

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Requests the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules requiring kayak fishermen to display a safety flag

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules that require a  
3 fisherman using a kayak to use and display a kayak safety flag.

4 WHEREAS, kayak fishing is a rapidly growing sport in Louisiana with ever  
5 increasing numbers of people and kayaks on the waters of the state; and

6 WHEREAS, many fishermen consider the coastal marshes of Louisiana to be the  
7 preferred areas for fishing from a kayak, allowing the fisherman to test his skill against  
8 speckled trout and red snapper; and

9 WHEREAS, there are many other watercraft in use in the coastal marshes, usually  
10 boats propelled by motors and capable of moving at a much faster rate of speed than are the  
11 kayaks, including other fishermen, work boats, surveyors, tugboats, and airboats; and

12 WHEREAS, because of the height of the marsh grasses and the low profile offered  
13 by a fisherman in a kayak, a motorized vessel operator cannot see the kayak around curves  
14 or corners in the marsh, thus creating a situation that is potentially extremely dangerous for  
15 both the kayak fisherman and the motorized boater; and

16 WHEREAS, a kayak fisherman using and displaying a kayak safety flag that is at  
17 least as high as the kayak is long would be seen by other approaching watercraft, even  
18 around curves and corners in the marsh, because the flag would be visible above the marsh  
19 grasses.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
21 urge and request the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules that require a

1 fisherman using a kayak to use and display a kayak safety flag that is at least as long as the  
2 kayak to which it is attached.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the  
4 chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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DIGEST

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Requests the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules that require a fisherman using a kayak to use and display a kayak safety flag on a pole at least as long as the kayak.