2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 475

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BY REPRESENTATIVES GISCLAIR AND GAROFALO

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, the
18	commission may prohibit crab traps for the duration of the closure.
19	(e) (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

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1	each geographical area, which period may be for fewer than the sixteen consecutive
2	days, but shall consist of consecutive days within the sixteen-consecutive-day period.
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