DIGEST

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Gisclair HB No. 397

Abstract: Prohibits dredging sand or excavating within 500 feet of Highway 1 south of the town of Golden Meadow.

<u>Present law</u> establishes the coastal zone and provides for a management regime within that zone including issuance of coastal use permits for activities conducted within the coastal zone. Provides for a state management plan and local management plans. Specifically provides that all uses and activities are permissible as long as the appropriate permits are applied for and granted.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits dredging sand pits and excavating within 500 feet of Hwy. 1 south of the town of Golden Meadow in Lafourche Parish, unless such excavating is associated with a drainage, utility, or fiber optic project for which a coastal use permit has been issued.

(Amends R.S. 49:214.25(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and</u> Environment to the original bill.

1. Expanded the exception to include utility or fiber optic projects.