

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 691

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

WILDLIFE/FEES: Provides relative to fee increases for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.2(7) through (13), 851.19, 851.20(A)(1) and (F),

3 851.32(A), R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii) and (b)(i), 10(B)(1)(a)(i), (b), (e), (f), (g), (7)(a), (9),

4 (10), and (13), and (D), 10.1(B) and (C), 103(A), (B), and (C), 109(D), 116(C)(1)

5 and (D), 116.1(C)(3), the heading of Subpart A-1 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 56

6 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 151, 171(A), 172(B), 251(A)(1) and (3)

7 through (6), 253(C)(1), 258, 262(A), (B), and (D), 263(A), 302, 302.1(Section

8 heading) and (A) through (C), 302.9(A)(1), (C), and (F), 302.9.1(A), (B), and (E),

9 302.10(B)(1) through (3) and (C), 303(B), (D)(1), and (F), 303.1.1(B), (C), and (E),

10 303.6(A) and (B), 304(B) and (C), 304.1(B), 305(B) and (C)(1), 305.1(B) and (C),

11 306(B)(6)(c), 306.1(B)(7)(b) and (c), 306.2(A) and (B), 306.3(B), 307.1(A),

12 322.1(A), 322.2(A), 325.1(A)(1), (3)(a), and (C)(2)(d), 325.3(A)(1) and (C),

13 326(E)(2) and (H), 330(B), 412(A)(2) and (5), 433.1(Section Heading) and (A)(1),

14 442(B), 449(B), 492, 494(E)(5) and (F), 500(A), 501(B)(2), 632.4(A)(1) through (3),

15 632.5(A) and (E), 632.9(B)(1), 641, 649.1, 649.2, 649.3, 649.4, 649.7,

16 653(A)(introductory paragraph), and 1833, to enact R.S. 34:851.2(14), and

17 851.21(B)(5), R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(v), 10(B)(4), (7)(c) and (17), 10.3, 102, 112(C),

18 302.1(D), 303(G), 411(B)(4) through (6), 645, 678, 679, and Chapter 14 of Title 56

19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, consisting of R.S. 56:3000 through 3007,

20 and to repeal R.S. 34:851.20(N), R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(d), (6)(b)(i), (ii), and (c), 103(B)

1 and (F), 104(A) and (B), 105, 155(B)(1) through (4), (C)(1) and (2), 164(B), 165,  
 2 301.2(A)(4), 302.2(B) and (D), 302.3(D), 302.5, 302.9.1(D), 305(C)(3) and (G),  
 3 641.1, and 643(B)(1) and (C), and 650 relative to licenses to hunt and fish; to  
 4 restructure the recreational hunting and fishing licensing system for the Department  
 5 of Wildlife and Fisheries; to provide relative to the cost of hunting and fishing  
 6 licenses; to dedicate revenues from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses; to  
 7 provide for definitions; to provide for registration requirements for paddle crafts; to  
 8 create the Shrimp Development and Management Account, Crab Development,  
 9 Management and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account, Oyster Resource  
 10 Management Account, Crawfish Development and Management Account, Louisiana  
 11 Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund, Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund, Lifetime  
 12 License Endowment Trust Fund and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation  
 13 Escrow Account; to provide for hunting reciprocity; and to provide for related  
 14 matters.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

16 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.2(7) through (13), 851.19, 851.20(A)(1) and (F), and  
 17 851.32(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 34:851.2(14) and 851.21(B)(5) are  
 18 hereby enacted to read as follows:

19 §851.2. Definitions

20 As used in this Part unless the context requires a different meaning:

21 \* \* \*

22 (7) "Paddle craft" means any type of canoe, kayak, paddleboard, pirogue, or  
 23 other vessel powered only by its occupant using a single or double-bladed paddle as  
 24 a lever without the aid of a fulcrum provided by oarlocks, tholepins, crutches, or  
 25 similar mechanisms.

26 ~~(7)~~(8) "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation,  
 27 association, or other entity.

28 ~~(8)~~(9) "Prohibited zone" means an area paralleling each side of the entire  
 29 length of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge and extending outward for a

1 distance of one mile from both the most easterly and westerly outboard sides of the  
2 causeway bridge twin spans.

3 ~~(9)~~(10) "Sailboat" means any watercraft propelled by sail or canvas. For the  
4 purpose of this Part, any watercraft propelled by both sail or canvas and machinery  
5 of any sort shall be deemed a motorboat when being so propelled.

6 ~~(10)~~(11) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and  
7 Fisheries.

8 ~~(11)~~(12) "Vessel" means watercraft and air boats of every description, other  
9 than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of  
10 transportation on water.

11 ~~(12)~~(13) "Watercraft" means any contrivance used or designated for  
12 navigation on water.

13 ~~(13)~~(14) "Waters of the state" means any waters within the territorial limits  
14 of this state and the marginal sea adjacent to this state and the high seas when  
15 navigated as a part of a journey or ride to or from the shore of this state.

16 \* \* \*

17 §851.19. Operation of unnumbered motorboats, houseboats, or sailboats prohibited;  
18 exception

19 Every motorboat, houseboat, paddle craft, or sailboat operated on the waters  
20 of this state shall be numbered. No person shall operate or give permission for the  
21 operation of any motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat on such waters unless the  
22 motorboat, houseboat, paddle craft, or sailboat is numbered in accordance with this  
23 Part or in accordance with applicable federal law or in accordance with a federally  
24 approved numbering system of another state, and unless the certificate of number  
25 awarded to the motorboat, paddle craft, houseboat, or sailboat is in full force and  
26 effect, and the identifying number set forth in the certificate of number is displayed  
27 on each side of the bow of the motorboat, houseboat, paddle craft, or sailboat as  
28 provided by the rules promulgated by the commission consistent with ~~in~~ this Part.

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1 §851.20. Identification number

2 A.(1) The owner of each motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat requiring  
3 numbering by this state shall file an application for a number with the Department  
4 of Wildlife and Fisheries on forms approved by the department. The application  
5 shall be signed by the owner of the motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat and shall be  
6 accompanied by the appropriate fee as follows:

7 (a) For ~~a boat that is fourteen feet or less~~ Class A vessels measuring less than  
8 sixteen feet in length, the fee shall be ~~twenty~~ thirty-six dollars and shall be valid for  
9 three years.

10 (b) For ~~a boat that is more than fourteen feet and less than eighteen feet in~~  
11 ~~length,~~ Class 1 vessels measuring sixteen feet or more and less than twenty-six feet  
12 in length the fee shall be ~~twenty-five~~ fifty-seven dollars and shall be valid for three  
13 years.

14 (c) For ~~a boat that is eighteen feet in length or greater,~~ Class 2 vessels  
15 measuring twenty-six feet or more and less than forty feet in length the fee shall be  
16 thirty dollars plus an additional two dollars for each foot or portion of a foot in  
17 length greater than eighteen feet ~~seventy-eight~~ seventy-eight dollars and shall be valid for a period  
18 of three years.

19 (d) ~~Beginning January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023, inclusive of both~~  
20 ~~dates, in addition to the fee otherwise required by this Paragraph, a fee of nine~~  
21 ~~dollars shall accompany any application or renewal for numbering a motorboat or~~  
22 ~~sailboat.~~ Class 3 vessels measuring forty feet in length or greater shall be ninety-nine  
23 dollars and valid for a period of three years.

24 (e) For any paddle craft, the fee shall be fifteen dollars and valid for as long  
25 as the registered owner owns the vessel.

26 \* \* \*

27 F. Every certificate of number awarded pursuant to this Part, except those  
28 issued for paddle craft, shall continue in full force and effect for a period of three  
29 years unless sooner terminated or discontinued in accordance with the provisions of

1 this Part. Certificates of number may be renewed within sixty days preceding or  
 2 thirty days following the expiration date by the owner in the same manner provided  
 3 for in the initial securing of the same for a three-year period by marking the  
 4 application form "Renewal". The renewal fee shall be the same fee as the initial  
 5 registration fee. The fee to reinstate an expired certificate of number shall be the  
 6 same fee as the initial registration fee. Certificates of number may be renewed or  
 7 reinstated through electronic means as permitted by the Department of Wildlife and  
 8 Fisheries.

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10 §851.21. Numbering system

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12 B.

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14 (5) The commission is authorized to establish a system for numbering or  
 15 identifying paddle craft.

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17 §851.32. Disposition of funds

18 A.~~(1)~~ Funds accruing to the state of Louisiana from registration fees paid by  
 19 owners of motorboats, paddle craft, and sailboats shall be paid into the state treasury  
 20 and shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds  
 21 remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, after a sufficient amount is  
 22 allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of  
 23 the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall,  
 24 prior to placing such remaining funds in the State General Fund, pay into the  
 25 Conservation Fund of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Aquatic  
 26 Plant Control Fund an amount equal to the total amount, ~~less the amounts provided~~  
 27 ~~in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection~~, of the sums recovered as fees for motorboat,  
 28 paddle craft, and sailboat registrations in R.S. 34:851.20 and 851.23 ~~for the purpose~~

1 of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Part or for such other purposes  
2 as may be determined by said commission.

3 (2) ~~The treasurer shall pay an amount equal to nine dollars of every fee~~  
4 ~~collected for registering a motorboat and sailboat pursuant to R.S.~~  
5 ~~34:851.20(A)(1)(d) into the Aquatic Plant Control Fund created by R.S. 56:10.1.~~

6 \* \* \*

7 Section 2. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(a)(i), (b), (e), and (D), 10.1(B) and (C), 171(A), 172(B),  
8 251(A)(1) and (3) through (6), 253(C)(1), 258, 262(A), (B), and (D), 263(A), 302.9(A)(1),  
9 (C), and (F), 302.9.1(A), (B), and (E), 303(B), (D)(1), and (F), 303.1.1(B), (C), and (E),  
10 303.6(A) and (B), 304(B) and (C), 304.1(B), 305(B) and (C)(1), 305.1(B) and (C),  
11 306(B)(6)(c), 306.1(B)(7)(b) and (c), 306.2(A) and (B), 306.3(B), 307.1(A), 322.1(A),  
12 322.2(A), 325.3(C), 326(E)(2) and (H), 412(A)(2) and (5), 433.1(Section Heading) and  
13 (A)(1), 442(B), 449(B), 492, 494(E)(5) and (F), 501(B)(2), 632.4(A)(1) through (3),  
14 632.5(A) and (E), 632.9(B)(1), and 653(A)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and  
15 reenacted and R.S. 56:10(B)(4) and (17), 102, 112(C), 303(G), and 411(B)(4) through (6)  
16 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

17 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;  
18 limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants;  
19 vouchers; surplus funds

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21 B.(1)

22 \* \* \*

23 (a)(i) Pay annually into a special fund created in the state treasury and  
24 designated as the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund an amount equal to the  
25 total of thirty dollars per resident commercial fisherman's license fee. ~~five dollars per~~  
26 ~~license fee and gear fee per annum paid into the treasury by the commission derived~~  
27 ~~from the increase in each of the commercial fisheries license fees imposed by Acts~~  
28 ~~1984, No. 230 or derived from the fee or fees imposed on any commercial fisheries~~  
29 ~~license established on or after January 1, 1984. This includes five dollars per~~

1 commercial fisherman's license fee, gear fee, wholesale/retail dealer's license fee,  
2 vessel license fee, and transport license fee pursuant to Part VI of Chapter 1 of Title  
3 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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5 (b) Pay annually into a special fund created in the state treasury and  
6 designated as the "Shrimp ~~Marketing and Promotion Fund~~ Development and  
7 Management Account" an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to R.S.  
8 56:305(~~G~~)(B)(1), (11), (17) and (C)(1) and paid into the treasury by the commission.  
9 All expenditures and allocation of monies from this fund shall be administered by  
10 the department in consultation with the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force, ~~to be used for~~  
11 ~~the development of markets for shrimp and creation of marketing strategies for the~~  
12 ~~development and market expansion for shrimp harvested from Louisiana waters~~ The  
13 Shrimp Development and Management Account is intended to defray the cost of the  
14 shrimp program within the department and support the functions of the Shrimp Task  
15 Force, specifically to assist in funding salaries and financial support including  
16 associated indirect costs for employees in the shrimp program, the management of  
17 the shrimp population, law enforcement activities associated with shrimp industry,  
18 research on all aspects involved with the shrimp resource and industry, marketing  
19 programs recommended by the Shrimp Task Force, and authorized activities of the  
20 Shrimp Task Force. The task force may contract with the Louisiana Seafood  
21 Promotion and Marketing Board to promote the Louisiana shrimp industry.

22 \* \* \*

23 (e) Pay annually into a special fund created in the state treasury and  
24 designated as the "Crab ~~Promotion and Marketing Fund~~ Development, Management,  
25 and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account" an amount equal to the fees specified for  
26 deposit in R.S. 56:302.3(B)(1) and (C), R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1), 306(B)(6), and  
27 306.1(B)(7). All expenditures and allocations of monies from this ~~fund~~ account shall  
28 be administered by the department in consultation with the Crab Task Force. The  
29 Crab Development, Management, and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account is

1 intended to defray the cost of the crab program within the department and support  
 2 the functions of the Crab Task Force, specifically to assist in funding salaries and  
 3 financial support including associated indirect costs for employees in the crab  
 4 program, the management of the crab population, law enforcement activities  
 5 associated with crab industry, research on all aspects involved with the crab resource  
 6 and industry, administration and implementation of the Derelict Crab Trap Removal  
 7 Program, marketing programs recommended by the Crab Task Force, and authorized  
 8 activities of the Crab Task Force. The task force may contract with the Louisiana  
 9 Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to promote the Louisiana crab industry.

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11 (4)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special account  
 12 designated as the "Oyster Resource Management Account" which shall consist of  
 13 those revenues collected from the sale of commercial oyster gear licenses pursuant  
 14 to R.S. 56:305(B)(3) and (8) and (C)(1), the sale of oyster cargo vessel permits  
 15 pursuant to R.S. 56:422, all revenues received from the payment of lease rentals  
 16 pursuant to R.S. 56:428, and the fees collected from the sale of public oyster seed  
 17 ground vessel permits and associated gear fees pursuant to R.S. 56:433.1.

18 (b) The secretary is authorized to assess, invoice, demand, accept, and receive  
 19 funds or materials as compensation for damages or impacts associated with activities  
 20 occurring on or over the public oyster seed grounds, seed reservations, and tonging  
 21 areas.

22 (c) The revenues shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for  
 23 other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

24 (d) All expenditures and allocation of monies from this fund shall be  
 25 administered by the department. The Oyster Resource Management Account is  
 26 intended to defray the cost of the oyster program within the department, specifically  
 27 to assist in funding salaries and financial support including associated indirect costs  
 28 for employees in the oyster program, the management of the oyster population, law  
 29 enforcement activities associated with oyster industry, research on all aspects



1 involved with the oyster resource and industry, enhancement of the state's public  
2 oyster seed grounds, research into propagation and habitat, oyster hatchery  
3 operations, and the administrative functions of the oyster lease and survey section  
4 of the department.

5 \* \* \*

6 (17) Pay annually into a special fund created in the state treasury and  
7 designated as the "Crawfish Development and Management Account" an amount  
8 equal to the fees collected for the sale of commercial crawfish gear licenses pursuant  
9 to R.S. 56:305(B)(5) and (C)(1) and paid into the treasury by the commission. All  
10 expenditures and allocation of monies from this fund shall be administered by the  
11 department. The Crawfish Development and Management Account is intended to  
12 defray the cost of the shrimp program within the department, specifically to assist  
13 in funding salaries and financial support including associated indirect costs for  
14 employees in the shrimp program, the management of the wild crawfish population,  
15 law enforcement activities associated with wild crawfish industry, and research on  
16 all aspects of the oyster resource and industry.

17 \* \* \*

18 D. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the ~~Louisiana Seafood~~  
19 ~~Promotion and Marketing Fund, the Oyster Development Fund, the Shrimp~~  
20 ~~Marketing and Promotion Fund, the Crab Promotion and Marketing Fund, the~~  
21 ~~Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund, the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund,~~  
22 ~~and the Conservation Fund~~ funds or accounts established in this Section at the end  
23 of the fiscal year shall remain in the respective funds. The monies in the funds shall  
24 be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund.  
25 All interest earned on monies invested by the treasurer shall be deposited in the  
26 respective funds. The state treasurer shall prepare and submit to the department on  
27 a quarterly basis a printed report showing the amount of money contained in the  
28 funds from all sources.

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1 §10.1. Aquatic Plant Control Fund; creation; uses

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3 B. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of  
4 the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund,  
5 and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations  
6 secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within  
7 any fiscal year, the treasurer shall pay into the Aquatic Plant Control Fund an amount  
8 equal to the monies received by the state treasury pursuant to the provisions of ~~R.S.~~  
9 ~~47:462(B)(2)(c)~~ R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.23 and R.S. 47:462(B)(2)(c) and R.S.  
10 30:961(K). If revenue credited to the Aquatic Plant Control Fund exceeds five  
11 million dollars annually, the state treasurer is authorized and directed to transfer any  
12 funds in excess of five million dollars to the Conservation Fund. The monies in this  
13 fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection C of this Section and only in the  
14 amount appropriated by the legislature. All unexpended and unencumbered monies  
15 remaining in this fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The  
16 monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as  
17 monies in the state general fund and all returns of such investment shall be deposited  
18 to the fund.

19 C. Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, the monies in the  
20 Aquatic Plant Control Fund shall be used solely by the office of fisheries,  
21 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to fund the aquatic plant control program and  
22 to fund cooperative research and public education efforts by the Department of  
23 Wildlife and Fisheries ~~and the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center~~  
24 ~~relative to aquatic weed control and eradication and aquatic invasive species control~~  
25 ~~and eradication. An amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the annual appropriation~~  
26 ~~shall be used to fund research and public education efforts relative to aquatic weed~~  
27 ~~control and eradication by the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.~~ The  
28 funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be in addition to  
29 any other amounts appropriated by the legislature.

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2 §102. Hunting guide license; fees; penalties

3 A. No person shall act as nor represent himself to be a hunting guide unless  
4 that person possesses a valid hunting guide license, proof of liability insurance, and  
5 a valid state recreational fishing license that grants hunting privileges appropriate for  
6 his client's guided hunting activity. In addition, any person acting as a hunting guide  
7 who is in charge of the operation of a vessel shall have a valid captain's license  
8 issued by the United States Coast Guard.

9 B.(1) The annual fee for a resident hunting guide license is one hundred fifty  
10 dollars.

11 (2) The annual fee for a nonresident hunting guide license is six hundred  
12 dollars.

13 C. A hunting guide license is valid for one year, beginning on July first of  
14 each calendar year and expiring on June thirtieth of the following calendar year.

15 D. A hunting guide license may be purchased at any time of the year for the  
16 current license year and from June first for the immediately following license year.

17 E. A hunting guide license shall be issued by the department during normal  
18 working hours and may be purchased in person at the Baton Rouge office, or at any  
19 other location designated by the department.

20 F. The fees derived pursuant to this Section shall be placed in the  
21 Conservation Fund.

22 G. A violation of any provision of this Section shall constitute a class four  
23 violation under the provisions of R.S. 56:34.

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25 §112. Disposal of birds or quadrupeds becoming a nuisance

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27 C. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in  
28 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to establish a Nuisance Wildlife  
29 Control Operator Program. The program shall establish guidelines to permit

1 individuals who offer commercial services for the control of nuisance wildlife. The  
2 fee for a nuisance wildlife control operator permit shall be fifty dollars.

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4 §171. Wildlife; business of raising and selling; breeder's license

5 A. Whoever desires to engage in raising, selling, or raising and selling  
6 domestic white-tailed deer or other domesticated deer native to North America;  
7 squirrels, rabbits, or other wild game quadrupeds; pheasants, quail, doves, or other  
8 domesticated wild game birds; domesticated wild waterfowl, resident or migratory;  
9 or their parts, on breeding farms or propagating preserves of which he is the owner  
10 or lessee, shall apply to the secretary for a license to do so. Provided that  
11 commission requirements have been satisfied, including payment of a fee of ~~twenty-~~  
12 five fifty dollars, a license shall be issued permitting the applicant to breed and  
13 propagate such animals and sell them alive, or in the case of domesticated wild game  
14 birds, to sell their parts and to kill and transport them and sell their carcasses for  
15 food, as hereinafter provided in this Subpart.

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17 §172. Killing of birds or animals; sale; trapping regulations; exporting live  
18 specimens

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20 B. Wild nongame quadrupeds raised on such licensed breeding farms or  
21 preserves may be taken for their pelts only in the open seasons, as prescribed by law.  
22 Special parish closed seasons do not apply to such licensed breeders or propagators.  
23 ~~The tax, as fixed by law, shall be paid before the raw pelts are shipped out of the~~  
24 ~~state and a written affidavit as to the number and kinds shipped out of the state shall~~  
25 ~~be furnished the secretary monthly during the open season on such quadrupeds.~~

26 \* \* \*

27 §251. Licenses; possession limit for nonresident alligator hunter; deposit as  
28 guarantee of payment of severance tax; penalties



1 upon the payment of ~~one hundred fifty~~ four hundred dollars ~~and a deposit of five~~  
2 ~~hundred dollars, to guarantee payment of the severance tax on raw furs and skins,~~  
3 and the filing of an application approved by the department.

4 (6) Every nonresident fur dealer shall before commencing business procure  
5 annually from the department a nonresident fur dealer's license, which shall be  
6 furnished upon the payment of ~~three~~ eight hundred dollars, ~~and a deposit of one~~  
7 ~~thousand dollars to guarantee payment of the severance tax on raw furs and skins,~~  
8 and the filing of an application approved by the department. Every resident and  
9 nonresident dealer must at all times have this license in possession or prominently  
10 displayed while operating his business.

11 \* \* \*

12 §253. Shipping raw furs, alligators, alligator skins, and alligator parts out of state;  
13 tags

14 \* \* \*

15 C.(1) Every resident fur dealer, trapper, alligator hunter, alligator farmer,  
16 nonresident fur dealer, or nonresident alligator hunter before shipping raw furs,  
17 alligators, or alligator skins out of the state shall secure from the department, or duly  
18 authorized representative thereof, a tag to be attached to the shipment. The tag shall  
19 be of a distinctive color, bear a serial number and entry headings for information as  
20 to the character of the shipment and the name and address of the specific licensed fur  
21 dealer making the shipment, and the specific name and address of the receiver or  
22 purchaser of the shipment, including the location to which the skins are actually  
23 being shipped. The tag shall be filled out at the time of shipment, and be provided  
24 with a detachable stub bearing the same serial number and entry headings as appear  
25 on the body of the tag. The stub shall be filled out with duplicate information  
26 appearing on the body of the tag and returned to the department at the time of  
27 shipment, ~~with the proper amount of severance tax due.~~

28 \* \* \*

29 §258. Dealer records; payment of tax; confiscation of furs and skins







1 guide license, a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard, proof  
 2 of liability insurance, and a valid state recreational fishing license; ~~or in lieu of a~~  
 3 ~~state recreational fishing license, the person was born prior to June 1, 1940, or has~~  
 4 ~~a valid senior hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(G) that~~  
 5 grants fishing privileges appropriate for his charter activity. In addition, any person  
 6 acting as a saltwater charter boat fishing guide who is in charge of the operation of  
 7 a vessel shall have his required licenses and proof of liability insurance on his person  
 8 while on the water. It shall not be a violation of this Section for a person to represent  
 9 himself as a charter boat fishing guide if that person held a valid license during the  
 10 previous thirty days but has not renewed the license.

11 \* \* \*

12 C.(1) The annual fee for a resident saltwater charter boat fishing guide  
 13 license is ~~two hundred fifty~~ three hundred dollars for operating a vessel that carries  
 14 not more than six passengers and ~~five~~ seven hundred dollars for operating a vessel  
 15 that carries more than six passengers.

16 (2) The annual fee for a resident freshwater charter guide license is  
 17 one-hundred fifty dollars.

18 ~~(2)(a)~~ (3)(a) The annual fee for a nonresident charter boat fishing guide  
 19 license is one thousand dollars for operating a vessel that carries not more than six  
 20 passengers and two thousand dollars for operating a vessel that carries more than six  
 21 passengers.

22 (b) The annual fee for a nonresident freshwater charter boat fishing guide  
 23 license is five hundred dollars.

24 ~~(b)(c)~~ There shall be an additional five hundred dollar fee for each  
 25 nonresident charter boat fishing guide license issued under the provisions of  
 26 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph which shall be deposited into the Conservation  
 27 Fund, as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f). Such funds shall be used by the  
 28 department for promotion of the charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and

1 to provide for administrative costs of the fund. Such fees are to be expended for  
2 such purposes through the Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

3 \* \* \*

4 F. A charter boat fishing guide license shall be issued by the department  
5 during normal working hours and may be purchased in person ~~at any department~~  
6 ~~district office~~, at the Baton Rouge and ~~New Orleans offices~~ office, or at any other  
7 location designated by the department.

8 \* \* \*

9 §302.9.1. Charter boat license; skiff fee; charter fishing trip license

10 A. For a charter fishing operation which does not have a charter boat fishing  
11 guide present, a charter boat license shall be required. Such license shall be for a  
12 charter fishing operation which consists of a large motorized vessel carrying small  
13 skiffs, kayaks, or paddle craft attached to it ~~with such skiffs~~ to be used by no more  
14 than two people for fishing purposes. The main motorized vessel shall be required  
15 to carry a charter boat license and proof of liability insurance, and the captain shall  
16 have a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard with the  
17 license on his person. For those vessels which carry up to six skiffs, kayaks, or  
18 paddle craft, the license fee shall be one thousand five hundred dollars per year. For  
19 those vessels which carry more than six skiffs, kayaks, or paddle craft, the license  
20 fee shall be ~~two~~ three thousand dollars per year. No main motorized vessel licensed  
21 under the provisions of this Section shall enter any wildlife management area  
22 managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The liability insurance  
23 required by this Subsection shall meet the requirement of R.S. 56:302.9(A)(2).

24 B. In addition, each skiff, kayak, or paddle craft shall be required to have a  
25 charter skiff license which identifies the charter vessel to which it is attached. A  
26 licensed skiff, kayak, or paddle craft shall only be used for fishing purposes while  
27 the charter vessel with which it is identified is located in Louisiana's territorial  
28 waters. Each charter skiff license shall be issued for an annual cost of ~~fifty~~ seventy-  
29 five dollars per skiff.

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2 E. Any person fishing in or with a licensed charter skiff shall have in his  
3 possession a copy of the charter boat license, a copy of the charter skiff license, ~~and~~  
4 his charter fishing trip license, or an equivalent license that grants both basic and  
5 saltwater fishing privileges.

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7 §303. Commercial fisherman's license; charter boat fishing guide's license  
8 certification; fees; place of purchase; information

9 \* \* \*

10 B. The cost of the commercial fisherman's license is one hundred fifty-five  
11 dollars for residents and ~~four hundred sixty~~ six hundred twenty dollars for  
12 nonresidents.

13 \* \* \*

14 D. A commercial fisherman's license shall be issued only by the following:

15 (1) The department during normal working hours. The license may be  
16 purchased in person at the Baton Rouge office or at any other location designated by  
17 the department, and New Orleans offices, at any district office located south of  
18 Interstate Highway 10, and at the fisheries office located in Bourg and the office  
19 located in New Iberia, or

20 \* \* \*

21 F. A resident of this state who is seventy years of age or older may obtain a  
22 senior commercial fishing license for an annual fee of ~~twenty~~ fifty dollars. The  
23 senior commercial fishing license shall be valid from January first of each calendar  
24 year until December thirty-first of the same calendar year. The license may be  
25 purchased at any time for the current license year and may be purchased after  
26 November fifteenth for the following license year. The license shall be in lieu of a  
27 commercial fisherman's license required by this Section ~~and shall also serve in lieu~~  
28 ~~of any commercial gear licenses that may be required by any activities engaged in~~  
29 ~~by the license holder.~~



1 C. The fresh products license shall be issued only by the department during  
2 normal working hours and may be purchased in person at the Baton Rouge office ~~and~~  
3 ~~New Orleans offices~~ or at any other location designated by the department.

4 \* \* \*

5 E. A commercial fisherman may purchase a secondary fresh products license  
6 for a ~~spouse~~ any designated individual if he provides the ~~spouse's~~ individual's name  
7 and social security number to the department. This secondary license will allow the  
8 commercial fisherman to continue to fish while the ~~spouse~~ designated individual  
9 sells the catch. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall  
10 promulgate rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Subsection.  
11 The department is authorized to collect a fee for issuance of the license not to exceed  
12 five dollars which, after compliance with Article VII, Section 9(B) of the  
13 Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, shall  
14 be credited to the Conservation Fund.

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16 §303.6. Oyster harvester license

17 A.(1) Each captain of a vessel harvesting or possessing oysters in state  
18 waters must purchase an oyster harvester license at a cost of ~~one hundred~~ fifteen  
19 dollars for residents and ~~four hundred~~ sixty dollars for nonresidents.

20 ~~(2) This license shall be required in addition to any and all licenses otherwise~~  
21 ~~required in this Part. The provisions of this Section shall apply to both commercial~~  
22 ~~and recreational fishermen.~~

23 B. The revenues generated from this license shall be deposited into the  
24 Oyster Resource Management Account ~~used by the Department of Wildlife and~~  
25 ~~Fisheries solely for the Oyster Strike Force and the Louisiana Department of Health~~  
26 ~~for oyster water monitoring.~~

27 \* \* \*

28 §304. Vessel license; fees; place of purchase

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- 1           (a) Oyster tongs: fifty dollars for each oyster tong.
- 2           (b) Oyster scrapers: fifty dollars for each scraper.
- 3           (c) All revenue collected from the sale of oyster gear fees established in this  
4 Paragraph, or from non-resident oyster gear fees collected pursuant to Paragraph  
5 (C)(1) of this Section shall be credited to the Oyster Resource Management Account  
6 as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(4).
- 7           (3) Crab Gear:
- 8           (a) Crab traps: fifteen dollars for the privilege of using crab traps to fish  
9 commercially, plus an additional fifty cents per trap fished.
- 10          (b) All revenue collected from the sale of crab gear fees established in this  
11 Paragraph, or from non-resident crab gear fees collected pursuant to Paragraph  
12 (C)(1) of this Section shall be credited to the Crab Development, Management, and  
13 Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e).
- 14          (4) Saltwater Finfish Gear:
- 15          (a) Mullet strike net: three hundred dollars per mullet strike net that may  
16 only be used during the special mullet season defined in R.S. 56:333 or the special  
17 spotted sea trout season defined in R.S. 56:325.3(C).
- 18          (b) Pompano strike net: three hundred dollars per pompano strike net that  
19 may only be used during the special pompano season defined in R.S. 56:325.4 and  
20 406.
- 21          (c) All commercial gear licenses as provided for in Subparagraphs (a) and  
22 (b) of this Paragraph issued to all qualified nonresidents shall be one thousand two  
23 hundred dollars.
- 24          (d) Rod and reel: three hundred fifty dollars to fish in the saltwater areas of  
25 the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B). The department may issue a saltwater  
26 commercial rod and reel gear license to each applicant only if the following  
27 conditions have been met:

1           (i) The applicant must provide positive proof that they held a valid  
2           commercial gear license for gill nets during any two years of the years 1995, 1994,  
3           and 1993.

4           (ii) The applicant must provide positive proof, in the form of unamended  
5           original state and federal income tax returns, including Schedule C of the federal  
6           1040 form, submitted in accordance with procedures established by the commission,  
7           that the applicant has derived more than fifty percent of his earned income from the  
8           capture and sale of seafood species in at least two of the three years, 1995, 1994, or  
9           1993.

10           (e) Purse seines/menhaden seines: three thousand dollars for each purse seine  
11           in use.

12           (f) Other saltwater gear: fifty dollars to use any legal number of commercial  
13           cast nets with a radius in excess of eight feet six inches, hoop nets, gill nets, trammel  
14           nets, strike nets, or seines for use in the saltwater areas of the state as defined in R.S.  
15           56:322(A) and (B). Effective May 1, 1995, the department shall not issue any new  
16           commercial gear licenses for gill nets, trammel nets, strike nets, or seines for use in  
17           the saltwater areas of the state. The department may issue renewal licenses to any  
18           person, company, or corporation that held a valid commercial gear license for such  
19           gear for at least two years during either the 1992, 1993, or 1994 calendar years. The  
20           provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to licenses issued for the commercial  
21           taking of menhaden.

22           (5) Crawfish Gear:

23           (a) Crawfish traps: fifteen dollars for the privilege of using crawfish traps to  
24           fish commercially, plus an additional fifty cents per trap fished.

25           (b) All revenue collected from the sale of crawfish gear fees established in  
26           this Paragraph, or from nonresident crawfish gear fees collected pursuant to  
27           Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section shall be credited to the Crawfish Development and  
28           Management Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(7).

29           (6) Freshwater Gear:



1           (a) Fifty dollars to use one shad gill net pursuant to R.S. 56:322.2. No person  
2           shall receive more than one such license per year.

3           (b) Fifty dollars to use one shad seine in freshwater areas of the state  
4           pursuant to R.S. 56:322.1. No person shall receive more than one such license per  
5           year.

6           (c) Fifty dollars to use any legal number of hoop nets, seines, slat traps,  
7           trammel nets, cast nets with a radius in excess of eight feet six inches, wire nets,  
8           pipes, buckets, drums, tires, and cans that are placed into the water for the purpose  
9           of capturing and taking fish for commercial purposes in the freshwater areas of the  
10          state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B).

11          ~~(1) Butterfly nets: twenty-five dollars for each butterfly net.~~

12          ~~(2) Crab traps: fifty dollars for the privilege of using crab traps to fish~~  
13          ~~commercially. An amount equal to ten dollars from each commercial crab trap gear~~  
14          ~~license shall be credited to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account as~~  
15          ~~provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and an amount equal to ten dollars from each~~  
16          ~~commercial crab trap license shall be credited to the Crab Promotion and Marketing~~  
17          ~~Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(c). Any resident who holds a senior~~  
18          ~~commercial fishing license shall be exempt from the provisions of this Paragraph.~~

19          ~~(3) Oyster scrapers: twenty-five dollars for each scraper.~~

20          ~~(4) Gill nets:~~

21          ~~(a) Twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of gill nets in the freshwater~~  
22          ~~areas of the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B).~~

23          ~~(b) Repealed by Acts 1997, No. 527, §2, eff. July 3, 1997.~~

24          ~~(c) Two hundred fifty dollars per mullet strike net that may only be used~~  
25          ~~during the special mullet season defined in R.S. 56:333 or the special spotted sea~~  
26          ~~trout season defined in R.S. 56:325.3(C).~~

27          ~~(d) Two hundred fifty dollars per pompano strike net that may only be used~~  
28          ~~during the special pompano season defined in R.S. 56:325.4 and 406.~~

1           ~~(e) All commercial gear licenses as provided for in Subparagraphs (b), (c),~~  
2           ~~and (d) of this Paragraph issued to all qualified nonresidents shall be one thousand~~  
3           ~~dollars.~~

4           ~~(f) Twenty-five dollars to use one shad gill net pursuant to R.S. 56:322.2.~~  
5           ~~No person shall receive more than one such license per year.~~

6           ~~(5) Hoop nets: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of hoop nets.~~

7           ~~(6) Purse seines/menhaden seines: five hundred five dollars for each purse~~  
8           ~~seine in use.~~

9           ~~(7) Seines: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of seines.~~

10          ~~(8) Oyster tongs: thirty dollars for each oyster tong.~~

11          ~~(9) Slat traps: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of slat traps.~~

12          ~~(10) Trammel nets: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of trammel~~  
13          ~~nets in the freshwater areas of the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B).~~

14          ~~(11) Trawls: twenty-five dollars for each trawl, except no fee is required for~~  
15          ~~use of a test trawl, as defined by R.S. 56:495.1(A), when used with another trawl for~~  
16          ~~which the gear fee has been paid.~~

17          ~~(12) Crawfish traps: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of crawfish~~  
18          ~~traps.~~

19          ~~(13) Castnets with a radius in excess of eight feet six inches.~~

20          ~~(14) Rod and reel: two hundred fifty dollars to fish in the saltwater areas of~~  
21          ~~the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B). The department may issue a saltwater~~  
22          ~~commercial rod and reel gear license to each applicant only if the following~~  
23          ~~conditions have been met:~~

24                 ~~(a) The applicant must provide positive proof that they held a valid~~  
25                 ~~commercial gear license for gill nets during any two years of the years 1995, 1994,~~  
26                 ~~and 1993.~~

27                 ~~(b) The applicant must provide positive proof, in the form of unamended~~  
28                 ~~original state and federal income tax returns, including Schedule C of the federal~~  
29                 ~~1040 form, submitted in accordance with procedures established by the commission,~~

1 that the applicant has derived more than fifty percent of his earned income from the  
2 capture and sale of seafood species in at least two of the three years, 1995, 1994, or  
3 1993.

4 ~~(c) Repealed by Acts 1997, No. 727, §2.~~

5 ~~(d) Each commercial rod and reel fisherman shall report his total monthly  
6 commercial take to the department in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:345.~~

7 ~~(15) Wire nets: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of wire nets.~~

8 ~~(16) Twenty-five dollars to use one shad seine in freshwater areas of the state  
9 pursuant to R.S. 56:322.1. No person shall receive more than one such license per  
10 year.~~

11 ~~(17) Twenty-five dollars to use a freshwater shrimp net in accordance with  
12 R.S. 56:501.~~

13 ~~(18) Any other type of legal gear not listed in this Subsection: twenty-five  
14 dollars. This type of gear includes pipes, buckets, drums, tires, and cans that are  
15 placed into the water for the purpose of capturing and taking fish for commercial  
16 purposes.~~

17 C.(1)(a) The commercial gear fee for nonresidents is four times the gear fee  
18 for residents; however, the nonresident fee for oyster dredges and tongs in particular  
19 shall be eight times the fee for residents.

20 ~~(b) An amount equal to forty dollars for each nonresident commercial crab  
21 trap gear license shall be credited to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program  
22 Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and an amount equal to forty dollars from  
23 each commercial crab trap gear license shall be credited to the Crab Promotion and  
24 Marketing Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(c).~~

25 \* \* \*

26 ~~(3) Effective May 1, 1995, the department shall not issue any new  
27 commercial gear licenses for gill nets, trammel nets, strike nets, or seines for use in  
28 the saltwater areas of the state. The department may issue renewal licenses to any  
29 person, company, or corporation that held a valid commercial gear license for such~~

1 gear for at least two years during either the 1992, 1993, or 1994 calendar years. The  
2 provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to licenses issued for the commercial  
3 taking of menhaden.

4 \* \* \*

5 G. In addition to any other fees provided for in this Section, any commercial  
6 fisherman who purchases a trawl, skimmer, or butterfly gear license shall be required  
7 to pay an annual fee of ten dollars for residents and forty dollars for nonresidents for  
8 deposit into the Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Account as provided for in R.S.  
9 56:10(B)(1)(b)(i). The licensee shall pay the fee required by this Subsection only  
10 once in any single license year.

11 \* \* \*

12 §305.1. License year; place of purchase; purchase period

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14 B. A commercial gear license may be purchased at any time of the year for  
15 the current license year and from ~~October first~~ November fifteenth for the  
16 immediately following license year.

17 C. Commercial gear licenses shall be issued only by the department during  
18 normal working hours and may be purchased in person at any department district  
19 office, at the department's Baton Rouge office and ~~New Orleans offices~~, or at any  
20 other location designated by the department.

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22 §306. Wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license; place of business; employees;  
23 exemptions; wholesale out-of-state crab shipping license

24 \* \* \*

25 B.

26 \* \* \*

27 (6)

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1           (c) ~~Of the revenues~~ Ten percent of the revenues collected from the issuance  
2 of wholesale out-of-state crab shipping licenses; ~~ten percent~~ shall be deposited to the  
3 Crab Development, Management and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account as  
4 provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e) Conservation Fund, and ~~ninety percent~~ shall be  
5 deposited to the ~~Crab Promotion and Marketing Account of the Seafood Promotion~~  
6 ~~and Marketing Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e).~~

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8 §306.1. Retail seafood dealer's license; place of business; employees; retail out-of-  
9 state crab shipping license

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13           (7)

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15           (b) The fee for a retail out-of-state crab shipping license shall be ~~one hundred~~  
16 two hundred forty dollars per year. The license shall be valid for one year, beginning  
17 on January first of each calendar year and expiring on December thirty-first of the  
18 same calendar year. The license may be purchased at any time of the year for the  
19 current license year and from November fifteenth for the immediately following  
20 license year.

21           (c) ~~Of the revenues~~ Ten percent of the revenues collected from the issuance  
22 of retail out-of-state crab shipping licenses; ~~ten percent~~ shall be deposited to the Crab  
23 Development, Management, and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account as provided  
24 in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e) Conservation Fund, and ~~ninety percent~~ shall be deposited to  
25 the ~~Crab Promotion and Marketing Account of the Seafood Promotion and~~  
26 ~~Marketing Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e).~~

27                                   \*       \*       \*

28 §306.2. License fee; place of purchase

1           A.(1) The cost of the wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license is ~~two~~ seven  
2           hundred fifty dollars for residents and ~~one thousand one hundred five~~ three thousand  
3           dollars for nonresidents. Restaurants and retail grocers may sell native reptiles and  
4           amphibians for human consumption under the provisions of this Section.

5           (2) The cost of the retail seafood dealer's license is ~~one hundred five~~ three  
6           hundred seventy-five dollars for residents and ~~four hundred five~~ one thousand five  
7           hundred dollars for nonresidents.

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9           B. A wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license and retail seafood dealer's  
10          license shall be issued only by the department during normal working hours at the  
11          Baton Rouge office and ~~New Orleans offices~~, or at any other location designated by  
12          the department.

13          §306.3. Wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license and retail seafood dealer's license;  
14          license year; purchase period

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16          B. A wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license and a retail seafood dealer's  
17          license may be purchased at any time of the year for the current license year and  
18          from ~~October first~~ November fifteenth for the immediately following license year.

19   \*       \*       \*

20          §307.1. Transport license fee; underlying license

21          A. The cost of a transport license is ~~thirty~~ one hundred dollars per vehicle  
22          and can only be purchased by a person holding a valid Louisiana commercial  
23          fisherman's license or valid Louisiana wholesale/retail dealer's license.

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25          §322.1. Shad seine; commercial harvest of shad and skipjack herring

26          A. A commercial fisherman licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 and  
27          305(B)~~(16)~~(6)(b) may take shad, skipjack, and any other freshwater commercial fish  
28          of legal size with a shad seine in accordance with this Section.

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are additions.

1 §322.2. Shad gill nets; commercial harvest of shad and skipjack herring

2 A. A commercial fisherman licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 and  
3 305(B)(4)(f)(6)(a) may take shad and skipjack with a shad gill net in Lake Palourde,  
4 Lake Verret, Lac Des Allemands, all of the waterways in Iberville Parish, and those  
5 portions of the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary located between the guide  
6 levees of the Atchafalaya Basin but is specifically not authorized to do so in the  
7 streams, bayous, canals, and other water bodies connected with the specified lakes.

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9 §325.3. Spotted sea trout commercial taking; annual quota; red drum commercial  
10 taking, possession, or landing prohibited

11 \* \* \*

12 C. The commercial taking or sale by a commercial fisherman of spotted sea  
13 trout is prohibited except by special permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and  
14 Fisheries at a cost of one hundred fifty dollars for residents of this state and ~~four~~ six  
15 hundred dollars for those who are nonresidents. No person shall purchase spotted  
16 sea trout from any commercial fisherman who does not possess a spotted sea trout  
17 permit. No person shall qualify for a charter boat fishing guide license and a spotted  
18 sea trout permit during the same licensure period.

19 \* \* \*

20 §326. Size and possession limits; commercial fish

21 \* \* \*

22 E.

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24 ~~(2) Persons commercially fishing for shark must obtain a permit from the~~  
25 ~~secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The commercial taking or~~  
26 ~~sale by a commercial fisherman of shark is prohibited except by special permit~~  
27 ~~issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at a cost of twenty-five dollars.~~  
28 Such permit shall be in the immediate possession of the person commercially fishing

1 for shark. Any shark fisherman who violates a commercial shark fishery regulation  
2 shall be subject to the following sanctions:

3 \* \* \*

4 H. The possession limit for the commercial taking of southern flounder shall  
5 be ten fish for each licensed fisherman for each consecutive day on the water.  
6 ~~However, the provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to southern flounder~~  
7 ~~caught as by-catch authorized by R.S. 56:492.~~

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9 §411. Legislative findings and purpose

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11 B. For the purposes of this Subpart the following definitions shall apply:

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13 (4) "Mariculture" means the rearing, nurturing, or growing of saltwater fish  
14 in cages, pens, or any other containment device in or on state territorial waters  
15 including those waters over private-owned water bottoms.

16 (5) "Culture" means any activity associated with the rearing, nurturing, or  
17 growing of a domesticated aquatic organism.

18 (6) "Species specific permits" are special domesticated aquatic organism  
19 permits that are required for any species which have restricted methods of  
20 aquaculture.

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22 §412. Issuance and renewal of domesticated aquatic organism license

23 A.

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25 (2) A domesticated aquatic organism license shall be valid for one year,  
26 beginning January first of each calendar year and expiring December thirty-first of  
27 the same calendar year. The license may be purchased at any time of the year for the  
28 current license year and after November fourteenth for the immediately following  
29 license year. The cost of a domesticated aquatic organism license is ~~fifteen~~ twenty





1 that may possess and transport oysters taken from the public natural reefs and oyster  
2 seed grounds. The permit does not grant any rights to the oyster resource or any  
3 rights to harvest oysters from the waters of the state and shall not be sold, exchanged,  
4 or otherwise transferred. The permit is valid for one year, beginning on January first  
5 of each calendar year and expiring on December thirty-first of the same calendar  
6 year, and permit holders who hold a valid permit during the prior year may renew the  
7 permit at any time of the year for the current license year and from November  
8 fifteenth for the immediately following license year. The cost of the permit for a  
9 ~~vessel from which oysters will be harvested using a single scraper, tongs, or by hand~~  
10 shall be ~~two hundred~~ fifty dollars per year for a resident and ~~one thousand two~~  
11 hundred dollars per year for a nonresident. ~~The cost of the permit for a vessel from~~  
12 ~~which oysters will be harvested using a double scraper or any other legal method of~~  
13 ~~harvest shall be five hundred dollars for a resident and two thousand dollars for a~~  
14 ~~nonresident.~~ In addition to the vessel permit fee, in order to harvest oysters from the  
15 public grounds, a person shall be in possession of a Public Oyster Seed Ground gear  
16 license. The Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license allows harvest of oysters from  
17 the public seed grounds using a single scraper, tongs, or by hand. The fee for the  
18 gear license is two hundred dollars per year for a resident and eight hundred dollars  
19 per year for a nonresident. A second scraper may be used but requires an additional  
20 gear license. No vessel shall use or possess more than two scrapers while harvesting  
21 on the public seed grounds. After having been credited to the Bond Security and  
22 Redemption Fund as required by Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of  
23 Louisiana, all revenues received from purchase of the permit shall be deposited in  
24 the ~~Public Oyster Seed Ground Development Account, R.S. 56:434.1~~ Oyster  
25 Resource Management Account, R.S. 56:10(B)(4).

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27 §442. Collection and disposition of funds; dedication of funds

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1 (5) Administer a portion of the funds in the Shrimp Development and  
2 Management Account ~~Marketing and Promotion Fund~~, which fund shall be used to  
3 create new markets for shrimp and promote the sale of shrimp harvested from  
4 Louisiana waters.

5 \* \* \*

6 F. The activities of the Shrimp Task Force shall be funded through ~~the~~  
7 ~~Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Fund (R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(b)(i))~~ Shrimp  
8 Development and Management Account (R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(b)).

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10 §501. Commercial taking of freshwater shrimp

11 \* \* \*

12 B.

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14 (2) A person shrimping pursuant to this Subsection shall use a wire net with  
15 a one-quarter inch bar and a maximum length of six feet. The net shall be marked  
16 with a one gallon jug painted international orange and displaying the words  
17 "Freshwater Shrimp" in black letters. In addition to a commercial fishing license,  
18 a fisherman fishing pursuant to this Subsection shall possess a freshwater shrimp net  
19 license issued pursuant to R.S. 56:305(B)~~(17)~~(1)(d).

20 \* \* \*

21 §632.4. Reptile and amphibian collector's license; scientific collector's permit

22 A. All persons engaged in the sale of native reptiles and amphibians  
23 collected in Louisiana must possess one of the following licenses:

24 (1) A resident must possess a resident collector's license at a cost of ~~twenty-~~  
25 ~~five~~ fifty-five dollars.

26 (2) A nonresident must possess a nonresident collector's license at a cost of  
27 ~~two hundred~~ four hundred twenty dollars.

1 (3) Residents under ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years of age shall be required to possess  
2 a collector's license at a cost of ten dollars.

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4 §632.5. Reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license; nonresident three-  
5 day license

6 A. Any person buying, acquiring, or handling, from any person, by any  
7 means whatsoever, or for propagation for sale, any live species of native reptile or  
8 amphibian, except farm raised aquatic chelonians, or any live species of poisonous  
9 snake or constrictor, as delineated in R.S. 56:632.5.1, in Louisiana, from within or  
10 outside the state, for sale, or resale, whether on a commission basis or otherwise, is  
11 a wholesale/retail reptile amphibian dealer and shall possess a reptile and amphibian  
12 wholesale/retail dealer's license at a cost of ~~one hundred five~~ two hundred twenty  
13 dollars for a resident and ~~four hundred five~~ eight hundred eighty dollars for a  
14 nonresident.

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16 E. In lieu of the regular nonresident wholesale/retail dealer's license,  
17 nonresidents may purchase a three-day reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail  
18 dealer's license for a fee of ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred fifty dollars. The three-day  
19 license shall be valid only for three consecutive days.

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21 §632.9. Transporter; license required; license fee; prohibitions; number of licenses;  
22 transferability; records; common carriers

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24 B.(1) The cost of a reptile and amphibian transport license is ~~thirty~~ sixty-five  
25 dollars per vehicle for a resident and ~~one hundred twenty~~ two hundred fifty dollars  
26 per vehicle for a nonresident and can be purchased only by a person holding a valid  
27 Louisiana reptile and amphibian collector's license or valid Louisiana reptile and  
28 amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license.

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1 §653. Information to accompany applications; annual fee

2 A. The application for such a license shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~two~~  
3 ~~hundred~~ four hundred twenty dollars to be the annual charge for the issuance of such  
4 license, and shall be further accompanied by information as to:

5 (1) The location and description of the premises, including a legal  
6 description of the land, and

7 (2) Copies of parish or ward maps with the area or areas clearly outlined and  
8 a description of the facilities thereon, together with the interest of the applicant  
9 therein.

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11 Section 3. R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii) and (b)(i), 10(B)(1)(f) and (g), (7)(a), (9), (10), and  
12 (13), 103(A), (B), and (C), 109(D), 116(C)(1) and (D), 116.1(C)(3), the heading of Subpart  
13 A-1 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 151, 302,  
14 302.1(Section heading) and (A) through (C), 302.10(B)(1) through (3) and (C), 325.1(A)(1),  
15 (3)(a), and (C)(2)(d), 325.3(A)(1), 330(B). 500(A), 641, 649.1, 649.2, 649.3, 649.4, 649.7,  
16 and 1833 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(v), 10(B)(4) and (7)(c),  
17 10.3, 302.1(D), 645, 678, 679 and Chapter 14 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
18 of 1950, consisting of R.S. 56:3000 through 3007 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

19 §8. Definitions

20 For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the  
21 meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different  
22 meaning:

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24 (16)(a) Except as specified in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, "bona fide  
25 resident" means any person who is a United States citizen or resident alien and has  
26 resided in this state continuously during the twelve months immediately prior to the  
27 date on which he applies for any license and who has manifested his intent to remain  
28 in this state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile, as demonstrated by  
29 compliance with all of the following, as applicable:

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(ii) If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, he is in possession of a Louisiana driver's license, or, if ~~over the age of fifteen years and~~ not licensed to drive, he is in possession of a special identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321, or an alternative form of proof of residency that the department deems acceptable.

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(v) If a minor who cannot otherwise demonstrate legal domicile by other methods established in this Paragraph, is in possession of an alternative form of proof of residency that the department deems acceptable.

(b) For purchase of a license for hunting or recreational fishing activities where such license does not authorize any commercial activity, "bona fide resident" means the following:

(i) Any person who is a United States citizen or resident alien and has resided in this state continuously during the six months immediately prior to the date on which he applies for any such license and who has manifested his intent to remain in this state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile, as demonstrated by compliance with Items (a)(i) through ~~(iv)~~(v) of this Paragraph.

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§10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds; limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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~~(f) Pay annually into the Conservation Fund, an amount equal to the additional charter fishing fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and 302.9(C)(2)(b) and paid into the treasury by the commission. There is hereby created in the Conservation Fund, the Charter Boat Fishing Fund. Such funds~~

1 Monies deposited into the fund shall be used by the department for the promotion of  
2 the charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative  
3 costs of the fund. Such funds are to be expended for such purposes through the  
4 Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

5 (g) ~~Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, pay~~ There is hereby created  
6 in the Conservation Fund annually into the Conservation Fund, into a special account  
7 designated as the "Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund", ~~an amount~~  
8 ~~equal to the fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(c).~~

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10 (4)(a) There is hereby created in the Conservation Fund a special account  
11 known as the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund. The treasurer shall  
12 pay annually into the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund all amounts  
13 received pursuant to the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Program  
14 provided for in R.S. 56:151 et seq. and such other funds as are specifically  
15 appropriated by the legislature.

16 (b) Half of the monies deposited in the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and  
17 Print Fund shall be used solely for the following in-state waterfowl management  
18 programs and purposes:

19 (i) To acquire lands in Louisiana which have the primary and direct purpose  
20 of conserving, restoring, and enhancing migratory waterfowl habitat.

21 (ii) To carry out migratory waterfowl habitat restoration and enhancement  
22 projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and  
23 Fisheries.

24 (iii) To fulfill the purposes of Items (i) and (ii) of this Subparagraph, when  
25 feasible and when in coastal areas, in a manner which will contribute to the  
26 protection of the coastal areas of the state from deterioration and which will enhance  
27 the productivity of the coastal marshes.

28 (iv) To acquire lands for wildlife and game management.



1           (v) To make grants, not to exceed ten percent of the program revenues, to the  
2           North American Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Plan for the purpose of acquiring,  
3           developing, or maintaining migratory waterfowl areas within Louisiana.

4           (vi) To cover the administrative costs associated with the implementation of  
5           the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Program, not to exceed five percent  
6           of the program revenues.

7           (c) Half of the monies deposited in the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and  
8           Print Fund shall be dedicated by the commission to the development and  
9           preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl, the funds to be expended  
10           for such purposes through Ducks Unlimited, Inc. or under the direction of the  
11           Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its discretion.

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13           (7)(a) There is hereby created in the Conservation Fund a special fund called  
14           the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund. The monies in the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund  
15           shall be used solely for the programs and purposes associated with the Louisiana  
16           Wild Turkey Program ~~as provided by R.S. 56:161 et seq.~~ in the amounts appropriated  
17           each year to the department by the legislature.

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19           (c) Subject to appropriation, the monies in the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund  
20           shall be used:

21           (i) To acquire lands in Louisiana which have the primary and direct purpose  
22           of conserving, restoring, and enhancing wild turkey habitat.

23           (ii) To carry out wild turkey habitat restoration and enhancement projects on  
24           lands under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

25           (iii) To acquire lands that are suitable for wild turkeys and wild turkey  
26           management.

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28           (9)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
29           account known as the "black bear account" ~~which shall consist of those revenues~~

1 ~~collected from the sale of the black bear unlimited license plates provided for in R.S.~~  
2 ~~47:463.45.~~ The revenues shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for  
3 other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.  
4 The funds in this account shall be used solely for the purpose of conserving,  
5 restoring, and enhancing black bear habitat in Louisiana.

6 (b) Five percent of the net proceeds derived from the fifty dollar fee imposed  
7 by R.S. 47:463.45(B) for the black bear prestige license plate shall be used to  
8 promote the existence of the black bear prestige license plate and its availability for  
9 use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, and vans.

10 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, every  
11 hunting and fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall  
12 include a notice with a telephone number and mailing address for information on  
13 how to acquire a black bear prestige license plate for use on a person's passenger car,  
14 pickup truck, or van.

15 (10)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
16 account known as the "quail account" ~~which shall consist of those revenues collected~~  
17 ~~from the sale of the Louisiana Quail Forever license plates provided for in R.S.~~  
18 ~~47:463.46.~~ The revenues shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for  
19 other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.  
20 The funds in this account shall be used solely for the purpose of conserving,  
21 restoring, and enhancing quail habitat in Louisiana.

22 (b) Five percent of the net proceeds derived from the fifty dollar fee imposed  
23 by R.S. 47:463.46(B) for the Louisiana Quail Forever prestige plate shall be used to  
24 promote the existence of the Louisiana Quail Forever prestige plate and its  
25 availability for use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

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27 (13) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special account  
28 known as the "Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account", which shall consist  
29 of funds received from revenues as provided ~~in R.S. 56:302.3(B)(1) and (C) and~~

1 305(B)(2) and (C)(1), donations, and from any other source which may specify  
2 deposit to this account. The revenues in the account shall be subject to the same  
3 requirements as other revenues in the Conservation Fund. All expenditures and  
4 allocations of funds from this account shall be for the administration and  
5 implementation of the derelict crab trap removal program.

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7 §10.3. Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund

8 A.(1) Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the  
9 Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission under the  
10 provisions of this Part shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund.  
11 Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund after a  
12 sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full  
13 faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the  
14 treasurer shall deposit as provided in Subsection B of this Section, an amount equal  
15 to the revenues collected under the provisions of this Part. The funds credited to the  
16 Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund shall be expended as provided in this  
17 Section.

18 (2) At any such time as the balance in the fund reaches twenty million  
19 dollars and a determination is made by the department that the fund contains  
20 sufficient monies to be able to certify all lifetime license holders then those funds in  
21 excess of twenty million dollars shall be credited to the Conservation Fund.

22 B. Of the revenues received from the issuance of each lifetime license, one  
23 hundred dollars shall be credited to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund,  
24 and the remaining funds shall be credited to the Conservation Fund to be used for the  
25 purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Chapter or for such  
26 other purposes as may be determined by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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28 §103. License ~~required~~; license books; returns; transfer of license prohibited

1             A. No ~~resident of this state~~ person shall at any time hunt, take, possess, or  
 2             cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or any wild quadruped  
 3             unless he is at the time of such act the lawful holder of an ~~effective~~ valid license for  
 4             that purpose issued to him by authority of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries  
 5             Commission.

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7             C.(1) In order to hunt, take, possess, or transport deer, or turkey, ~~or bobcat,~~  
 8             in Louisiana, in addition to a basic hunting license, a person shall be required to  
 9             purchase and have on his person a ~~big game~~ either a deer license or a turkey license,  
 10            whichever is the appropriate license. In order to hunt, take, possess, or transport  
 11            waterfowl in Louisiana, in addition to a basic hunting license, a resident shall be  
 12            required to purchase and have on his person a ~~duck~~ waterfowl license. ~~The fee for~~  
 13            ~~an annual resident duck license shall be five dollars and fifty cents. In order to hunt,~~  
 14            ~~take, possess, or transport turkey in Louisiana, in addition to a big game hunting~~  
 15            ~~license, a resident shall be required to purchase and have on his person a wild turkey~~  
 16            ~~license. The fee for an annual resident wild turkey license shall be five dollars and~~  
 17            ~~fifty cents.~~

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19            §109. Wildlife management areas; wildlife refuges; public hunting grounds and  
 20            recreation areas; notice; signs; hunters with disabilities

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22            D.(1) ~~On and after July 1, 1993, a Wild Louisiana Stamp, hunting license, or~~  
 23            ~~fishing license~~ A valid WMA access permit shall be required for use of department  
 24            administered lands including wildlife refuges and wildlife management and habitat  
 25            conservation areas. Persons under ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years of age ~~and sixty years of~~  
 26            ~~age or older~~ are exempt from this requirement. Persons attending official functions  
 27            of private, non-profit and charitable organizations recognized as tax exempt under  
 28            the provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code shall be exempt from this

1 requirement. In addition, traversing through lands administered by the department  
2 shall not require a license or permit.

3 (2) Persons using department administered lands for commercial purposes  
4 for which the department is paid a royalty or special fee, agents of the state on  
5 official business, and persons or groups using department administered lands for  
6 purposes other than fishing or hunting who receive, for good cause, a letter of permit  
7 from the secretary specifically waiving the permit requirement ~~Wild Louisiana~~  
8 ~~Stamp~~, shall be exempt.

9 (3) ~~For an initial violation of failing to possess a Wild Louisiana Stamp,~~  
10 ~~fishing license, or hunting license while on department administered lands, as~~  
11 ~~required by this Subsection, the violator shall immediately obtain a required stamp~~  
12 ~~or license or be required to leave the department administered lands. In such instance~~  
13 ~~of an initial violation, the violator shall be given directions to the nearest place where~~  
14 ~~such stamp or license may be purchased. After the initial violation, any subsequent~~  
15 ~~offenses shall be class one violations as designated in R.S. 56:31. This Paragraph~~  
16 ~~shall not apply to violations of hunting or fishing without a license.~~

17 (4) The department shall prominently post and maintain at each entrance to  
18 those lands subject to this Subsection a sign stating that all visitors, except those  
19 exempt by law, must possess a ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp, a hunting license, a fishing~~  
20 ~~license, or a WMA hunting permit~~ WMA access permit, a Sportsman's Paradise  
21 license, a lifetime hunting or fishing license, or a license that confers equivalent  
22 privileges while on those lands.

23 (5)(a) ~~In addition to other fees and licenses required by law, any person~~  
24 ~~between the ages of eighteen and sixty, both inclusive, who hunts on any land~~  
25 ~~administered by the department, including wildlife refuges and wildlife management~~  
26 ~~and habitat conservation areas, shall purchase and have in his possession a WMA~~  
27 ~~hunting permit. Traversing through department-administered lands shall not require~~  
28 ~~a permit. The fee for a WMA hunting permit shall be fifteen dollars each year. The~~  
29 ~~permit shall be available for purchase beginning June first of each year and will be~~

1       ~~valid from the date of purchase through the following June thirtieth. The permittee~~  
2       ~~shall have the permit in his possession whenever engaged in hunting on lands~~  
3       ~~administered by the department. Funds collected from the WMA hunting permit shall~~  
4       ~~be used for the maintenance and upkeep of wildlife management areas. The secretary~~  
5       ~~may exempt for good cause persons or groups of people from the requirements of~~  
6       ~~this Paragraph. Such exemption shall be in the form of a letter of permit from the~~  
7       ~~secretary. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations which~~  
8       ~~establish the criteria for such exemptions and which otherwise implement this~~  
9       ~~exemption.~~

10             ~~(b) A resident between the ages of eighteen and sixty, both inclusive, who~~  
11       ~~meets the requirements of R.S. 56:104(A)(8) or (B)(2) shall be exempt from payment~~  
12       ~~of the permit fee required by this Paragraph.~~

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14       §116. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; special hunting seasons

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16             C.(1) The commission may establish a special deer season for primitive  
17       firearms. The taking of deer in such season shall be limited to persons who are  
18       licensed in accordance with the provisions of ~~R.S. 56:103(C)(2)~~; R.S. 56:3002. The  
19       commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing such season,  
20       including the type and size of weapons used, licenses required, sex of deer to be  
21       hunted, and the areas included in the season. In addition to any other weapon  
22       restriction the commission may adopt, such rules and regulations shall provide that  
23       breech loading rifles with a caliber of .35 or larger may be used during primitive  
24       firearms season. The taking of deer during this season shall be limited to still  
25       hunting and may be allowed in all or some areas of the state where deer hunting is  
26       now or shall in the future be allowed.

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28             D.(1) The commission shall establish a special open deer hunting season for  
29       youth under eighteen years of age. The taking of deer in such a season shall be

1 limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all  
2 of the applicable zones. ~~Both~~ Properly licensed resident and nonresident youths may  
3 participate in this special season. Any youth participating in the special youth  
4 hunting season shall be accompanied by one adult eighteen years of age or older, but  
5 only the youth may participate in the actual hunting. If the accompanying adult is  
6 in possession of a valid ~~hunting license, or a~~ hunter safety certificate, or proof of  
7 successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department, a youth  
8 under ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years of age shall not be required to have ~~any~~ of these items.  
9 However, if the accompanying adult is not in possession of ~~any~~ of these items, the  
10 youth shall be required to have in his possession either a hunter safety certificate or  
11 proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department.  
12 A youth who is under the age of eighteen shall have in his possession a youth  
13 hunting license ~~sixteen or seventeen shall have in his possession a basic hunting~~  
14 ~~license and a big game license~~ as required by law. The accompanying adult shall  
15 maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

16 (2) ~~The commission shall establish for 2014 a special open deer hunting~~  
17 ~~season on private property for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged~~  
18 ~~veterans of the United States Armed Forces.~~ The commission may thereafter  
19 establish a special open deer hunting season for Louisiana residents who are  
20 honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The taking of  
21 deer in such a season shall be limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of  
22 the regular gun season in all of the applicable zones and shall run concurrently with  
23 the open deer hunting season for youth provided for in Paragraph (1) of this  
24 Subsection. In order to qualify for the veterans special season, a veteran shall hold  
25 and be in possession of either a basic hunting license and a ~~big game~~ deer license,  
26 a Sportsman's Paradise license, or an equivalent license that grants both basic  
27 hunting and deer privileges and shall be able to provide proof satisfactory to the  
28 department of such honorable discharge. The special open deer hunting season  
29 authorized pursuant to this Paragraph shall be applicable to hunting on private

1 property only and shall not be applicable to any state-owned or federally-owned or  
2 managed property.

3 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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7 (3) There shall be no recreational bag limit on raccoon or opossum hunting  
8 during the open trapping season; however, the commission shall establish a  
9 recreational bag limit for such hunting during that period of the year when the  
10 trapping season is closed. No one shall ~~pelt or~~ sell the skins or carcasses of raccoons  
11 and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a  
12 valid commercial trapper's license, ~~which shall be required in addition to his basic~~  
13 ~~hunting~~. However, carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken by the holder of a  
14 commercial trapper's license on the last day of trapping season may be pelted or sold  
15 on the day immediately following the close of the season.

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17 SUBPART A-1. LOUISIANA DUCK ~~LICENSE~~; STAMP;  
18 AND PRINT PROGRAM

19 §151. Purpose

20 The hunting of migratory waterfowl has long been a source of recreation and  
21 tourism in Louisiana. In order to protect and preserve this most valuable asset, the  
22 Louisiana Duck ~~License~~, Stamp, and Print Program is created as a means of funding  
23 approved projects through sale of a migratory waterfowl license, ~~hereinafter known~~  
24 ~~as the "duck license"~~, and sale of duck stamps and prints.

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26 §302. Recreational fishing ~~license~~; recreational gear

27 A. A recreational fisherman must purchase and possess the appropriate  
28 required license as defined in R.S. 56:3001 ~~basic recreational fishing license~~ in order



1 to use the following gear or to possess ~~fish~~ on the fishing grounds fish which have  
2 been caught for recreational purposes:

3 (1) Hook and line (using a rod or fishing pole, hook and line, without a reel  
4 and without using artificial bait).

5 (2) Bow and arrow.

6 (3) A barbless spear, or a multi-pronged barbed gig.

7 (4) Castnets with a radius not to exceed eight feet six inches.

8 (5) Frog gigs or catchers.

9 (6) Scuba gear.

10 (7) Crawfish nets.

11 (8) Dip nets.

12 (9) Landing nets.

13 (10) Minnow traps.

14 (11) Crab nets.

15 (12) Crab lines.

16 (13) Crab Traps: for use of no more than ten crab traps.

17 (14) Hoop nets: for use of no more than five hoop nets.

18 (15) Oyster tongs: for use of no more than one tong.

19 (16) Slat trap: for use of no more than five slat traps.

20 (17) Trawls: for use of no more than one trawl less than twenty-five feet in  
21 length.

22 (18) Wire nets: for use of no more than five wire nets.

23 (19) Crawfish traps: for use of no more than thirty-five traps.

24 B. ~~In addition to a basic recreational fishing license, a recreational fisherman~~  
25 ~~over the age of sixteen years using any gear listed in R.S. 56:302.3 must purchase a~~  
26 ~~recreational gear license as provided therein. Anyone under the age of sixteen years~~  
27 ~~shall not be required to purchase or possess a gear license. However, any person~~  
28 ~~using crawfish nets, dip nets, landing nets, minnow traps, crab nets, or crab lines for~~  
29 ~~the purpose of taking fish for recreational purposes shall not be required to purchase~~

1       ~~or possess a basic recreational fishing license or be required to purchase a gear~~  
2       ~~license.~~

3               ~~C. A fisherman taking fish for sale, using any legal gear listed in R.S. 56:305,~~  
4       ~~or legally taking fish in excess of any limitation as to size, length, or quantity for~~  
5       ~~recreational fishermen must purchase a commercial fisherman's license, commercial~~  
6       ~~gear license, and vessel license if applicable. This includes recreational fishermen~~  
7       ~~taking fish using any gear listed in R.S. 56:305 for which a recreational gear license~~  
8       ~~cannot be obtained pursuant to R.S. 56:302.3 and fishermen taking fish for sale using~~  
9       ~~any legal gear.~~

10               C. No recreational fisherman shall use gill nets, trammel nets, strike nets, or  
11       seines, except bait seines in compliance with R.S. 56:323.

12       ~~§302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions~~ Saltwater  
13       fishing; charter fishing

14               ~~A. The cost of the annual basic recreational fishing license is nine dollars~~  
15       ~~and fifty cents for residents and sixty dollars for nonresidents, except that residents~~  
16       ~~using a rod or fishing pole, hook and line, without a reel and without using artificial~~  
17       ~~bait shall pay two dollars and fifty cents per year; however, any person required by~~  
18       ~~this Part to possess a basic two dollars and fifty cents license shall be subject to a~~  
19       ~~maximum fine of five dollars for not possessing the license as herein required, and~~  
20       ~~there shall be no court costs associated with the fine.~~

21               ~~B.(1) In lieu of the basic recreational fishing license, nonresidents may~~  
22       ~~purchase a temporary basic recreational freshwater fishing license for a fee of five~~  
23       ~~dollars per day.~~

24               ~~(2) The revenues generated from the license fee imposed under this~~  
25       ~~Subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund and~~  
26       ~~shall be dedicated exclusively to the operation of the enforcement division.~~

27               ~~C.(1)(a) In addition to the annual basic recreational fishing license, any~~ Any  
28       ~~person fishing in the saltwater areas of the state defined in R.S. 56:322 must~~  
29       ~~purchase and possess both a basic fishing license and a saltwater license or an~~

1 equivalent license that grants both basic fishing and saltwater fishing privileges. The  
2 ~~fee for the annual saltwater license is thirteen dollars and for residents and thirty~~  
3 ~~dollars for nonresidents.~~

4 B. As a condition of the application for and the granting of the saltwater  
5 license, all saltwater finfish caught or transported by the license holder while the  
6 license is in effect are presumed to have been taken in the waters of Louisiana.

7 ~~(b) In lieu of purchase of an annual basic recreational fishing license and an~~  
8 ~~annual saltwater license, a nonresident may purchase a temporary saltwater license~~  
9 ~~valid for the number of days specified by the purchaser at a fee of seventeen dollars~~  
10 ~~and fifty cents per day. Such license shall enable the nonresident to fish in the~~  
11 ~~saltwater areas of the state for the period of time indicated on the license.~~

12 ~~(c) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, in addition to the fee required~~  
13 ~~by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph for purchase of a saltwater fishing license,~~  
14 ~~there shall be an additional fee of seven dollars and fifty cents to be paid for each~~  
15 ~~license purchased by a resident that shall be credited to the Saltwater Fish Research~~  
16 ~~and Conservation Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g).~~

17 ~~(2)(a) Repealed by Acts 2009, No. 22, §2, eff. June 12, 2009.~~

18 ~~(b) C.~~ A person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel may  
19 purchase a charter passenger fishing trip license at a fee of five dollars. Such license  
20 shall be valid for three consecutive days Charter Three-Day Fishing license in lieu  
21 of a basic annual recreational fishing license.

22 ~~(c) In addition to the fee contained in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, a~~  
23 ~~person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel shall pay a five~~  
24 ~~dollar fee which shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund as provided in R.S.~~  
25 ~~56:10(B)(1)(f), and which shall be used by the department for promotion of the~~  
26 ~~charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative~~  
27 ~~costs of the fund. Such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the~~  
28 ~~Louisiana Charter Boat Association.~~

1           ~~(d)(i) A resident who is totally and permanently disabled and receiving a~~  
2           ~~disability benefit from the federal social security system or a disability retirement~~  
3           ~~income from a retirement system whose members are exempt from federal social~~  
4           ~~security, either pursuant to the Railroad Retirement Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. §231,~~  
5           ~~or because they are employees of a state or a political subdivision of the state that~~  
6           ~~has not voluntarily agreed to participate in federal social security under 42 U.S.C.~~  
7           ~~§418, may purchase a basic recreational fishing license for a fee of two dollars and~~  
8           ~~fifty cents and a saltwater license for a fee of two dollars and fifty cents.~~

9           ~~(ii) A letter from the federal social security administration or retirement~~  
10          ~~system granting disability benefits shall be required at time of purchase, along with~~  
11          ~~proper identification. Such letter shall be evidence of qualification for the reduced~~  
12          ~~fee provided for in this Subparagraph.~~

13          ~~(3) The saltwater license is not required for residents possessing a two~~  
14          ~~dollars and fifty cents basic recreational fishing license and using only a rod or~~  
15          ~~fishing pole, hook and line, without a reel and without using artificial bait.~~

16          ~~(4) The saltwater license must be purchased and the fee paid irrespective of~~  
17          ~~any agreement or provision of law not specifically waiving the license or fee. The~~  
18          ~~required saltwater angling license shall not preclude a person from fishing for~~  
19          ~~freshwater species of fish south of the designated saltwater line described in R.S.~~  
20          ~~56:322(A) or in saltwater lakes and bodies of water designated in R.S. 56:322(B). A~~  
21          ~~person may take or possess in such designated saltwater areas, without a saltwater~~  
22          ~~angling license, any freshwater species of fish in any number not otherwise~~  
23          ~~prohibited by law, provided the person possesses a valid fishing license as otherwise~~  
24          ~~required by law. For the purpose of enforcement, the department shall determine by~~  
25          ~~rule which species of fish shall be classified as a freshwater species and which shall~~  
26          ~~be classified as a saltwater species. Any person, without a valid saltwater angling~~  
27          ~~license, that takes a saltwater species of fish as classified by the department from a~~  
28          ~~designated saltwater area shall return such fish immediately to the waters from which~~



1 C. Any person who, after being barred, participates in a recreational fishing  
2 activity ~~or obtains any recreational fishing license~~ during a time of revocation shall  
3 be penalized under the provisions of R.S. 56:37(A)(2), upon conviction.

4 \* \* \*

5 §325.1. Size and possession limits, recreational saltwater finfish; penalties

6 A.(1) The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set by rule, in accordance  
7 with the Administrative Procedure Act, daily take, and possession, and size limits for  
8 saltwater finfish caught recreationally in Louisiana territorial waters, based on  
9 biological and technical data. Aquaculturally raised fish, as ~~defined~~ provided in R.S.  
10 ~~56:356~~, R.S. 56:411 et seq. shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

11 \* \* \*

12 (3)(a) A recreational saltwater fisherman in possession of a valid basic and  
13 saltwater license or an equivalent license that grants both basic fishing and saltwater  
14 fishing privileges may possess twice the daily bag limit of red drum and spotted sea  
15 trout; however, no person shall be in possession of over the daily bag limit while  
16 fishing or while on the water, unless such recreational saltwater fisherman is aboard  
17 a trawler engaged in commercial fishing for a consecutive period of longer than  
18 twenty-five hours.

19 \* \* \*

20 C.

21 \* \* \*

22 (2) In addition to the penalties provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,  
23 the following penalties shall apply:

24 \* \* \*

25 (d) Any violation of Subsection A or B of this Section shall, in addition to  
26 any applicable fines, also be punishable by revocation of any and all fishing  
27 privileges from licenses held by the violator for the period for which they were  
28 issued and one year thereafter. ~~The violator shall also be prohibited from obtaining~~







1 ~~otherwise authorized by law. The license may be issued on an individual license~~  
2 ~~basis or any license combination presently allowed by law. The fee for such~~  
3 ~~multi-year hunting or fishing licenses, or the Wild Louisiana Stamp, issued shall be~~  
4 ~~the same as the sum of the individual hunting or fishing license, or the Wild~~  
5 ~~Louisiana Stamp, or the sum of any combination hunting or fishing license as now~~  
6 ~~or hereafter provided by law. The department shall provide for computerized mail~~  
7 ~~renewal of all licenses or stamps issued under the provisions of this Section. The~~  
8 ~~secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this~~  
9 ~~Section.~~

10 ~~B. The multiple year license fee collected under the provisions of this~~  
11 ~~Section shall, after receipt and deposit in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries~~  
12 ~~Conservation Fund, as required by law, be appropriated on a pro-rata basis to the~~  
13 ~~department.~~

14 A. The legislature finds that it is in the best interests of protecting,  
15 conserving, and replenishing the wildlife and fisheries resources of the state that the  
16 department, through its secretary, shall have authority to provide for the issuance of  
17 hunting and fishing licenses through an electronic issuance system.

18 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the secretary  
19 shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement an automated license issuance  
20 system which includes but is not limited to the following nonexclusive authorization:

21 (1) To enter into contracts for the provisions of licensing services.

22 (2) To provide for regulations, qualification criteria, and compensation of  
23 licensing agents.

24 (3) To provide for the funding for an automated license issuance system and  
25 related services including license agent commissions.

26 (4) To provide for criteria to accept or reject applicants or suspend a  
27 licensee.

28 (5) To provide for effective license numbers.

1 (6) To provide that a license may become effective immediately upon  
2 issuance of an effective license number.

3 (7) To provide for special lottery-type issues.

4 (8) To enter into agreements for any manner of license issuance, distribution,  
5 and compensation therefor, including contingency fee contracts.

6 \* \* \*

7 §645. Fishing and hunting license checkoff; donation for veterans with disabilities

8 A. Each individual who purchases a fishing or hunting license may make a  
9 donation to help provide disabled veterans with hunting and fishing licenses. The  
10 donation shall be made at the time of the purchase and shall be made upon the  
11 license form prescribed by the secretary.

12 B. There is hereby created within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
13 a special escrow account known as the "Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation  
14 Escrow Account". The escrow account is created to receive deposits of donations  
15 made for the benefit of disabled veterans when an individual purchases a fishing and  
16 hunting license. The monies in the account shall be used solely to purchase hunting  
17 and fishing licenses for disabled veterans. No more than ten percent of the monies  
18 in the account shall be used for administrative costs. All unexpended and  
19 unencumbered monies in this account at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the  
20 account. The monies in the account shall be invested by the state treasurer in the  
21 same manner as monies in the state general fund.

22 \* \* \*

23 §649.1. Lifetime hunting license

24 ~~A. Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2022, any bona fide resident of this state may obtain  
25 a lifetime hunting license. The lifetime hunting license shall be in lieu of the  
26 following recreational hunting licenses: basic hunting, big game, primitive firearms,  
27 bow hunting, the Louisiana duck license, the WMA hunting permit, and the wild  
28 turkey license. After June 1, 2022, the license shall no longer be sold, but shall

1 continue to provide to any holder privileges in lieu of basic hunting, deer,  
2 waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses and shall permit WMA access.

3 ~~B. The fee for the lifetime hunting license shall be three hundred dollars.~~  
4 ~~The fee for persons thirteen years of age or under shall be two hundred dollars.~~

5 §649.2. Lifetime sports fishing license

6 ~~Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2022, any bona fide resident of this state may obtain a  
7 lifetime sports fishing license. The lifetime sports fishing license shall be in lieu of  
8 the following recreational and sports fishing licenses: basic recreational fishing and  
9 saltwater recreational fishing. ~~The fee for the lifetime sports fishing license shall be~~  
10 ~~three hundred dollars. The fee for persons thirteen years of age or under shall be two~~  
11 ~~hundred dollars.~~ After June 1, 2022, the license shall no longer be sold, but shall  
12 continue to provide to any holder privileges in lieu of a basic fishing, saltwater, crab,  
13 and recreational fishing gear licenses and shall permit WMA access for purposes  
14 other than hunting.

15 §649.3. Combination lifetime hunting and sports fishing license

16 A. ~~Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2022, any bona fide resident of this state may obtain  
17 a combination lifetime hunting and sports fishing license, which shall entitle the  
18 licensee to all of the privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports  
19 fishing licenses provided for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the~~  
20 ~~combination lifetime license shall be five hundred dollars. The fee for persons~~  
21 ~~thirteen years of age or under shall be three hundred dollars. The fee for a resident~~  
22 ~~who is sixty years of age or older shall be fifty dollars.~~ After June 1, 2022, the  
23 license shall be in lieu of basic hunting, deer, waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses,  
24 basic, saltwater, crab, and recreational fishing gear licenses, and shall permit WMA  
25 access.

26 B. ~~A~~ For any license purchased prior to June 1, 2022, a combination lifetime  
27 hunting and sports fishing license holder shall be entitled to the individual gear  
28 license privileges under the recreational gear license as provided in R.S. 56:302.3.  
29 ~~However, an additional fee shall be levied for lifetime privileges for each~~

1 recreational fishing gear license in an amount that is equal to ten times the cost of an  
2 annual license issued under the provisions of R.S. 56:302.3.

3 §649.4. Nonresident combination lifetime hunting and fishing license

4 ~~A. Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2022, any nonresident may obtain a combination  
5 lifetime hunting and fishing license which shall entitle the licensee to all of the  
6 privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports fishing licenses provided  
7 for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the nonresident combination lifetime~~  
8 ~~license shall be three thousand dollars.~~

9 ~~B.(1) Any nonresident veteran of the armed forces of the United States or a~~  
10 ~~reserve component, including the National Guard, who has a permanent~~  
11 ~~service-connected disability classification of fifty percent or more, may obtain a~~  
12 ~~combination lifetime hunting and fishing license which shall entitle the licensee to~~  
13 ~~all of the privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports fishing licenses~~  
14 ~~provided for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. The fee for such nonresident combination~~  
15 ~~lifetime license shall be three hundred dollars.~~

16 ~~(2) Such nonresident veteran must possess a valid Louisiana birth certificate,~~  
17 ~~or provide satisfactory proof of having been a Louisiana resident for at least ten~~  
18 ~~years.~~

19 \* \* \*

20 §649.7. Infant combination lifetime hunting and fishing license

21 ~~The~~ Until June 1, 2022, the department shall make available for persons from  
22 birth to five years old who were born in Louisiana a combination lifetime hunting  
23 and fishing license. Any such license purchased prior to June 1, 2022, which shall  
24 entitle the licensee to all of the privileges of both lifetime hunting and lifetime sports  
25 fishing licenses provided in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the infant lifetime~~  
26 ~~license shall be two hundred dollars.~~ After June 1, 2022, the license shall be in lieu  
27 of basic hunting, deer, waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses, basic, saltwater, crab,  
28 and recreational fishing gear licenses, and shall permit WMA access.

29 \* \* \*



1 ~~hunting or fishing license or Wild Louisiana Stamp.~~ The commission may require  
2 the guide to submit, along with the payment of the client fees, the names and  
3 addresses of persons for which the client fee has been paid.

4 D. Persons accompanying a licensed Wild Louisiana guide for whom the  
5 guide is required to pay a client fee pursuant to Subsection C of this Section shall not  
6 be required to possess a WMA Access Permit ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp~~ or possess a  
7 ~~hunting or fishing license.~~

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9 CHAPTER 14. HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSING AND FEES

10 PART 1. RECREATIONAL LICENSES

11 §3000. Recreational license requirements; definitions

12 A.(1) Any person eighteen years or older engaged in an activity that involves  
13 hunting, fishing, or accessing property owned by the department for which a license  
14 is required shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original license, or an  
15 effective license number, together with a form of personal identification, and shall  
16 show such license and identification upon request to a duly authorized agent of the  
17 department.

18 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, any  
19 person younger than eighteen years of age engaged in an activity that necessitates the  
20 use of deer tags or turkey tags, or involves participation in a youth lottery hunt shall  
21 have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license and shall show  
22 such license upon request to a duly authorized agent of the department.

23 B. Licenses shall be valid beginning June first of each calendar year and  
24 expiring on June thirtieth of the following calendar year. Licenses may be issued  
25 beginning June first of each year for the following license year. In the case where  
26 an additional license or permit is required for a specific activity or for the taking or  
27 possession of certain species of wildlife or fisheries resources, the basic or  
28 prerequisite license must be valid in order for the additional license to be valid. No

1 license shall be assigned or transferred to, or used by, any person other than the  
2 individual to whom the license was issued.

3 C. Any license found in the possession of a person other than the person to  
4 whom the license was issued shall be confiscated by an officer authorized to enforce  
5 the provisions of this Part and shall be delivered to the department for cancellation.  
6 Any license confiscated under the provisions of this Section shall be considered void.  
7 Any violation of this Subsection shall constitute a class three violation punishable  
8 as provided in R.S. 56:33.

9 D. Each license shall be effective only during the open season for the  
10 particular species of wildlife or fisheries resource authorized to be taken under the  
11 provisions of the license.

12 E.(1) No resident license may be issued until valid proof of Louisiana  
13 residency has been provided by the applicant. Residents shall meet the residency  
14 requirements specified in R.S. 56:8 for bona fide residents.

15 (2) The issuance of a license is conditional upon validation of all information  
16 on the application. If the department finds any material misstatement of fact  
17 regarding the residency of the applicant, the license shall be void and shall be  
18 immediately surrendered to an agent of the department.

19 F. In addition to a person who qualifies as a resident of Louisiana, the  
20 following people qualify for resident licenses:

21 (1) Any person who possesses a military identification card that signifies  
22 that he is currently on active military duty with any one of the armed forces of the  
23 United States, including the National Guard, or the spouse or dependent of such  
24 person, may be issued a license for hunting or recreational fishing in Louisiana after  
25 payment of the same fee as that required of Louisiana residents for that same license.  
26 Any license purchased under the provisions of this Subsection shall be valid only  
27 during that time when the person is on active duty in the armed forces of the United  
28 States. In addition, the provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the purchase  
29 of lifetime licenses. The military identification card or dependent card and the

1 appropriate license must be on the licensee's person at all times when he is engaged  
2 in hunting or fishing activities.

3 (2) A nonresident full-time student who is enrolled in a Louisiana public or  
4 private high school or an accredited college or university that has a physical campus  
5 in the state of Louisiana may purchase a resident license. The applicant shall show  
6 a valid identification card issued by the high school, college, or university indicating  
7 current full-time status and, when engaged in the activity authorized by the license,  
8 must have both the license and the school identification card on his person.

9 G. A person may qualify for a Senior/Retired Military Hunting and Fishing  
10 license as follows:

11 (1) A resident who reaches age sixty prior to June 1, 2000 may obtain an  
12 annual Senior license for no cost.

13 (2) A resident who reaches age sixty between June 1, 2000 and May 31,  
14 2019 may obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing license for the cost of five  
15 dollars.

16 (3) A resident who reaches age sixty-five on or after June 1, 2024 may obtain  
17 an annual license at one-half the cost of an annual resident license.

18 (4) Upon application to the department and showing identification and proof  
19 of military service satisfactory to the department, any person who is a retired  
20 member of the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana Army National Guard, or  
21 the Louisiana Air National Guard and was either born in Louisiana or is a bona fide  
22 resident of Louisiana, may obtain an annual license at one-half the cost of an annual  
23 resident license.

24 H. Upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the department,  
25 the following people may be issued a Disabled/Special Needs Hunting and Fishing  
26 license:

27 (1) A person who is a veteran of the armed forces, the Louisiana Army  
28 National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard, having a permanent service  
29 connected disability classification of fifty percent or more.



1           (2) A resident who is blind, paraplegic, or is a single or multiple amputee,  
2           or is required to use one or more artificial limbs or permanent braces for mobility as  
3           a result of a permanent and total disability.

4           (3) A resident who is totally and permanently disabled and receiving a  
5           disability benefit from the federal social security system or a disability retirement  
6           income from a retirement system whose members are exempt from federal social  
7           security, either pursuant to the Railroad Retirement Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 231,  
8           or because they are employees of a state or a political subdivision of the state that  
9           has not voluntarily agreed to participate in federal social security under 42 U.S.C.  
10          418.

11          (4) Any resident of Louisiana who is the surviving spouse of a member of  
12          the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana Army National Guard, or the  
13          Louisiana Air National Guard who was killed in action while in a combat zone, upon  
14          showing identification and documentation satisfactory to the department.

15            I. Any nonpublic authorized issuing agent that issues any license under the  
16            provisions of this Subpart may retain an amount not to exceed fifty cents of the fee  
17            collected from the sale of each resident and active duty military license issued and  
18            an amount not to exceed one dollar from the sale of each nonresident license issued.  
19            The amount to be retained shall be promulgated by the commission.

20            J.(1) The secretary may exempt for good cause persons or groups of people  
21            from the license fee requirements of this Part. Such exemption shall be in the form  
22            of a letter of permit from the secretary. The commission is authorized to promulgate  
23            rules and regulations that establish the criteria for such exemptions and that  
24            otherwise implement the provisions of this Subsection.

25            (2) The secretary may, in his discretion and upon such terms and conditions  
26            as he may prescribe, issue to accredited representatives of any public park, museum,  
27            educational or scientific institution, or of the federal government or any state  
28            government, recognized scientist, representative of the entertainment industry or to  
29            any other responsible person a permit to take, possess, and transport at any time

1 within and from this state wild birds or the plumage, skins, nests, eggs, or young  
 2 thereof and wild quadrupeds, the skins or young thereof; if the secretary is satisfied  
 3 that they are to be taken or possessed for scientific, educational, experimental,  
 4 entertainment industry, or breeding purposes only and are not to be sold or otherwise  
 5 disposed of by the permittee for profit, and if the permittee obligates himself to  
 6 deliver to the secretary within sixty days after taking, and in any event before the  
 7 removal thereof from the state, a detailed descriptive inventory of the wild birds,  
 8 wild quadrupeds, and other things taken under the permit.

9 §3001. Recreational fishing licenses; fees

10 A. Fishing licenses:

11 (1) Resident licenses including bona-fide residents, active and native-born  
 12 retired members of the United States armed forces, including National Guard, and  
 13 nonresident students.

14 (a) Hook and line license \$5.00/year  
 15 (allows using a pole, hook and line, without a reel and without using artificial  
 16 bait, dip nets, landing nets, minnow traps, crab nets, or crab lines)

17 (b) Basic fishing license \$17.00/year  
 18 (includes all legal recreational freshwater gear)

19 (c) Saltwater fishing license \$15.00/year  
 20 (includes all legal recreational saltwater gear)

21 (d) Charter three-day saltwater fishing license \$20.00

22 (e) Charter three-day freshwater fishing license \$10.00

23 (2) Nonresident licenses

24 (a) Basic fishing license \$68.00/year  
 25 (includes all legal recreational freshwater gear)

26 (b) Saltwater fishing license \$60.00/year  
 27 (includes all legal recreational saltwater gear)

28 (c) Five-day Basic fishing \$30.00

29 (includes all legal freshwater recreational gear)

1	<u>(d) Five-day Saltwater Fishing</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
2	<u>(includes all legal saltwater recreational gear)</u>	
3	<u>(e) Charter boat three-day saltwater fishing license</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
4	<u>(f) Charter boat three-day freshwater fishing license</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
5	<u>§3002. Recreational hunting licenses; fees</u>	
6	<u>(1) Resident licenses including Louisiana residents, active and reserve</u>	
7	<u>members of the United States armed forces including National Guard, non-resident</u>	
8	<u>students:</u>	
9	<u>(a) Basic hunting license</u>	<u>\$20.00/year</u>
10	<u>(b) Deer hunting license</u>	<u>\$15.00/year</u>
11	<u>(includes deer tags, archery and primitive privileges)</u>	
12	<u>(c) Waterfowl license</u>	<u>\$12.00/year</u>
13	<u>(d) Turkey license (includes tags)</u>	<u>\$12.00/year</u>
14	<u>(e) Youth hunting license</u>	<u>\$5.00/year</u>
15	<u>(required for hunting deer, turkey, trapping, and youth lottery hunts)</u>	
16	<u>(2) Nonresident licenses</u>	
17	<u>(a) Basic hunting license</u>	<u>\$200.00/year</u>
18	<u>(b) Deer hunting license</u>	<u>\$100.00/year</u>
19	<u>(includes deer tags, archery and primitive privileges)</u>	
20	<u>(c) Waterfowl Hunting license</u>	<u>\$50.00/year</u>
21	<u>(d) Turkey Hunting license (includes tags)</u>	<u>\$50.00/year</u>
22	<u>(e) Five-day Basic Hunting license</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>
23	<u>(f) Five-Day Deer Hunting license</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
24	<u>(g) Five-Day Waterfowl Hunting license</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
25	<u>(h) Five-Day Turkey Hunting license</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
26	<u>§3003. Resident and nonresident WMA permits; fees</u>	
27	<u>A. Basic WMA access permit</u>	<u>\$20.00/year</u>
28	<u>B. Five-Day WMA access permit</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
29	<u>C. WMA camping permit</u>	<u>\$7.00/day</u>

1        §3004. Combination licenses (includes all hunting, fishing and WMA privileges);

2                fees

3                A. Resident licenses including Louisiana residents, active and reserve

4        members of the United States armed forces including National Guard, non-resident

5        students

6                (1) Sportsman's Paradise                                \$100.00/year

7                (2) Seniors and Retired Military                                \$20.00/year

8                (3) Disabled and special needs                                \$5.00/year

9                B. Nonresident:

10                (1) Sportsman's Paradise                                \$400.00/year

11                (2) Five-Day Blast and Cast                                \$120.00

12        §3005. Lifetime licenses

13                A. Louisiana resident                                \$1,000.00

14                B. Nonresident                                \$4,000.00

15                C. Youth resident (any resident under the age of eighteen) \$500.00

16                D. Senior (any resident sixty five years or older)                                \$100.00

17        §3006. Violations

18                Except as otherwise provided in this Title, hunting, fishing, or accessing

19        WMAs without the license required by this Subpart shall constitute a Class II

20        violation punishable under the provisions of R.S. 56:32.

21                                PART II. REVENUE DEDICATIONS

22        §3007. Dedication of license revenue

23                A.(1) Except as otherwise provided, funds received from the sale of licenses

24        issued under the provisions of this Part shall be deposited into the Conservation

25        Fund.

26                (2) All funds received from the sale of lifetime licenses shall be deposited

27        as provided in R.S. 56:10.3.

28                (3) An amount equal to seven dollars and fifty cents for each Charter Boat

29        fishing license sold shall be deposited pursuant to R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f).

1           (4) An amount equal to seven dollars and fifty cents for each saltwater  
2           fishing license sold shall be deposited each year to the Saltwater Fish Research and  
3           Conservation Fund.

4           (5) An amount equal to ten dollars from the sale of each waterfowl hunting  
5           license shall be deposited to the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp.

6           (6) An amount equal to the fees collected for each WMA access permit and  
7           daily camping permit shall be deposited into the Wildlife Habitat and Natural  
8           Heritage Trust as provided for in R.S. 56:1923 and shall be expended solely for land  
9           acquisition and for management and operations of wildlife refuges, management  
10          areas, and public hunting grounds.

11          (7) An amount equal to seven dollars and fifty cents from the sale of each  
12          turkey hunting license shall be deposited to the Wild Turkey Fund.

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15          Section 4. R.S. 34:851.20(N) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

16          Section 5. R.S. 56:302.9.1(D) and 305(C)(3) and (G) are hereby repealed in their  
17          entirety.

18          Section 6. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(d), (6)(b)(i), (ii), and (c), 103(B) and (F), 104(A) and  
19          (B), 105, 155(B)(1) through (4), (C)(1) and (2), 164(B), 165, 301.2(A)(4), 302.2(B) and (D),  
20          302.3(D), 302.5, 641.1, 643(B)(1) and (C), and 650 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

21          Section 7. Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 of this Act shall become effective on November  
22          15, 2021.

23          Section 8. Sections 3, 6, and 8 of this Act shall become effective on June 1, 2022.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Restructures the hunting and fishing licensing system for the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Proposed law restructures the recreational fishing and hunting licenses as follows:

<u>Present Resident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Resident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Res Hook and Line	\$2.50	Res Hook and Line	\$ 5.00
Res Basic Fishing	\$ 9.50	Res Basic Fishing	\$17.00
Res Rec Wire Net (5)	\$ 20.00		
Res Rec Pipes/Drums (5)	\$ 10.00		
Res Rec Cans/Buckets (5)	\$ 10.00		
Res Hoop Nets (5)	\$ 20.00		
Res Rec Crawfish Traps (35)	\$ 15.00		
Res Rec Slat Traps (5)	\$ 20.00		
Res Rec Crab Traps	\$ 15.00		
Res Saltwater	\$ 13.00	Res Saltwater Fishing	\$15.00
Res Rec Trawl(to 16')	\$ 25.00		
Res Rec Oyster Tong	\$ 5.00		
Resident Rec Trawl(to 25')	\$ 80.00		
R/NR Charter Passenger(3 day)	\$ 10.00	Res Charter (3 day) Saltwater	\$20.00
		Res Charter (3 day) Freshwater	\$10.00
Res Basic Hunting	\$ 15.00	Res Basic Hunt	\$ 20.00
Res Trapper-15 & older	\$ 25.00	Res Youth	\$ 5.00
Res Trapper-14 & Under	\$ 5.00		
Res Big Game	\$ 14.00	Res Deer	\$ 15.00
Res Bow Hunting	\$ 10.50		
Res Primitive Firearm	\$ 10.50		
Res La Duck	\$ 5.50	Res Waterfowl	\$12.00
Res Big Game	\$ 14.00	Res Wild Turkey	\$12.00
Res Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50		
Res La Sportsman's Paradise	\$100.00	Res La Sportsman's Paradise	\$100.00
Res Senior Hunt/Fish (60 or older)	\$ 5.00	Res Senior/Retired Military Hunt/Fish (65 or older)	\$20.00
Hunt/Fish-Disabled	\$ 0.00	Disabled or Special Needs Hunt/Fish Combo	\$ 5.00
Fish - Disabled	\$ 0.00		
Hunt - Disabled	\$ 0.00		
LA Disabled Fishing	\$ 2.50		
LA Disabled Saltwater	\$ 2.50		
Res. Disabled Basic Hunting	\$ 5.00		
Res Disabled Big Game	\$ 5.00		
Res Disabled Bow	\$ 5.00		
Res Disabled Primitive Firearm	\$ 5.00		
Res/Native Ret. Military Hunt/Fish	\$ 5.00		
Res/Surv. Spouse Military KIA Fish	\$ 2.50		
Res/Surv. Spouse Military KIA Hunt	\$ 2.50		
Lifetime Resident Combo 14+	\$500.00	Lifetime Resident Combo	\$1,000.00
Lifetime Resident Hunting 14+	\$300.00		

Lifetime Resident Fishing 14+	\$300.00		
Lifetime Res. Crawfish Traps	\$150.00		
Lifetime Res. Crab Trap	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Slat Trap	\$200.00		
Lifetime Res. Trawl(to 16')	\$250.00		
Lifetime Res. Trawl(to 25')	\$800.00		
Lifetime Res. Oyster Tong	\$ 50.00		
Lifetime Res. Wire Net	\$200.00		
Lifetime Res. Pipes/Drums	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Cans/Buckets	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Hoop Nets	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Combo -14	\$300.00	Res Youth Lifetime	\$500.00
Lifetime Resident Hunting -14	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Fishing -14	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Infant H/F	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Senior	\$ 50.00	Res Senior Lifetime	\$100.00

<u>Present Nonresident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Proposed NonResident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>
NR Fish Season	\$ 60.00	NR Annual Basic Fishing	\$ 68.00
NR Rec Wire Nets(5)	\$ 80.00		
NR Rec Pipes/Drums(5)	\$ 40.00		
NR Rec Cans/Buckets(5)	\$ 40.00		
NR Rec Crawfish Traps(35)	\$ 60.00		
NR Rec Slat Traps(5)	\$ 80.00		
NR Hoop Nets(5)	\$ 80.00		
NR Rec Crab Traps(10)	\$ 60.00		
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NR Saltwater Fish Season	\$ 30.00	NR Annual Saltwater Fishing	\$ 60.00
NR Rec Trawl(to 16')	\$100.00		
NR Rec Oyster Tong	\$ 20.00		
NR Rec. Trawl (to 25')	\$320.00		
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NR Freshwater Fishing Trip(1 day)	\$ 5.00	NR 5-Day Basic Fishing	\$ 30.00
NR Saltwater Trip(1 day)	\$ 17.50	NR 5-Day Saltwater Fishing	\$ 30.00
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R/NR Charter Passenger(3 day)	\$ 10.00	NR Charter (3 day) Saltwater	\$20.00
NR Charter Skiff(3 day)	\$ 30.00	NR Charter (3 day) Freshwater	\$10.00
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NR Hunting Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Basic Hunting	\$200.00
NR Trapper License	\$200.00		
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NR Big Game Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Deer	\$100.00
NR Bow Hunting	\$ 26.00		
NR Primitive Firearm	\$ 26.00		
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NR Deer (1-day)	\$ 36.00	NR 5-Day Basic Hunt	\$ 65.00
LA Native NR Hunt(5 day)	\$ 15.00		
LA Native NR BG Game(5 day)	\$ 14.00	&	
LA Native NR Bow(5 day)	\$ 10.50	NR 5-Day Deer	\$ 35.00
LA Native NR Primitive(5 day)	\$ 10.50		
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NR LA Duck	\$ 25.00	NR Annual Waterfowl	\$ 50.00
NR Small Game/MigBird(1-day)	\$ 29.00	NR 5-Day Waterfowl	\$ 35.00
LA Native NR Duck(5 day)	\$ 5.50		
NR Big Game Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Wild Turkey	\$ 50.00
NR Wild Turkey	\$ 20.50		

NR Turkey (1-day)	\$ 36.00	NR 5-Day Wild Turkey	\$ 35.00
LA Native NR Turkey(5 day)	\$ 5.50		

NR Student Basic Fishing	\$ 9.50	Treated as Resident Licenses	
NR Student Salt Fishing	\$ 5.50		
NR Student Basic Hunting	\$ 15.00		
NR Student Big Game	\$ 14.00		
NR Student Bow	\$ 10.50		
NR Student Primitive Firearm	\$ 10.50		
NR Student Duck	\$ 5.50		
NR Student Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50		
Res/NR Military Fishing	\$ 9.50		
Res/NR Military Saltwater	\$ 5.50		
Res/NR Military Hunting	\$ 15.00		
Res/NR Military Big Game	\$ 14.00		
Res/NR Military Bow	\$ 10.50		
Res/NR Military Primitive Firearm	\$ 10.50		
Res/NR Military Duck	\$ 5.50		
Res/NR Military Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50		

Lifetime NR Combination	\$3,000.00	Lifetime NR	\$4,000.00
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NR Hunting Preserve(10/1 - 4/30)	\$ 15.00	Eliminated	
NR Outdoor Press Fish 3-day	\$ 0.00		
NR Outdoor Press Hunt 3-day	\$ 0.00		

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WMA Hunting Permit(age 18-60)	\$ 15.00	WMA Basic Access Permit	\$ 20.00
Wild LA Stamp	\$ 9.50	WMA 5-Day Access Permit	\$ 5.00
Wild LA Stamp(1 day)	\$ 2.00	WMA Camping Permit	\$ 7.00

Present law provides for the Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Fund and the Crab Promotion and Marketing Fund.

Proposed law renames these funds to the Shrimp Development and Management Account and the Crab Development, Management and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account. Further creates the Oyster Resource Management Account, the Crawfish Development and Management Account, the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund, the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund, the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation Escrow Account. Further provides for the disposition of monies.

Proposed law provides for hunting reciprocity with Mississippi to become operative when the state of Mississippi grants reciprocal privileges to the holders of hunting and fishing or angling licenses issued by the state of Louisiana.

Proposed law provides for turkey hunting reciprocity with neighboring states if the neighboring state has a similar wild turkey stamp or license requirement and fee.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.2(7) through (13), 851.19, 851.20(A)(1) and (F), 851.32(A), R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii) and (b)(i), 10(B)(1)(a)(i), (b), (e), (f), (g), (7)(a), (9), (10), and (13), and (D), 10.1(B) and (C), 103(A), (B), and (C), 109(D), 116(C)(1) and (D), 116.1(C)(3), the heading of Subpart A-1 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 151, 171(A), 172(B), 251(A)(1) and (3) through (6), 253(C)(1), 258, 262(A), (B), and (D), 263(A), 302, 302.1(Section heading) and (A) through (C), 302.9(A)(1), (C), and (F), 302.9.1(A), (B), and (E), 302.10(B)(1) through (3) and (C), 303(B), (D)(1), and (F), 303.1.1(B), (C), and (E), 303.6(A) and (B), 304(B) and (C), 304.1(B), 305(B) and (C)(1),



305.1(B) and (C), 306(B)(6)(c), 306.1(B)(7)(b) and (c), 306.2(A) and (B), 306.3(B), 307.1(A), 322.1(A), 322.2(A), 325.1(A)(1), (3)(a), and (C)(2)(d), 325.3(A)(1) and (C), 326(E)(2) and (H), 330(B), 412(A)(2) and (5), 433.1(Section Heading) and (A)(1), 442(B), 449(B), 492, 494(E)(5) and (F), 500(A), 501(B)(2), 632.4(A)(1) through (3), 632.5(A) and (E), 632.9(B)(1), 641, 649.1, 649.2, 649.3, 649.4, 649.7, 653(A)(introductory paragraph), and 1833; Adds R.S. 34:851.2(14) and 851.21(B)(5), R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(v), 10(B)(4), (7)(c) and (17), 10.3, 102, 112(C), 302.1(D), 303(G), 411(B)(4) through (6), 645, 678, 679 and Chapter 14 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, consisting of R.S. 56:3000 through 3007; Repeals R.S. 34:851.20(N), R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(d), (6)(b)(i), (ii), and (c), 103(B) and (F), 104(A) and (B), 105, 155(B)(1) through (4), (C)(1) and (2), 164(B), 165, 301.2(A)(4), 302.2(B) and (D), 302.3(D), 302.5, 302.9.1(D), 305(C)(3) and (G), 641.1, 643(B)(1) and (C), and 650)