The original instrument was prepared by Angela Lockett-De Jean. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tyler McCloud.

DIGEST

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Womack

<u>Present law</u> provides that except as provided in <u>present law</u>, no obstructions including trawls, skimmer nets, butterfly nets, fyke nets, wings or leads, seines, gill nets, or trammel nets which interfere with the free passageway for fish as defined in <u>present law</u> shall be set within 500 feet of the mouth of any inlet or pass, or within 500 feet of any water control structures, dams, or weirs.

<u>Proposed law</u>, retains <u>present law</u> and creates an exception for the purpose of retaining and removing invasive species of fish and other nongame freshwater fish of commercial value.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that when fishing for the purpose of retaining and removing invasive species of fish and other nongame freshwater fish of commercial value, nets are restricted to a mesh size no smaller than three and one-half inches bar.

<u>Present law</u> provides that wings and leads are permitted on hoop nets in overflowed regions where the water is out of the actual bed of the natural stream or lake but not within the restricted 500 feet area. <u>Proposed law</u> retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 56:329(B)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

- 1. Limits the nongame fish to freshwater fish.
- 2. Changes the mesh size of <u>from</u> four inches to three and one-half inches bar.
- 3. Makes technical corrections.