## DIGEST

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HB 419 Engrossed	2022 Regular Session	McFarland

**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.

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

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

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

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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))