

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 134

BY SENATORS LAMBERT AND WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FISH/FISHING. Provides relative to taking shrimp in Lake Pontchartrain. (8/1/21)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:499.4, relative to night shrimping; to prohibit taking shrimp at night in certain inside waters; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:499.4 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§499.4. Night shrimping; inside waters; Vermilion Bay; East and West Cote Blanche Bays; Atchafalaya Bay; **Lake Pontchartrain**; exceptions; prohibition

A. No person shall take shrimp at night, from one-half hour after official sunset until one-half hour before official sunrise, from the inside waters of **the following water bodies**:

(1) Vermilion Bay, West Cote Blanche Bay, East Cote Blanche Bay, and Atchafalaya Bay, from the western shore of Vermilion Bay to the western shore of the Atchafalaya River and the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel out to Eugene Island, as described by the inside-outside line in R.S. 56:495, ~~except that,~~

(2) Lake Pontchartrain west of Interstate Highway 10.

1 **B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section**, night
2 shrimping shall be allowed in the waters of Southwest Pass at Marsh Island south of
3 a line drawn from the following points: the most southeastward point of Southwest
4 Pass at 29 degrees 36 minutes 47 seconds north latitude, 92 degrees 00 minutes 32
5 seconds west longitude east southeast to the Green Light Channel Marker Number
6 21 at 29 degrees 36 minutes 44 seconds north latitude, 92 degrees 00 minutes 21
7 seconds west longitude; thence northeast to a point located at 29 degrees 37 minutes
8 34 seconds north latitude, 91 degrees 59 minutes 36 seconds west longitude; thence
9 southeast to the western shore of Big Charles Bayou at 29 degrees 36 minutes 43
10 seconds north latitude, 91 degrees 59 minutes 17 seconds west longitude.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits nighttime taking of shrimp in certain coastal waters, except such taking is authorized in the waters of Southwest Pass at Marsh Island past a line delineated in the law.

Proposed law retains present law and also prohibits nighttime taking of shrimp in Lake Pontchartrain west of Interstate Highway 10.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 56:499.4)