## 2023 Regular Session

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

## BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

# WATERWAYS/RIVERS: Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study wakeboard boats and their impact on fishing and properties on False River

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study wakeboard
3	boats and their impact on fishing and properties on False River.
4	WHEREAS, wakeboard boats, also known as wakeboats, surfboats, or tow boats, are
5	designed to create a large, specially shaped wake for a wakeboarder to jump the wake from
6	side to side; and
7	WHEREAS, wake is the wave a boat generates as it moves through the water, which
8	disperses an amount of energy based on the boat's speed and the amount of water the boat
9	displaces; and
10	WHEREAS, the wake created by a boat may endanger others by rocking, swamping,
11	or capsizing other boats which may result in passengers thrown off balance or overboard;
12	and
13	WHEREAS, the wake created by a boat may cause erosion of shorelines, damaging
14	important habitat and ecosystems when the distance to shore is not adequate to dissipate the
15	wakes; and
16	WHEREAS, just one pass of a wake boat can be damaging to an ecosystem, and
17	multiple passes in the same area can cause long lasting damage to shorelines, water quality,
18	and lake bottoms; and
19	WHEREAS, erosion of shorelines and damage to natural ecosystems could adversely
20	impact both fishing and properties located on False River.

1	THEREFORE,	BE IT	RESOLVED	that the	Legislature	of	Louisiana	does	hereby	

- 2 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study wakeboard
- 3 boats and their impact on fishing and properties on False River.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a written report of the study completed by the
- 5 department be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment
- 6 and the speaker of the House of Representatives by the end of the year 2023.
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

8 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

## DIGEST

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