

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 460

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

FISHING/COMMERCIAL: Allows full size trawl gear for bait shrimp on permitted vessels

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:497(B)(2), relative to trawl gear; to provide relative to the  
3 taking of bait shrimp with a special bait dealers permit; to allow full sized trawl gear  
4 for permitted vessels; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:497(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §497. Saltwater shrimp seasons; bait shrimp

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9 B.

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11 (2) Bait shrimp may be taken in state waters during the closed seasons, but  
12 only in cast nets; dip nets with a diameter not to exceed three feet operated only by  
13 hand without any mechanical device or pulley whatsoever; bait traps; and bait seines  
14 in compliance with R.S. 56:323 and 500(B). No bait shrimp may be taken in state  
15 waters during closed seasons with the use of a butterfly net, paupier, skimmer net,  
16 trawl, night trawl, or beam trawl ~~except as set forth in this Subpart~~ with the special  
17 bait dealers permit as provided by the commission pursuant to Subsection C of this  
18 Section.

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DIGEST

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HB 460 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes full size trawl gear for bait shrimp on permitted vessels.

Present law specifies specific gear that may be used to take bait shrimp during the closed seasons, and provides for gear that may not be used to take bait shrimp.

Proposed law modifies present law by allowing for bait shrimp to be taken subject to the conditions of the special bait dealers permit as provided by the commission.

(Amends R.S. 56:497(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Make an exception for taking bait shrimp with the special bait dealers permit provided by the commission pursuant to present law.