

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 475

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

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

FISHING/CRABS: Provides that the removal of derelict crab traps coincide with the closure of crab season

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:332(N)(2)(c) and to enact R.S. 56:332(N)(2)(d), relative to
3 crab fishing; to authorize the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to prohibit crab
4 traps in state-owned water bottoms during closed season; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:332(N)(2)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 56:332(N)(2)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §332. Crabs; release of crabs in berry stage; method of taking crabs; time
10 limitations; by-catch; penalties; abandoned crab trap removal program

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14 (2) The commission may prohibit crab traps in state-owned lake and river
15 beds and other water bottoms of the state as follows:

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17 (c) At any time crab harvest is closed for biological or technical reasons for
18 the duration of the closure.

19 ~~(d)~~ (d) The period of time for the prohibitions of crab traps authorized in
20 Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph shall be specified by the commission for

