

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:433.1(A)(1), relative to oyster harvest; to authorize additional
3 means of harvesting oysters on the oyster seed grounds under the oyster seed ground
4 vessel permit; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:433.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §433.1. Oyster seed ground vessel permit; Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit
8 Appeals Board

9 A.(1) Any oysters taken for commercial purposes from the public natural
10 reefs or the oyster seed grounds or reservations, except those in Calcasieu Lake or
11 Sabine Lake, shall be placed only on a vessel which has an oyster seed ground vessel
12 permit issued exclusively by the department pursuant to rules and regulations
13 promulgated by the commission. The commission may establish a limit on the
14 number of permits that may be issued each year after consultation with the Louisiana
15 Oyster Task Force. Such permit shall be issued in the name of the vessel owner and
16 shall identify the vessel permitted by including the state registration number or the
17 United States Coast Guard documented number. The permit shall identify the vessel
18 that may possess and transport oysters taken from the public natural reefs and oyster
19 seed grounds. The permit does not grant any rights to the oyster resource or any
20 rights to harvest oysters from the waters of the state and shall not be sold, exchanged,
21 or otherwise transferred. The permit is valid for one year, beginning on January first
22 of each calendar year and expiring on December thirty-first of the same calendar
23 year, and permit holders who hold a valid permit during the prior year may renew the
24 permit at any time of the year for the current license year and from November

