

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 73

BY SENATOR MORRISH

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

FISH/FISHING. Provides relative to oyster harvesting in Calcasieu Lake. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:435.1.1(A), relative to oyster harvesting; to provide for oyster harvesting in Calcasieu Lake; to change the types of gear used for oyster harvesting; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:435.1.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§435.1.1. Oyster harvest in Calcasieu Lake

A. Oyster harvesting in Calcasieu Lake **shall be limited to tonging** using ~~tongs; a hand dredge; a single dredge with mechanical assist that has a tooth bar no more than thirty-six inches long; or use of a single scraper with mechanical assist and a flat bar length of no more than thirty-six inches is allowed.~~

* * *

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

DIGEST

Present law allows oyster harvesting in Calcasieu Lake using tongs; a hand dredge; a single dredge with mechanical assist that has a tooth bar no more than 36 inches long; or use of a single scraper with mechanical assist and a flat bar length of no more than 36 inches.

Proposed law allows oyster harvesting in Calcasieu Lake by only tonging.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 56:435.1.1(A))