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Abstract: Provides for a bulk harvest tagging process for alternative oyster cultivation.

Present law provides that oysters and other molluscan species taken from La. waters for sale which are sacked or otherwise containerized while on board the fishing vessel must be tagged prior to removal from the vessel, with a tag that includes all information required by the La. Dept. of Health, office of public health, and the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Present law provides that all oysters and other molluscan species which are to be sacked or otherwise containerized while in the shell at dockside must be containerized and tagged immediately upon arrival at the dock prior to shipment.

Proposed law retains present law requirements for the tag information but requires the dept. to establish a bulk tagging process for alternative oyster cultivation which may be utilized to represent all oysters on board the vessel between the harvest area and the dockside facility.

(Amends R.S. 56:449(C))