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Abstract: Reduces the oyster seed ground vessel permit fee and creates associated gear fees (Item #32).

<u>Present law</u> provides for an oyster seed ground vessel permit. Provides for a permit fee of \$250 per year for residents and \$1,000 per year for nonresidents.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains the requirement for an oyster seed ground vessel permit but lowers the annual fee for such permit to \$50 for residents and \$200 for nonresidents. Adds an annual oyster seed ground gear fee of \$200 per scraper for residents and \$800 per scraper for nonresidents. Limits the number of scrapers authorized on the public seed grounds to two per vessel.

(Amends R.S. 56:433.1(A)(1))