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SENATE BILL NO. 273

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

FISH/FISHING. Provides for bait shrimp. (8/1/24)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:497(B)(2), relative to taking of bait shrimp; to provide for the
3	duty and authority of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to provide
4	for a special bait dealers permit; to provide for use of certain gear; and to provide for
5	related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 56:497(B)(2)is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§497. Saltwater shrimp seasons; bait shrimp
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10	B. (1) * * *
11	(2) Bait shrimp may be taken in state waters during the closed seasons, but
12	only in cast nets; dip nets with a diameter not to exceed three feet operated only by
13	hand without any mechanical device or pulley whatsoever; bait traps; and bait seines
14	in compliance with R.S. 56:323 and 500(B). No bait shrimp may be taken in state

commission pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

waters during closed seasons with the use of a butterfly net, paupier, skimmer net,

trawl, night trawl, or beam trawl except as set forth in this Subpart provided by the

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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<u>Present law</u> provides for taking of bait shrimp in the closed season with certain gear and prohibits the use of butterfly nets, paupiers, skimmer nets, trawls, night trawls, or beam trawls to take bait shrimp in the closed season, except as provided in statute.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules and regulations to provide for a special bait dealers permit.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and specifies that the commission may provide for the use of butterfly nets, paupiers, skimmer nets, trawls, night trawls, or beam trawls under its bait dealers permitting authority.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 56:497(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

1. Makes technical amendment to correct name of commission.