

**ACT No. 133**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:56(A)(5) and (7), 305(B)(3), 435(A) and (B), 435.1(A), 435.1.1(A)(2), and 436(A), relative to oyster harvesting gear; to change the name of certain gear from "dredge" to "scraper"; to provide for limitations on the dimensions and use of scrapers on the public seed grounds and natural reefs; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:56(A)(5) and (7), 305(B)(3), 435(A) and (B), 435.1(A), 435.1.1(A)(2), and 436(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§56. Seizure or surrender of things illegally used or possessed

A. Any enforcing officer may seize:

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(5) Tackle, seines and other nets, trawls, tongs, ~~dredges~~ scrapers, and other equipment and devices used in taking of fish, shrimp, oysters, or other aquatic life contrary to the provisions of this Title.

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(7) Tackle, ~~dredges~~, and scrapers which are possessed or operated in an illegal manner or which are required by the provisions of this Title to be licensed or tagged and which are not so licensed or tagged or which are improperly tagged or which are taken contrary to the provisions of this Title.

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1           §435.1.1. Oyster harvest in Calcasieu Lake

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4                   (2) Such permit shall be in addition to all other licenses and permits required  
5                   for harvesting of oysters. At all times, such oyster harvesting shall be limited to  
6                   using tongs, a hand dredge scraper, ~~a single dredge with mechanical assist that has~~  
7                   ~~a tooth bar no more than thirty-six inches long~~; or use of a single scraper with  
8                   mechanical assist and a flat bar length of no more than thirty-six inches is allowed.

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10           §436. Restricted time of taking oysters

11                   A. The taking of oysters from the natural reefs of this state and from  
12                   privately owned bedding grounds between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and  
13                   until one-half hour before sunrise is prohibited. During these hours all ~~dredges~~  
14                   scrapers shall be unshackled, disconnected, or in such condition as to be easily  
15                   determined by an agent of the department not to have been in recent use.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_