2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FISHING/OYSTERS: Provides for the gear authorized for oyster harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake

1	AN ACT			
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:435.1(A) and 435.1.1(A)(2) and (C), relative to oyster harvest			
3	in Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake; to provide for the gear authorized for oyster			
4	harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake; and to provide for related matters.			
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:			
6	Section 1. R.S. 56:435.1(A) and 435.1.1(A)(2) and (C) are hereby amended and			
7	reenacted to read as follows:			
8	§435.1. Sabine Lake; methods of harvest; penalty; season; self-propelled vessels;			
9	harvested oysters			
10	A. Oysters may be harvested in Sabine Lake using only hand tongs. , a hand			
11	scraper, or a single scraper with mechanical assist with a flat bar length of no more			
12	than thirty-six inches.			
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14	§435.1.1. Oyster harvest in Calcasieu Lake			
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17	(2) Such permit shall be in addition to all other licenses and permits required			
18	for harvesting of oysters. At all times, such oyster harvesting shall be limited to			

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1	using <u>hand</u> tongs. , a hand scraper, or use of a single scraper with mechanical assist
2	and a flat bar length of no more than thirty-six inches is allowed.
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4	C. The commission shall fix the open season for oyster harvest tonging in
5	Calcasieu Lake, which shall begin on any date between October fifteenth and
6	November first and shall end on April thirtieth. However, in consultation with the
7	Calcasieu Oyster Task Force, the commission may open or close the season as
8	biological data indicate a need and may manage East Cove and West Cove
9	separately.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Limits the gear used for oyster harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake to tonging.

<u>Present law</u> provides for oyster harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake. Provides that such harvest may be by use of tongs, a hand scraper, or a single scraper with mechanical assist and a flat bar length of no more than 36 inches.

<u>Proposed law</u> limits the gear used for oyster harvest on Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake to hand tonging.

(Amends R.S. 56:435.1(A) and 435.1.1(A)(2) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Limit the tonging in both Calcasieu Lake and Sabine Lake to <u>hand</u> tonging.