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## DIGEST

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HB 653 Engrossed

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Bayham

**Abstract:** Provides that one of the two members appointed to the Oyster Task Force by the United Commercial Fisherman's Association be a resident of St. Bernard Parish and that the task force make recommendations to the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

Present law provides for the establishment of the Oyster Task Force and provides for membership appointments.

Proposed law provides that one of the two existing appointments made by the United Commercial Fisherman's Association be a resident of St. Bernard Parish.

Present law provides the task force with responsibility to make recommendations relative to the oyster industry to state agencies with responsibilities related to the oyster industry.

Proposed law adds the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to the list of agencies to whom the task force makes recommendations.

(Amends R.S. 56:421(B)(10) and (E)(4))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the provision for additional appointments made by the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.
2. Add a provision that one of the two existing appointments made by the United Commercial Fisherman's Association be a resident of St. Bernard Parish.
3. Make technical changes.