

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 99

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

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

FISH/FISHING. Provides for possession limits of certain species caught in saltwater areas of the state. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.1(A)(4), relative to recreational saltwater finfish; to

3 provide for possession limits for red snapper taken in saltwater areas of the state; to

4 provide certain terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related

5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:325.1(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §325.1. Size and possession limits; recreational saltwater finfish; penalties

9 A.(1) \* \* \*

10 (4) The possession limit for red drum, ~~and~~ spotted sea trout, **and red snapper**

11 taken south of U.S. Highway 90 shall be three times the daily take limit when the

12 fisherman holds and is in possession of a valid recreational fishing license and can

13 show a landing receipt from a public boat launch located south of U.S. Highway 90

14 that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the fisherman has been

15 actively on the water or at a remote camp that can be accessed only by water for two

16 days or more. The fish shall be kept whole or whole gutted in separate bags for each

17 species of fish. The bags shall be marked with the date the fish were taken, the

1 species, the number of fish contained in the bag, and the name and license number  
 2 of the person taking the fish. The fish shall only be in the possession of the person  
 3 who took the fish. However, no fisherman shall be actively fishing or engaged in  
 4 fishing while in possession of more than the daily take limit.

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

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the possession limit of three times the daily take limit for red drum and spotted sea trout taken south of U.S. Hwy. 90 under certain conditions.

Present law provides that the person in possession of the fish must hold and be in possession of a valid recreational fishing license and must show a landing receipt from a public boat launch that demonstrates that the person was actively on the water or at a remote camp only accessible by water for two or more days.

Present law provides the fish must be kept whole or gutted and in separate bags for each species of fish, and requires the bags be marked with the date the fish were taken, the species, the number of fish contained in the bag, and the name and license number of the person who took the fish.

Present law provides that the fish must be in the possession of the person who took the fish and that no fisherman be actively fishing while in possession of more than the daily take limit.

Proposed law retains present law and adds red snapper to the possession limit.

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

(Amends R.S. 56:325.1(A)(4))