CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 293 By Representative Dove

June 22, 2011

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 293 by Representative Dove, recommend the following concerning the Re-Reengrossed bill:

1. Delete the set of Senate Floor Amendments proposed by Senator Morrish and adopted by the Senate on June 20, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Gordon Dove	Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish
Representative Karen Gaudet St. Germain	Senator Dan Claitor
Representative Jerome Richard	Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

FISHING/VESSELS: Authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to regulate the taking of certain species of fish and to require the use of vessel monitoring systems in certain circumstances

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Provided relative to regulating oyster harvest in Calcasieu Lake.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules to manage recreational landings of fish species managed cooperatively with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

Proposed law also authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules which would require the use of a vessel monitoring system by oyster harvester vessels taking oysters from the natural public reefs or the public seed grounds or reservations.

Proposed law also provides for a public records exception for data collected pursuant to the vessel monitoring.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(33); Adds R.S. 56:6(34) and 433.1(A)(4))