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Abstract: Creates the menhaden exclusion zone where the taking of menhaden is prohibited.

Proposed law creates an exclusion zone which extends from the coastal boundary between Texas and La. to the coastal boundary between Mississippi and La. extending one half mile seaward from land where the taking of menhaden is prohibited.

Proposed law prevents the use of vessels and any equipment used for the specific purpose of taking menhaden in the exclusion zone.

Proposed law provides for the following additions and modifications to the exclusion zone:

- (1) From the western edge of Timbalier Island to the eastern edge of Grand Terre, the exclusion zone extends one mile seaward.
- (2) From Caminada Pass to Barataria Pass the exclusion zone extends three miles seaward.
- (3) For Breton and Chandeleur Sounds the exclusion zone extends an additional one half mile seaward from the double rig line as defined in present law.
- (4) For the Chandeleur Islands, the exclusion zone shall extend one half mile seaward in all directions.

Proposed law clarifies that the exclusion zone applicable to the Chandeleur Islands may not interfere with any federally designated sanctuary, preserve, or protected waters.

(Adds R.S. 56:325.5)