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Abstract: Allows bream to be taken in minnow traps for use as recreational bait statewide and allows hand-grabbing, otherwise known as "noodling", as a legal method of taking catfish.

Present law provides the legal methods for taking fish.

Present law allows bream to be taken by minnow traps of a certain size for noncommercial bait purposes only in certain lakes.

Proposed law removes the present law restriction to certain lakes to allow bream to be taken in minnow traps for recreational bait purposes statewide.

Present law prohibits the use of snagging devices for taking game fish, but provides an exception for taking catfish by snagging devices.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that catfish may also be taken by hand-grabbing, commonly referred to as "noodling".

(Amends R.S. 56:320(A)(3) and (C)(1))