

1 WHEREAS, University of Florida researchers have reviewed the clash between the
2 rights of those who enjoy natural water resources, and a conflict exemplified by the concern
3 of air boat volume increases; and

4 WHEREAS, some state statutes allow for air boat motor noise to be up to
5 approximately ninety decibels, that is the same amount of noise produced by a pneumatic
6 concrete breaker; and

7 WHEREAS, regulation of air boat noise has been examined in order to reduce
8 residential irritants, and preserve lakes and rivers where fishermen work and live; and

9 WHEREAS, the study on air boat noise by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and
10 Fisheries should include time and area restrictions, no-wake zones, sanctuaries, and scenic
11 waterways.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study and determine ways that
14 local governing authorities can regulate air boat noise.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

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Requests Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to perform a study determining how local governing authorities can regulate air boat noise.