

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 653

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:421(B)(10) and (E)(4), relative to the Oyster Task Force; to
3 provide for the membership of the task force; to add the Department of Agriculture
4 and Forestry as an entity that receives recommendations from the task force relative
5 to the oyster industry; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:421(B)(10) and (E)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §421. Oyster Task Force

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11 B. The task force shall be composed as follows:

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13 (10) Two members appointed by the United Commercial Fisherman's
14 Association, one of whom shall be a resident of St. Bernard Parish.

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16 E. The task force is hereby charged with the responsibility to do the
17 following:

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19 (4) Make recommendations with respect to issues pertaining to the oyster
20 industry and oyster production to the various state agencies charged with
21 responsibility for differing elements of the oyster industry in this state, including the
22 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry,

