

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 351

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

FISHING/SEASONS: Changes the date the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may allow for the taking of gulf bait menhaden when the quota has not been met

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.6(B), relative to the bait gulf menhaden season; to change  
3 the opening date if the season quota has not been met by a certain date; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:325.6(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §325.6. Bait gulf menhaden; annual quota after regular closed season

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9 B. The maximum quota for the commercial harvest of bait gulf menhaden,  
10 to be used for bait only, taken within Louisiana waters or landed in Louisiana is  
11 established at three thousand metric tons, regardless of the harvesting method used,  
12 after the close of the regular menhaden season until December first. If the quota has  
13 not been reached by December first, then, beginning on ~~April~~ March first of the  
14 following year, bait gulf menhaden may be taken until the department determines  
15 that the quota has been met. Any menhaden taken pursuant to this Section shall be  
16 sold only for use as bait.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Changes the date bait gulf menhaden may be taken when the quota has not been met by the preceding December.

Present law provides that if the quota for bait gulf menhaden has not been reached outside of the regular season by Dec. 1st, the department may allow the taking of menhaden for bait starting on April 1st of the following year and until the department determines the quota has been met.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the date the department may allow the taking of menhaden for bait from April 1st of the following year to March 1st of the following year.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.6(B))