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Abstract: Changes the terminology of the Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license to Public Oyster Seed Ground gear permit.

Present law requires a person to be in possession of a Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license in order to harvest oysters from the public grounds. Present law further specifies that the Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license authorizes the harvest of oysters through the use of a single scraper, tongs, or by hand.

Proposed law changes present law to require a permitted vessel to possess a Public Oyster Seed Ground gear permit. Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that the Public Oyster Seed Ground gear permit is an extension of the vessel permit, and allows harvest of oysters from public seed grounds.

Present law specifies that the fee for the gear license is \$200 per year for a resident and \$800 for a nonresident. Present law further specifies that a second scraper requires an additional gear license.

Proposed law changes the term "license" to "permit" but otherwise retains present law.

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