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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the protection of coastal residential property through the use of bulkheads and buffer zones for water bottom leases.

Present law 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 activities for which a coastal use permit is not required.

Proposed law provides that construction, maintenance, or repair of a bulkhead parallel to the shore protecting residential property do not require a coastal use permit.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to lease state owned water bottoms for the taking of oysters.

Proposed law creates a buffer zone from an oyster lease by prohibiting leases within 100 feet of a bulkhead protecting residential property or from the shore of residential property.

Proposed law requires the modification of an existing lease upon renewal to include the buffer zone where no marketable oysters have been harvested within 100 feet of the shore for 10 years immediately prior to the end of the term.

(Adds R.S. 49:214.34(A)(11) and R.S. 56:425(F))