant to this Part at a flow rate so as not to negatively affect the commercial and
13 recreational fisheries through changes in salinity or nutrient levels. Thirty days prior
14 to implementation of any change to an operational plan for a freshwater diversion
15 project, a notice containing a summary of the change shall be submitted for
16 publication to the Louisiana Register, the official journal of the parish in which the
17 project is located, and the parishes affected by the outflow of the diversions. The
18 summary shall indicate any change to the five parts per thousand salinity line
19 impacted by the plan.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits operating any freshwater diversion at a flow rate that negatively affects fisheries.

Present law authorizes the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to implement projects relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal areas of the state.

Proposed law prohibits operating any freshwater diversion constructed, operated, or maintained pursuant to present law at a flow rate that negatively affects the commercial and recreational fisheries through changes in salinity or nutrient levels.

Proposed law requires a notice containing a summary of any change to an operational plan be submitted to the La. Register, the official journal of the parish where the project is located, and the parishes affected 30 days prior to implementation.

Proposed law provides that the summary shall indicate any change to the 5 parts per thousand salinity line impacted by the plan.

(Adds R.S. 49:214.6.2(C)(5))