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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to consider changing the daily limit and size restrictions on crappie fish in the Saline-Larto Complex.

WHEREAS, the Saline-Larto Complex is a large natural backwater complex located in east central Louisiana with a watershed of approximately ninety thousand eight hundred eighty acres; and

WHEREAS, the Saline-Larto Complex is located in Catahoula, LaSalle, Avoyelles, and Rapides parishes; and

WHEREAS, the Saline-Larto Complex is used by both residents and nonresidents for recreational fishing, commercial fishing and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the crappie fish population in the Saline-Larto Complex has declined in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has previously urged the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to limit the number of crappie that can be caught from fifty per day to twenty-five per day; and

WHEREAS, the Rapides Parish Police Jury has also urged that a size limit be changed from no size limit to a ten inch size limit to help the growth and population of crappie in the Saline-Larto Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the importance of having a robust and healthy population of crappie in the Saline-Larto Complex.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to consider the requests of the Rapides Parish Police Jury and to change the current daily limit and size restrictions for crappie fish in the Saline-Larto Complex.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES