

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 77

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Allows the use of gill nets for taking of shad as bait fish with certain limitations. (8/1/17)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:322.2(D), relative to shad gill nets; to provide for the
3 commercial harvest of shad and skipjack; to provide for the seasons for taking of
4 shad and skipjack; to provide limitations for the taking of shad as bait; to provide
5 terms and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:322.2(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §322.2. Shad gill nets; commercial harvest of shad and skipjack herring

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10 D.(1) The closed season for commercially harvesting shad and skipjack as
11 provided for in this Section shall include the months of July, August, September, and
12 October of each year. ~~Shad and skipjack may be taken after sunset and before sunrise~~
13 ~~during open season. However, there shall be no commercial taking of shad or~~
14 ~~skipjack on any Saturday or Sunday.~~

15 (2) During the open season, there shall be no daily take or possession limit
16 for the commercial harvest of shad and skipjack by properly licensed shad gill net
17 commercial fishermen. **Shad and skipjack may be taken after sunset and before**

1 sunrise during open season. However, there shall be no commercial taking of
2 shad or skipjack on any Saturday or Sunday.

3 (3) During the closed season and any Saturday or Sunday during open
4 season, shad may be taken with a shad gill net for bait purposes only and with
5 the following limitations:

6 (a) The shad gill net shall not exceed one hundred fifty feet in length.

7 (b) No more than fifty pounds of shad shall be taken per day.

8 (c) The gill net shall be attended at all times.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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Present law prohibits the taking of shad and skipjack during the closed season and on weekends of the open season.

Proposed law allows the taking of shad during the closed season and on weekends of the open season with a shad gill net for bait purposes only and with the following limitations:

- (1) The shad gill net shall not exceed 150 feet in length.
- (2) No more than 50 pounds of shad shall be taken per day.
- (3) The gill net shall be attended at all times.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 56:322.2(D))