

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 889

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

FISHING/OYSTERS: Provides relative to bulk tagging of oysters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:449(C), relative to tagging of oysters; to establish a tag for
3 bulk harvesting for alternative oyster cultivation; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 56:449(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §449. Tags; distribution; use; containers; penalties

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8 C.(1) All oysters and other molluscan species taken from Louisiana waters
9 for sale which are sacked or otherwise containerized while in the shell and on board
10 a fisherman's vessel shall be tagged prior to removal from the vessel. The tag shall
11 include all information required by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of
12 public health, and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. All oysters and other
13 molluscan species which are to be sacked or otherwise containerized while in the
14 shell at dockside shall be containerized and tagged immediately upon arrival at the
15 dock prior to shipment.

16 (2) The department shall establish a bulk tagging process to be utilized for
17 alternative oyster cultivation. The bulk tag may be utilized to represent all oysters
18 on board the vessel between the harvest area and the dockside facility. The tag shall

