

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

WATERWAYS/RIVERS: Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study wakeboard boats and their impact on fishing and properties on False River

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department
3 of Transportation and Development to study the impact of wakeboard boats, wind,
4 and drawdowns on fishing and properties on False River.

5 WHEREAS, wakeboard boats, also known as wakeboats, surfboats, or tow boats, are
6 designed to create a large, specially shaped wake for a wakeboarder to jump the wake from
7 side to side; and

8 WHEREAS, wake is the wave a boat generates as it moves through the water, which
9 disperses an amount of energy based on the boat's speed and the amount of water the boat
10 displaces; and

11 WHEREAS, the wake created by a boat may endanger others by rocking, swamping,
12 or capsizing other boats which may result in passengers thrown off balance or overboard;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the wake created by a boat may cause erosion of shorelines, damaging
15 important habitat and ecosystems when the distance to shore is not adequate to dissipate the
16 wakes; and

17 WHEREAS, just one pass of a wake boat can be damaging to an ecosystem, and
18 multiple passes in the same area can cause long lasting damage to shorelines, water quality,
19 and lake bottoms; and

20 WHEREAS, erosion of shorelines and damage to natural ecosystems could adversely
21 impact both fishing and properties located on False River.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of
3 Transportation and Development to study the impact of wakeboard boats, wind, and
4 drawdowns on fishing and properties on False River.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a written report detailing the results of the study
6 shall be completed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of
7 Transportation and Development, jointly, and be submitted to the House Committee on
8 Natural Resources and Environment, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the House
9 Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, and the Senate Committee on
10 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works by the end of the year 2023.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the secretary of the
13 Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Dept. of Transportation and Development to study the impact of wakeboard boats, wind, and drawdowns on fishing and properties on False River.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the Dept. of Transportation and Development to work jointly with the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries on the study.
2. Add the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources to receive a copy of the written report.
3. Add wind and drawdowns to be considered as a part of the study.