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Proposed law requires the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgates rules and regulations to require, beginning in May 2023, monthly commercial menhaden harvest reports.

Proposed law requires the monthly report include for each set the location by GPS, the estimated weight, and length of the fish harvested. Proposed law requires the rule provide for the sample size and method to estimate the length.

Proposed law requires the rule provide for the form, manner, and the date of the month the department receives the report and procedures to preserve the confidentiality Further, requires any public information not indicate the captain, vessel, or company.

Proposed law requires, beginning February 10, 2024, the department to annually report to the oversight committees the commercial menhaden harvest from the prior year based upon the aggregated data from the monthly reports.

Proposed law provides a "set" means when a purse seine is deployed and encircles a school of menhaden, regardless of whether those fish are reduced to possession by transferring to the mother ship or steamer.

(Adds R.S. 56:325.5)