

SENATE BILL NO. 77

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

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

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

(2) During the open season, there shall be no daily take or possession limit for the commercial harvest of shad and skipjack by properly licensed shad gill net commercial fishermen. **Shad and skipjack may be taken after sunset and before sunrise during open season. However, there shall be no commercial taking of shad or skipjack on any Saturday or Sunday.**

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

- (a) The shad gill net shall not exceed one hundred fifty feet in length.**
- (b) No more than fifty pounds of shad shall be taken per day.**
- (c) The gill net shall be attended at all times.**

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____