

ACT No. 259

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:435.1(A) and 435.1.1(A)(2) and (C), relative to oyster harvest
3 in Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake; to provide for the gear authorized for oyster
4 harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:435.1(A) and 435.1.1(A)(2) and (C) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §435.1. Sabine Lake; methods of harvest; penalty; season; self-propelled vessels;
9 harvested oysters

10 A. Oysters may be harvested in Sabine Lake using only hand tongs, ~~a hand~~
11 ~~scraper, or a single scraper with mechanical assist with a flat bar length of no more~~
12 ~~than thirty-six inches.~~

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14 §435.1.1. Oyster harvest in Calcasieu Lake

15 A.

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17 (2) Such permit shall be in addition to all other licenses and permits required
18 for harvesting of oysters. At all times, such oyster harvesting shall be limited to

1 using hand tongs, ~~a hand scraper, or use of a single scraper with mechanical assist~~
2 ~~and a flat bar length of no more than thirty-six inches is allowed.~~

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4 C. The commission shall fix the open season for oyster ~~harvest~~ tonging in
5 Calcasieu Lake, which shall begin on any date between October fifteenth and
6 November first and shall end on April thirtieth. However, in consultation with the
7 Calcasieu Oyster Task Force, the commission may open or close the season as
8 biological data indicate a need and may manage East Cove and West Cove
9 separately.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____