

Prior law required the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations for the importation, possession, or sale of game fish species. Allowed licensed wholesale/retail dealers to import, sell, or purchase aquaculturally raised game fish.

New law allows any properly licensed person to import, sell, or purchase aquaculturally raised game fish.

Prior law required that the buyer or handler of each shipment of any game fish notify the secretary of DWF before its impending arrival. New law provides an exception to the notification requirement for any game fish being imported under the domesticated aquatic organisms license.

Prior law allowed persons engaged in the business of aquaculture to sell domesticated aquatic organisms in any size, quantity, or limit without restriction within the state or outside of the state and exempts these persons from certain wholesale/retail seafood license requirements.

New law exempts persons engaged in the business of aquaculture from certain notification provisions.

Prior law provided size requirements for the importation of certain fish species. New law increases the maximum size limit for rock bass, white bass, yellow bass, crappie, and bream fingerlings from three to six inches and removes the maximum size limit for spotted or striped bass.

Prior law provides for the importation of aquaculturally raised fish and cultured fish.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:327(A)(2) and 412(A)(4) and (6); repeals R.S. 56:327.1)