

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 133

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

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

FISH/FISHING. Provides for the menhaden fishery. (8/1/23)

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:324 and 325.5(B), relative to the commercial menhaden fishery; to provide for menhaden fishing; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:324 and 325.5(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§324. Menhaden seines; restrictions

~~Anyone~~ **Any person** legally taking menhaden shall not have in their possession more than five percent, by weight, of any species of fish other than menhaden and herring-like species.

\* \* \*

§325.5 Commercial menhaden harvest reporting

\* \* \*

B. Beginning February ~~10~~ **1**, 2024, the department shall annually report to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment the commercial menhaden harvest from the prior year

1 based upon the aggregated data from the monthly reports.

2 \* \* \*

---

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

---

DIGEST  
SB 133 Original 2023 Regular Session Hensgens

Present law provides that for anyone taking menhaden legally, the catch may have up to five percent by weight of other species of fish.

Proposed law changes "anyone" to "any person".

Present law requires that, beginning February 10, 2024, the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries must provide an annual menhaden harvest report for the prior year to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

Proposed law changes the annual report start date from February 10, 2024, to February 1, 2024.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 56:324 and 325.5(B))