Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANDLER

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

FISHING/DEVICES: Provides relative to placement of hoop nets in Little River

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:329(B), relative to placement of fishing gear; to exempt hoop nets on portions of Little River from certain restrictions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:329(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§329. Obstruction of streams or lakes by fyke nets or other devices

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B.(1) Except ~~in Little River in Grant Parish and LaSalle Parish~~ as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, no obstructions including trawls, skimmer nets, butterfly nets, fyke nets, wings or leads, seines, gill nets, or trammel nets which interfere with the free passageway for fish as defined herein shall be set within five hundred feet of the mouth of any inlet or pass, or within five hundred feet of any water control structures, dams, or weirs. ~~Hoop nets, including wings and leads, set in Little River in Grant Parish and LaSalle Parish may be set closer than five hundred feet to the mouth of any inlet or pass or water control structure, dam or weir.~~ Wings and leads are permitted on hoop nets in overflowed regions where the water is out of the actual bed of the natural stream or lake but not within the restricted five hundred feet area.



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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, hoop nets set in Little River in Grant Parish and LaSalle Parish may be set closer than five hundred feet to the mouth of any inlet or pass or water control structure, dam, or weir.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the placement of hoop nets within 500 feet of water control structures, dams, or weirs in certain portions of Little River.

Present law prohibits the placement of fishing gear within 500 feet of the mouth of an inlet or pass or within 500 feet of a water control structure, dam, or weir. Provides an exception for hoop nets in those portions of Little River located in LaSalle and Grant parishes; however, the exception is subject to some misinterpretation.

Proposed law makes the exception contained in present law clearer and more precise and eliminates the authorization to use leads and wings within 500 feet of an inlet or structure.

(Amends R.S. 56:329(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Eliminated the authorization to use leads and wings within 500 feet of an inlet or structure.



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