

SENATE BILL NO. 369

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325(B)(3) and (C) and to repeal Section 197(B), Chapter 1, Part VII of Title 76 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, relative to the possession limit for crappie in certain water bodies; to provide a fifty fish limit for crappie caught on Lake D'Arbonne; to authorize the department to change the crappie limit based on the results of certain sampling and data; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:325(B)(3) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§325. Daily take, possession, and size limits; freshwater recreational fish; possession of finfish filets prohibited

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(3) The possession limit for crappie caught in Toledo Bend Reservoir ~~and in Lake D'Arbonne~~ on a recreational license shall be one hundred fish.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commission may amend by rule, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, size limits, daily take limits, possession limits, seasons, and times set by law for freshwater recreational fish. Such limits, seasons, and times may vary between and among waterbodies based on biological data or for purposes of research or experimentation. However, the commission shall not amend by rule the provisions of Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section as it applies to Lake D'Arbonne ~~and Paragraph (B)(3) of this Section~~, **unless the department first conducts sampling, and collects and analyzes the data on the fisheries resource in Lake D'Arbonne and the**

1 **sampling, data, and analysis demonstrate that the fisheries resource is being**
 2 **negatively impacted, and the department recommends that the provisions of**
 3 **Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section be amended by rule.**

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5 Section 2. Section 197(B), Chapter 1, Part VII of Title 76 of the Louisiana
 6 Administrative Code is hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Act.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____