

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 691

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32(A), R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii) and (b)(i),  
3 10(B)(1)(a)(i), (e), (f), and (g), (5), (7)(a), (9), and (10), and (D), 10.1(B) and (C),  
4 103(A) and (C)(1), 109(D), 116(C)(1) and (D), 116.1(C)(3), 171(A), 172(B),  
5 251(A)(1) and (3) through (6), 253(C)(1), 258, 262(A), (B), and (D), 263(A), 302,  
6 302.1(A) through (C), 302.9(A)(1), (C), and (F), 302.9.1(A), (B), and (E), 302.10(B)  
7 and (C), 303(B), (D)(1), and (F), 303.1.1(B), (C), and (E), 303.6(B), 304(B) and (C),  
8 304.1(B), 305(B) and (C)(1), 305.1(B) and (C), 306(A)(1) and (B)(6), 306.1(B)(7)(b)  
9 and (c), 306.2(A)(1), and (B), 306.3, 306.4(C)(1), 306.5(A)(introductory paragraph),  
10 307.1(A), 322.1(A), 322.2(A), 325.1(A)(1), (3)(a), and (C)(2)(d), 325.3(A)(1) and  
11 (C), 326(E)(2) and (H), 330(B), 412(A)(2) and (5), 433.1(A)(1), 442(B), 449(B),  
12 492, 500(A), 501(B)(2), 632.4(A), 632.5(A) and (E), 632.9(B)(1), 641, 649.1, 649.2,  
13 649.3, 649.4, 649.7, 653(A), and 1833, to enact R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(v), 10(B)(4) and  
14 (7)(c), 10.3, 102, 112(C), 302.1(D), 303(G), 306(B)(7), 411(B)(4) through (6), 645,  
15 678, 679, and Chapter 14 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
16 comprised of R.S. 56:3000 through 3007, and to repeal R.S. 34:851.20(N), R.S.  
17 56:10(B)(1)(d), (6), and (13), 103(E) and (F), 103.1, 104, 105, 155, 156, 157, 164,  
18 165, 166, 256, 257, 302.1, 302.2, 302.3, 302.4, 302.5, 302.6, 302.9.1(D), 303.6(A),  
19 306(A)(2), 306.1, 306.2(A)(2), 333(H), 433.1(C) and (D), 434.1, 446, 451, 472, 506,  
20 506.1, 579.1, 579.2, 641.1, 642, 643, 646, 647.1, 649.5, 649.6, 650, 650.1, and 1832,  
21 relative to licenses to hunt and fish; to restructure the recreational hunting and

1 fishing licensing system for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to provide  
 2 relative to the cost of hunting and fishing licenses; to dedicate revenues from the sale  
 3 of hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for definitions; to create the Shrimp  
 4 Development and Management Account, Crab Development, Management and  
 5 Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account, Oyster Resource Management Account,  
 6 Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund, Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund,  
 7 Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries  
 8 Foundation Escrow Account; to provide for hunting reciprocity; to provide for digital  
 9 credentials; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32(A) are hereby amended and reenacted  
 12 to read as follows:

13 §851.20. Identification number

14 A.(1) The owner of each motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat requiring  
 15 numbering by this state shall file an application for a number with the Department  
 16 of Wildlife and Fisheries on forms approved by the department. The application  
 17 shall be signed by the owner of the motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat and shall be  
 18 accompanied by the appropriate fee as follows:

19 (a) For ~~a boat that is fourteen feet or less~~ Class A vessels measuring less than  
 20 sixteen feet in length, the fee shall be ~~twenty~~ thirty-six dollars and shall be valid for  
 21 three years.

22 (b) For ~~a boat that is more than fourteen feet and less than eighteen feet in~~  
 23 ~~length~~, Class 1 vessels measuring sixteen feet or more and less than twenty-six feet  
 24 in length the fee shall be ~~twenty-five~~ fifty-seven dollars and shall be valid for three  
 25 years.

26 (c) For ~~a boat that is eighteen feet in length or greater~~, Class 2 vessels  
 27 measuring twenty-six feet or more and less than forty feet in length the fee shall be  
 28 ~~thirty dollars plus an additional two dollars for each foot or portion of a foot in~~  
 29 ~~length greater than eighteen feet~~ seventy-eight dollars and shall be valid for a period  
 30 of three years.

1 (d) ~~Beginning January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023, inclusive of~~  
 2 ~~both dates, in addition to the fee otherwise required by this Paragraph, a fee of nine~~  
 3 ~~dollars shall accompany any application or renewal for numbering a motorboat or~~  
 4 ~~sailboat. For Class 3 vessels measuring forty feet in length or greater the fee shall~~  
 5 be ninety-nine dollars and shall be valid for a period of three years.

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7 §851.32. Disposition of funds

8 A.~~(1)~~ Funds accruing to the state of Louisiana from registration fees paid by  
 9 owners of motorboats and sailboats shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be  
 10 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in  
 11 the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, after a sufficient amount is allocated from  
 12 that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which  
 13 become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing  
 14 such remaining funds in the State General Fund, pay into the ~~Conservation Fund of~~  
 15 ~~the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission~~ Aquatic Plant Control Fund an  
 16 amount equal to the total amount, ~~less the amounts provided in Paragraph (2) of this~~  
 17 ~~Subsection,~~ of the sums recovered as fees for motorboat and sailboat registrations in  
 18 R.S. 34:851.20 and 851.23 ~~for the purpose of administering and enforcing the~~  
 19 ~~provisions of this Part or for such other purposes as may be determined by said~~  
 20 ~~commission.~~

21 ~~(2) The treasurer shall pay an amount equal to nine dollars of every fee~~  
 22 ~~collected for registering a motorboat and sailboat pursuant to R.S.~~  
 23 ~~34:851.20(A)(1)(d) into the Aquatic Plant Control Fund created by R.S. 56:10.1.~~

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25 Section 2. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(a)(i), (e), and (D), 10.1(B) and (C), 171(A), 172(B),  
 26 251(A)(1) and (3) through (6), 253(C)(1), 258, 262(A), (B), and (D), 263(A), 302.9(A)(1),  
 27 (C), and (F), 302.9.1(A), (B), and (E), 303(B), (D)(1), and (F), 303.1.1(B), (C), and (E),  
 28 303.6(B), 304(B) and (C), 304.1(B), 305(B) and (C)(1), 305.1(B) and (C), 306(A)(1) and  
 29 (B)(6), 306.2(A)(1) and (B), 306.3, 306.4(C)(1), 306.5(A)(introductory paragraph),  
 30 307.1(A), 322.1(A), 322.2(A), 325.3(C), 326(E)(2) and (H), 412(A)(2) and (5), 433.1(A)(1),

1 442(B), 449(B), 492, 501(B)(2), 632.4(A), 632.5(A) and (E), 632.9(B)(1), and 653(A) are  
2 hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:10(B)(4), 102, 112(C), 303(G), 306(B)(7), and  
3 411(B)(4) through (6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

4 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;  
5 limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants;  
6 vouchers; surplus funds

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8 B.(1)

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10 (a)(i) Pay annually into a special fund created in the state treasury and  
11 designated as the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund an amount equal to the  
12 total of thirty dollars per resident commercial fisherman's license fee. ~~five dollars per~~  
13 ~~license fee and gear fee per annum paid into the treasury by the commission derived~~  
14 ~~from the increase in each of the commercial fisheries license fees imposed by Acts~~  
15 ~~1984, No. 230 or derived from the fee or fees imposed on any commercial fisheries~~  
16 ~~license established on or after January 1, 1984. This includes five dollars per~~  
17 ~~commercial fisherman's license fee, gear fee, wholesale/retail dealer's license fee,~~  
18 ~~vessel license fee, and transport license fee pursuant to Part VI of Chapter 1 of Title~~  
19 ~~56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.~~

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21 (b)(i) Pay annually into a special fund created in the state treasury and  
22 designated as the "Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Fund" an amount equal to the  
23 fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:305(G) and paid into the treasury by the  
24 commission. All expenditures and allocation of monies from this fund shall be  
25 administered by the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force to be used for the development of  
26 markets for shrimp and creation of marketing strategies for the development and  
27 market expansion for shrimp harvested from Louisiana waters. The task force may  
28 contract with the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to promote the  
29 Louisiana shrimp industry.

1                   (ii) Pay annually into a special account created in the Conservation Fund and  
 2                   designated as the "Shrimp Development and Management Account" an amount equal  
 3                   to the fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:305(B)(1) and (C)(1) and paid into the  
 4                   treasury by the commission. All expenditures and allocation of monies from this  
 5                   fund shall be administered by the department. The Shrimp Development and  
 6                   Management Account is intended to defray the cost of the shrimp program within the  
 7                   department and support the functions of the Shrimp Task Force, specifically to assist  
 8                   in funding salaries and financial support including associated indirect costs for  
 9                   employees in the shrimp program, the management of the shrimp population, law  
 10                   enforcement activities associated with shrimp industry, research on all aspects  
 11                   involved with the shrimp resource and industry and authorized activities of the  
 12                   Shrimp Task Force.

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14                   (e) Pay annually into a special fund created in the state treasury and  
 15                   designated as the "~~Crab Promotion and Marketing Fund~~ Development, Management,  
 16                   and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account" an amount equal to the fees specified for  
 17                   deposit in R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1), 306(B)(6), and 306.1(B)(7). All  
 18                   expenditures and allocations of monies from this ~~fund~~ account shall be administered  
 19                   by the department in consultation with the Crab Task Force. The Crab Development,  
 20                   Management, and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account is intended to defray the  
 21                   cost of the crab program within the department and support the functions of the Crab  
 22                   Task Force, specifically to assist in funding salaries and financial support including  
 23                   associated indirect costs for employees in the crab program, the management of the  
 24                   crab population, law enforcement activities associated with crab industry, research  
 25                   on all aspects involved with the crab resource and industry, administration and  
 26                   implementation of the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program, marketing programs  
 27                   recommended by the Crab Task Force, and authorized activities of the Crab Task  
 28                   Force. The task force may contract with the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and  
 29                   Marketing Board to promote the Louisiana crab industry.

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1                 (4)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special account  
 2                 designated as the "Oyster Resource Management Account" which shall consist of  
 3                 those revenues collected from the sale of commercial oyster gear licenses pursuant  
 4                 to R.S. 56:305(B)(3) and (C)(1), the sale of oyster cargo vessel permits pursuant to  
 5                 R.S. 56:422, all revenues received from the payment of lease rentals pursuant to R.S.  
 6                 56:428, and the fees collected from the sale of public oyster seed ground vessel  
 7                 permits and associated gear fees pursuant to R.S. 56:433.1.

8                 (b) The secretary is authorized to assess, invoice, demand, accept, and receive  
 9                 funds or materials as compensation for damages or impacts associated with activities  
 10                occurring on or over the public oyster seed grounds, seed reservations, and tonging  
 11                areas.

12                (c) The revenues shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for  
 13                other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

14                (d) All expenditures and allocation of monies from this fund shall be  
 15                administered by the department. The Oyster Resource Management Account is  
 16                intended to defray the cost of the oyster program within the department, specifically  
 17                to assist in funding salaries and financial support including associated indirect costs  
 18                for employees in the oyster program, the management of the oyster population, law  
 19                enforcement activities associated with oyster industry, research on all aspects  
 20                involved with the oyster resource and industry, enhancement of the state's public  
 21                oyster seed grounds, research into propagation and habitat, oyster hatchery  
 22                operations, and the administrative functions of the oyster lease and survey section  
 23                of the department.

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25                ~~D. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the Louisiana Seafood~~  
 26                ~~Promotion and Marketing Fund, the Oyster Development Fund, the Shrimp~~  
 27                ~~Marketing and Promotion Fund, the Crab Promotion and Marketing Fund, the~~  
 28                ~~Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund, the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund,~~  
 29                ~~and the Conservation Fund~~ funds or accounts established in this Section at the end  
 30                of the fiscal year shall remain in the respective funds. The monies in the funds shall

1 be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund.  
 2 All interest earned on monies invested by the treasurer shall be deposited in the  
 3 respective funds. The state treasurer shall prepare and submit to the department on  
 4 a quarterly basis a printed report showing the amount of money contained in the  
 5 funds from all sources.

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7 §10.1. Aquatic Plant Control Fund; creation; uses

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9 B. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of  
 10 the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund,  
 11 and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations  
 12 secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within  
 13 any fiscal year, the treasurer shall pay into the Aquatic Plant Control Fund an amount  
 14 equal to the monies received by the state treasury pursuant to the provisions of ~~R.S.~~  
 15 ~~47:462(B)(2)(c)~~ R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.23 and R.S. 47:462(B)(2)(c) and R.S.  
 16 30:961(K). If revenue credited to the Aquatic Plant Control Fund exceeds five  
 17 million dollars annually, the state treasurer is authorized and directed to transfer any  
 18 funds in excess of five million dollars to the Conservation Fund. The monies in this  
 19 fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection C of this Section and only in the  
 20 amount appropriated by the legislature. All unexpended and unencumbered monies  
 21 remaining in this fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The  
 22 monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as  
 23 monies in the state general fund and all returns of such investment shall be deposited  
 24 to the fund.

25 C. Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, the monies in the  
 26 Aquatic Plant Control Fund shall be used solely by the office of fisheries,  
 27 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to fund the aquatic plant control program and  
 28 to fund cooperative research and public education efforts by the Department of  
 29 Wildlife and Fisheries ~~and the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center~~  
 30 ~~relative to aquatic weed control and eradication and aquatic invasive species control~~

1 ~~and eradication. An amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the annual appropriation~~  
 2 ~~shall be used to fund research and public education efforts relative to aquatic weed~~  
 3 ~~control and eradication by the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center. The~~  
 4 ~~funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be in addition to~~  
 5 ~~any other amounts appropriated by the legislature.~~

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7 §102. Hunting guide license; fees; penalties

8 A. No person shall act as nor represent himself to be a hunting guide unless  
 9 that person possesses a valid hunting guide license, proof of liability insurance, and  
 10 a valid state recreational hunting license that grants hunting privileges appropriate  
 11 for his client's guided hunting activity. In addition, any person acting as a hunting  
 12 guide who is in charge of the operation of a vessel shall have a valid captain's license  
 13 issued by the United States Coast Guard.

14 B.(1) The annual fee for a resident hunting guide license is one hundred fifty  
 15 dollars.

16 (2) The annual fee for a nonresident hunting guide license is six hundred  
 17 dollars.

18 C. A hunting guide license is valid for one year, beginning on July first of  
 19 each calendar year and expiring on June thirtieth of the following calendar year.

20 D. A hunting guide license may be purchased at any time of the year for the  
 21 current license year and from June first for the immediately following license year.

22 E. A hunting guide license shall be issued by the department during normal  
 23 working hours and may be purchased in person at the Baton Rouge office, or at any  
 24 other location designated by the department.

25 F. The fees derived pursuant to this Section shall be placed in the  
 26 Conservation Fund.

27 G. A violation of any provision of this Section shall constitute a class four  
 28 violation under the provisions of R.S. 56:34.

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1 §112. Disposal of birds or quadrupeds becoming a nuisance

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3 C. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in  
4 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to establish a Nuisance Wildlife  
5 Control Operator Program. The program shall establish guidelines to permit  
6 individuals who offer commercial services for the control of nuisance wildlife. The  
7 fee for a nuisance wildlife control operator permit shall be fifty dollars.

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9 §171. Wildlife; business of raising and selling; breeder's license

10 A. Whoever desires to engage in raising, selling, or raising and selling  
11 domestic white-tailed deer or other domesticated deer native to North America;  
12 squirrels, rabbits, or other wild game quadrupeds; pheasants, quail, doves, or other  
13 domesticated wild game birds; domesticated wild waterfowl, resident or migratory;  
14 or their parts, on breeding farms or propagating preserves of which he is the owner  
15 or lessee, shall apply to the secretary for a license to do so. Provided that  
16 commission requirements have been satisfied, including payment of a fee of ~~twenty-~~  
17 five fifty dollars, a license shall be issued permitting the applicant to breed and  
18 propagate such animals and sell them alive, or in the case of domesticated wild game  
19 birds, to sell their parts and to kill and transport them and sell their carcasses for  
20 food, as hereinafter provided in this Subpart.

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22 §172. Killing of birds or animals; sale; trapping regulations; exporting live  
23 specimens

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25 B. Wild nongame quadrupeds raised on such licensed breeding farms or  
26 preserves may be taken for their pelts only in the open seasons, as prescribed by law.  
27 Special parish closed seasons do not apply to such licensed breeders or propagators.  
28 ~~The tax, as fixed by law, shall be paid before the raw pelts are shipped out of the~~

1 state and a written affidavit as to the number and kinds shipped out of the state shall  
2 be furnished the secretary monthly during the open season on such quadrupeds.

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4 §251. Licenses; possession limit for nonresident alligator hunter; deposit as  
5 guarantee of payment of severance tax; penalties

6 A. The following license fees shall be levied on each fur trapper, alligator  
7 hunter, fur buyer, and fur dealer:

8 (1) Every resident fur trapper, ~~fifteen~~ eighteen years of age or older, before  
9 commencing the business of trapping furbearing animals, shall secure annually from  
10 the department a trapper's license, which shall be furnished upon the payment of  
11 ~~twenty-five~~ forty dollars. Every resident fur trapper under the age of ~~fifteen~~ eighteen  
12 years, before commencing the business of trapping furbearing animals, shall secure  
13 annually from the department a recreational youth hunting license. ~~trapper's license,~~  
14 ~~which shall be furnished upon the payment of five dollars.~~ Every nonresident fur  
15 trapper, before commencing the business of trapping furbearing animals, shall secure  
16 annually from the department a nonresident trapper's license, which shall be  
17 furnished upon the payment of ~~two~~ one hundred sixty dollars. Every resident and  
18 nonresident fur trapper must at all times have this license in possession while  
19 trapping or selling pelts or animals. The secretary of the department is hereby  
20 authorized to enter into reciprocal agreements with any state with respect to  
21 nonresident license fees for the trapping of furbearing animals.

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23 (3) Every resident fur buyer shall, before commencing business, procure  
24 annually from the department a resident fur buyer's license, which shall be furnished  
25 upon the payment of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty-five dollars and the filing of an application  
26 approved by the department.

27 (4) Every nonresident fur buyer shall before commencing business procure  
28 annually from the department a nonresident fur buyer's license, which shall be  
29 furnished upon the payment of ~~one hundred~~ two hundred fifteen dollars, and the  
30 filing of an application approved by the department. Every resident and nonresident

1 fur buyer must at all times have this license in possession while operating his  
2 business.

3 (5) Every resident fur dealer shall, before commencing business, procure  
4 annually from the department a resident fur dealer's license, which shall be furnished  
5 upon the payment of ~~one hundred fifty~~ four hundred dollars and a deposit of five  
6 hundred dollars, to guarantee payment of the severance tax on raw furs and skins,  
7 and the filing of an application approved by the department.

8 (6) Every nonresident fur dealer shall before commencing business procure  
9 annually from the department a nonresident fur dealer's license, which shall be  
10 furnished upon the payment of ~~three~~ eight hundred dollars, and a deposit of one  
11 thousand dollars to guarantee payment of the severance tax on raw furs and skins,  
12 and the filing of an application approved by the department. Every resident and  
13 nonresident dealer must at all times have this license in possession or prominently  
14 displayed while operating his business.

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16 §253. Shipping raw furs, alligators, alligator skins, and alligator parts out of state;  
17 tags

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19 C.(1) Every resident fur dealer, trapper, alligator hunter, alligator farmer,  
20 nonresident fur dealer, or nonresident alligator hunter before shipping raw furs,  
21 alligators, or alligator skins out of the state shall secure from the department, or duly  
22 authorized representative thereof, a tag to be attached to the shipment. The tag shall  
23 be of a distinctive color, bear a serial number and entry headings for information as  
24 to the character of the shipment and the name and address of the specific licensed fur  
25 dealer making the shipment, and the specific name and address of the receiver or  
26 purchaser of the shipment, including the location to which the skins are actually  
27 being shipped. The tag shall be filled out at the time of shipment, and be provided  
28 with a detachable stub bearing the same serial number and entry headings as appear  
29 on the body of the tag. The stub shall be filled out with duplicate information

1 appearing on the body of the tag and returned to the department at the time of  
2 shipment, ~~with the proper amount of severance tax due.~~

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4 §258. Dealer records; payment of tax; confiscation of furs and skins

5 A. Every dealer shall maintain complete detailed records of the kind and  
6 number of furs purchased inside and outside of the state and of all such furs shipped  
7 out of the state or tanned within the state. Dealer records shall be completed and  
8 made available to the department for audit purposes within sixty days after the close  
9 of the trapping season. ~~Dealers shall remit to the department or pay to the authorized~~  
10 ~~representative thereof within ten days following an annual audit of the dealer's~~  
11 ~~records the full amount of the tax due.~~

12 B. Every dealer shall maintain complete detailed records of the number of  
13 whole alligators and alligator skins purchased inside and outside the state and all  
14 alligator skins shipped out of state or alligator skins tanned within the state. Dealer  
15 records shall be completed and furnished to the department at the time of shipment  
16 or prior to tanning ~~and dealer must concurrently remit the full amount of tax due.~~

17 ~~C. Failure to pay the tax, as provided, subjects all pelts of Louisiana~~  
18 ~~fur-bearing animals and alligator skins held by dealers to confiscation by order,~~  
19 ~~general or special, of the department. Failure to maintain complete records and to~~  
20 ~~pay the tax subjects any dealer to the full penalties provided and the immediate~~  
21 ~~revocation of his license by the department. No license shall be issued to a dealer~~  
22 ~~who has not paid the tax for the preceding year.~~

23 ~~Ð C.~~ Any violation ~~Violation~~ of this Section constitutes a class three  
24 violation.

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26 §262. Nongame quadrupeds; breeding, propagation, and exhibition

27 A. Whoever desires to engage in the business of raising and/or exhibiting  
28 imported or native nongame quadrupeds shall apply to the department for a license  
29 to do so. If it appears that the application is made in good faith, upon a payment of  
30 ~~ten~~ twenty dollars, a nongame quadruped exhibitor license may be issued permitting

1 the applicant to breed and/or exhibit such animals provided he meets rules and  
2 regulations of the department.

3 B. Whoever desires to engage in the business of raising, exhibiting, and  
4 selling imported or native nongame quadrupeds or collecting and selling wild  
5 alligator eggs shall apply to the department for a license to do so. If it appears that  
6 the application is made in good faith, upon payment of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars, a  
7 nongame quadruped breeder license may be issued permitting the applicant to breed,  
8 propagate, exhibit, and sell such animals alive or sell their parts; and to kill and  
9 transport them and sell their pelts, skins, or carcasses as hereinafter provided in this  
10 Section.

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12 D. Nongame quadrupeds raised on such licensed breeding farms may be sold  
13 alive or taken for their pelts, skins, or for food according to rules and regulations of  
14 the commission. All skins shall be tagged according to rules and regulations of the  
15 commission. ~~The severance tax as fixed by law shall be paid before the raw pelts or~~  
16 ~~alligator skins are shipped out of state, or tanned within the state, and a written~~  
17 ~~affidavit as to the number and kinds shipped or tanned shall be furnished to the~~  
18 ~~department as specified.~~

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20 §263. Alligator parts, buying and selling; license; reports; tagging

21 A.(1) Each alligator parts dealer shall secure an alligator parts dealer license  
22 from the department before commencing business. The license shall be secured  
23 annually and shall be furnished upon the payment of ~~five~~ one hundred five dollars.

24 (2) Each retailer purchasing for retail sale finished alligator parts made from  
25 parts other than hides shall secure a license from the department before commencing  
26 business. The license shall be secured annually and shall be furnished upon the  
27 payment of ~~five~~ ten dollars.

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1 §302.9. Charter boat fishing guide license; nonresident fee

2 A.(1) No person shall act as nor represent himself to be a ~~saltwater~~ charter  
 3 boat fishing guide unless that person possesses a valid state charter boat fishing  
 4 guide license, a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard, proof  
 5 of liability insurance, and a valid state recreational fishing license, ~~or in lieu of a~~  
 6 ~~state recreational fishing license, the person was born prior to June 1, 1940, or has~~  
 7 ~~a valid senior hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(G) that~~  
 8 grants fishing privileges appropriate for his charter activity. In addition, any person  
 9 acting as a saltwater charter boat fishing guide who is in charge of the operation of  
 10 a vessel shall have his required licenses and proof of liability insurance on his person  
 11 while on the water. It shall not be a violation of this Section for a person to represent  
 12 himself as a charter boat fishing guide if that person held a valid license during the  
 13 previous thirty days but has not renewed the license.

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15 C.(1) The annual fee for a resident saltwater charter boat fishing guide  
 16 license is ~~two hundred fifty~~ three hundred dollars for operating a vessel that carries  
 17 not more than six passengers and ~~five~~ seven hundred dollars for operating a vessel  
 18 that carries more than six passengers.

19 (2) The annual fee for a resident freshwater charter boat fishing guide license  
 20 is one-hundred fifty dollars.

21 ~~(2)(a)~~ (3)(a) The annual fee for a nonresident saltwater charter boat fishing  
 22 guide license is one thousand five hundred dollars for operating a vessel that carries  
 23 not more than six passengers and two thousand dollars for operating a vessel that  
 24 carries more than six passengers.

25 (b) The annual fee for a nonresident freshwater charter boat fishing guide  
 26 license is five hundred dollars.

27 ~~(b)(c)~~ There shall be an additional five hundred dollar fee for each  
 28 nonresident charter boat fishing guide license issued under the provisions of  
 29 ~~Subparagraph (a)~~ Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph which shall be  
 30 deposited into the Conservation Fund, as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f). Such

1 funds shall be used by the department for promotion of the charter boat industry,  
2 protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative costs of the fund. Such  
3 fees are to be expended for such purposes through the Louisiana Charter Boat  
4 Association.

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6 F. A charter boat fishing guide license shall be issued by the department  
7 during normal working hours and may be purchased in person at ~~any department~~  
8 ~~district office~~, at the Baton Rouge and ~~New Orleans offices~~ office, or at any other  
9 location designated by the department.

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11 §302.9.1. Charter boat license; skiff fee; charter fishing trip license

12 A. For a charter fishing operation which does not have a charter boat fishing  
13 guide present, a charter boat license shall be required. Such license shall be for a  
14 charter fishing operation which consists of a large motorized vessel carrying small  
15 skiffs attached to it ~~with such skiffs~~ to be used by no more than two people for  
16 fishing purposes. The main motorized vessel shall be required to carry a charter boat  
17 license and proof of liability insurance, and the captain shall have a valid captain's  
18 license issued by the United States Coast Guard with the license on his person. For  
19 those vessels which carry up to six skiffs the license fee shall be one thousand five  
20 hundred dollars per year. For those vessels which carry more than six skiffs, the  
21 license fee shall be ~~two~~ three thousand dollars per year. No main motorized vessel  
22 licensed under the provisions of this Section shall enter any wildlife management  
23 area managed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The liability insurance  
24 required by this Subsection shall meet the requirement of R.S. 56:302.9(A)(2).

25 B. In addition, each skiff shall be required to have a charter skiff license  
26 which identifies the charter vessel to which it is attached. A licensed skiff shall ~~only~~  
27 ~~be used~~ be used only for fishing purposes while the charter vessel with which it is  
28 identified is located in Louisiana's territorial waters. Each charter skiff license shall  
29 be issued for an annual cost of ~~fifty~~ seventy-five dollars per skiff.

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1           E. Any person fishing in or with a licensed charter skiff shall have in his  
 2 possession a copy of the charter boat license, a copy of the charter skiff license, ~~and~~  
 3 his charter fishing trip license, or an equivalent license that grants both basic and  
 4 saltwater fishing privileges.

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6           §303. Commercial fisherman's license; charter boat fishing guide's license  
 7 certification; fees; place of purchase; information

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9           B. The cost of the commercial fisherman's license is ~~fifty-five~~ ninety-six  
 10 dollars for residents and ~~four hundred sixty~~ six hundred twenty dollars for  
 11 nonresidents.

12                                           \*       \*       \*

13           D. A commercial fisherman's license shall be issued only by the following:

14           (1) The department during normal working hours. The license may be  
 15 purchased in person at the Baton Rouge office or at any other location designated by  
 16 the department. ~~and New Orleans offices, at any district office located south of~~  
 17 ~~Interstate Highway 10, and at the fisheries office located in Bourg and the office~~  
 18 ~~located in New Iberia, or~~

19                                           \*       \*       \*

20           F. A resident of this state who is seventy years of age or older may obtain a  
 21 senior commercial fishing license for an annual fee of ~~twenty~~ fifty dollars. The  
 22 senior commercial fishing license shall be valid from January first of each calendar  
 23 year until December thirty-first of the same calendar year. The license may be  
 24 purchased at any time for the current license year and may be purchased after  
 25 November fifteenth for the following license year. The license shall be in lieu of a  
 26 commercial fisherman's license required by this Section ~~and shall also serve in lieu~~  
 27 ~~of any commercial gear licenses that may be required by any activities engaged in~~  
 28 ~~by the license holder.~~

29           G.(1) Any fisherman properly licensed or permitted to legally fish in the  
 30 federal exclusive economic zone (EEZ) may purchase a Gulf Seafood Traversing and

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1 Offloading License from the department to transport and sell his own catch from the  
2 federal EEZ across state waters to any licensed wholesale/retail seafood dealer  
3 located within the state of Louisiana.

4 (2) A license issued pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be  
5 issued in lieu of a commercial fisherman's license, vessel license, and any applicable  
6 commercial gear license for fishing gear aboard the vessel.

7 (3) The fee for the Gulf Seafood Traversing and Offloading License shall be  
8 seventy-five dollars for residents and eight hundred dollars for nonresidents.

9 (4) While traversing state waters going to and from the federal EEZ, all  
10 fishing gear shall be stowed and shall not be used while in state waters.

11 (5) The licensee shall provide the wholesale/retail seafood dealer with all  
12 information, as determined by the commission to be necessary to properly manage  
13 the fishery resources of the state, that is required to complete the commercial receipt  
14 form, which shall include but not be limited to the fisherman's first and last name,  
15 license number, signature, gear used, vessel used, primary location of where fish  
16 were caught, duration of trip, and permit numbers for species requiring a permit to  
17 harvest. The licensee shall sign each commercial receipt form attesting that the  
18 information provided is correct.

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20 §303.1.1. Fresh products license

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22 B. The cost of a fresh products license shall be ~~twenty~~ sixty-one dollars for  
23 residents and ~~one hundred twenty~~ three hundred dollars for nonresidents. The fresh  
24 products license shall be valid for one year, beginning on January first of each  
25 calendar year and expiring on December thirty-first of the same calendar year.

26 C. The fresh products license shall be issued only by the department during  
27 normal working hours and may be purchased in person at the Baton Rouge office ~~and~~  
28 ~~New Orleans offices~~ or at any other location designated by the department.

29 \* \* \*

1           E. A commercial fisherman may purchase a secondary fresh products license  
 2           for a ~~spouse~~ any designated individual if he provides the ~~spouse's~~ individual's name  
 3           and social security number to the department. This secondary license will allow the  
 4           commercial fisherman to continue to fish while the ~~spouse~~ designated individual  
 5           sells the catch. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall  
 6           promulgate rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Subsection.  
 7           The department is authorized to collect a fee for issuance of the license not to exceed  
 8           five dollars which, after compliance with Article VII, Section 9(B) of the  
 9           Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, shall  
 10          be credited to the Conservation Fund.

11                           \*       \*       \*

12          §303.6. Oyster harvester license

13                           \*       \*       \*

14           B. The revenues generated from this license shall be deposited into the  
 15          Oyster Resource Management Account ~~used by the Department of Wildlife and~~  
 16          ~~Fisheries solely for the Oyster Strike Force and the Louisiana Department of Health~~  
 17          ~~for oyster water monitoring.~~

18                           \*       \*       \*

19          §304. Vessel license; fees; place of purchase

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21           B. The cost of the vessel license for a resident is fifty dollars for the first  
 22          vessel, thirty-five dollars for the second vessel, and twenty dollars for the third and  
 23          any subsequent vessel. The cost of the vessel license for a nonresident is four  
 24          hundred dollars. ~~is fifteen dollars for residents and sixty dollars for nonresidents.~~

25           C. Vessel licenses shall be issued only by the department during normal  
 26          working hours and may be purchased in person ~~at any department district office,~~ at  
 27          the department's Baton Rouge ~~and New Orleans offices,~~ office or at any other  
 28          location designated by the department.

29                           \*       \*       \*

1 §304.1. Vessel license: license year; purchase period

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3 B. A vessel license may be purchased at any time of the year for the current  
4 license year and from ~~October first~~ November fifteenth for the immediately  
5 following license year.

6 \* \* \*

7 §305. Commercial gear license; issuance to certain nonresidents prohibited;  
8 moratorium on certain new gear licenses; renewals

9 \* \* \*

10 B. Residents shall pay a commercial gear fee as follows:

11 (1) Shrimp Gear:

12 (a) Butterfly nets: twenty-five dollars for each butterfly net.

13 (b) Skimmer nets: twenty-five dollars for each skimmer net.

14 (c) Trawls: twenty-five dollars for each trawl, except no fee is required for  
15 use of a test trawl, as defined by R.S. 56:495.1(A), when used with another trawl for  
16 which the gear fee has been paid.

17 (d) Freshwater shrimp net: twenty-five dollars to use a freshwater shrimp net  
18 in accordance with R.S. 56:501.

19 (e) All revenue collected from the sale of shrimp gear fees established in this  
20 Paragraph, or from nonresident shrimp gear fees collected pursuant to Paragraph  
21 (C)(1) of this Section shall be credited to the Shrimp Development and Management  
22 Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(b)(ii).

23 (2) Oyster Gear:

24 (a) Oyster tongs: fifty dollars for each oyster tong.

25 (b) Oyster scrapers: fifty dollars for each scraper.

26 (c) All revenue collected from the sale of oyster gear fees established in this  
27 Paragraph, or from non-resident oyster gear fees collected pursuant to Paragraph  
28 (C)(1) of this Section shall be credited to the Oyster Resource Management Account  
29 as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(4).

1                   (3) Crab Gear:

2                   (a) Crab traps: fifty dollars for the privilege of using crab traps to fish  
3                   commercially.

4                   (b) All revenue collected from the sale of crab gear fees established in this  
5                   Paragraph, or from non-resident crab gear fees collected pursuant to Paragraph  
6                   (C)(1) of this Section shall be credited to the Crab Development, Management, and  
7                   Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e).

8                   (4) Saltwater Finfish Gear:

9                   (a) Mullet strike net: three hundred dollars per mullet strike net that may be  
10                  used only during the special mullet season defined in R.S. 56:333.

11                  (b) Pompano strike net: three hundred dollars per pompano strike net that  
12                  may be used only during the special pompano season defined in R.S. 56:325.4 and  
13                  406.

14                  (c) All commercial gear licenses as provided for in Subparagraphs (a) and  
15                  (b) of this Paragraph issued to all qualified nonresidents shall be one thousand two  
16                  hundred dollars.

17                  (d) Rod and reel: three hundred fifty dollars to fish in the saltwater areas of  
18                  the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B). The department may issue a saltwater  
19                  commercial rod and reel gear license to each applicant only if the following  
20                  conditions have been met:

21                  (i) The applicant must provide positive proof that they held a valid  
22                  commercial gear license for gill nets during any two years of the years 1995, 1994,  
23                  and 1993.

24                  (ii) The applicant must provide positive proof, in the form of unamended  
25                  original state and federal income tax returns, including Schedule C of the federal  
26                  1040 form, submitted in accordance with procedures established by the commission,  
27                  that the applicant has derived more than fifty percent of his earned income from the  
28                  capture and sale of seafood species in at least two of the three years, 1995, 1994, or  
29                  1993.

1                   (e) Purse seines/menhaden seines: two thousand dollars for each purse seine  
 2                   in use.

3                   (f) Other saltwater gear: fifty dollars to use any legal number of commercial  
 4                   cast nets with a radius in excess of eight feet six inches, hoop nets, or other legal gear  
 5                   for use in the saltwater areas of the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B).  
 6                   Effective May 1, 1995, the department shall not issue any new commercial gear  
 7                   licenses for gill nets, trammel nets, strike nets, or seines for use in the saltwater areas  
 8                   of the state. The department may issue renewal licenses to any person, company, or  
 9                   corporation that held a valid commercial gear license for such gear for at least two  
 10                   years during either the 1992, 1993, or 1994 calendar years. The provisions of this  
 11                   Paragraph shall not apply to licenses issued for the commercial taking of menhaden.

12                   (5) Crawfish Gear:

13                   Crawfish traps: twenty-five dollars for the privilege of using crawfish traps  
 14                   to fish commercially.

15                   (6) Freshwater Gear:

16                   (a) Fifty dollars to use one shad gill net pursuant to R.S. 56:322.2. No person  
 17                   shall receive more than one such license per year.

18                   (b) Fifty dollars to use one shad seine in freshwater areas of the state  
 19                   pursuant to R.S. 56:322.1. No person shall receive more than one such license per  
 20                   year.

21                   (c) Fifty dollars to use any legal number of hoop nets, seines, slat traps,  
 22                   trammel nets, cast nets with a radius in excess of eight feet six inches, wire nets,  
 23                   pipes, buckets, drums, tires, and cans that are placed into the water for the purpose  
 24                   of capturing and taking fish for commercial purposes in the freshwater areas of the  
 25                   state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B).

26                   ~~(1) Butterfly nets: twenty-five dollars for each butterfly net.~~

27                   ~~(2) Crab traps: fifty dollars for the privilege of using crab traps to fish~~  
 28                   ~~commercially. An amount equal to ten dollars from each commercial crab trap gear~~  
 29                   ~~license shall be credited to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account as~~  
 30                   ~~provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and an amount equal to ten dollars from each~~

1 commercial crab trap license shall be credited to the Crab Promotion and Marketing  
2 Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e). Any resident who holds a senior  
3 commercial fishing license shall be exempt from the provisions of this Paragraph.

4 ~~(3) Oyster scrapers: twenty-five dollars for each scraper.~~

5 ~~(4) Gill nets:~~

6 ~~(a) Twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of gill nets in the freshwater  
7 areas of the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B).~~

8 ~~(c) Two hundred fifty dollars per mullet strike net that may only be used  
9 during the special mullet season defined in R.S. 56:333 or the special spotted sea  
10 trout season defined in R.S. 56:325.3(C).~~

11 ~~(d) Two hundred fifty dollars per pompano strike net that may only be used  
12 during the special pompano season defined in R.S. 56:325.4 and 406.~~

13 ~~(e) All commercial gear licenses as provided for in Subparagraphs (b), (c),  
14 and (d) of this Paragraph issued to all qualified nonresidents shall be one thousand  
15 dollars.~~

16 ~~(f) Twenty-five dollars to use one shad gill net pursuant to R.S. 56:322.2. No  
17 person shall receive more than one such license per year.~~

18 ~~(5) Hoop nets: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of hoop nets.~~

19 ~~(6) Purse seines/menhaden seines: five hundred five dollars for each purse  
20 seine in use.~~

21 ~~(7) Seines: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of seines.~~

22 ~~(8) Oyster tongs: thirty dollars for each oyster tong.~~

23 ~~(9) Slat traps: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of slat traps.~~

24 ~~(10) Trammel nets: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of trammel  
25 nets in the freshwater areas of the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B).~~

26 ~~(11) Trawls: twenty-five dollars for each trawl, except no fee is required for  
27 use of a test trawl, as defined by R.S. 56:495.1(A), when used with another trawl for  
28 which the gear fee has been paid.~~

29 ~~(12) Crawfish traps: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of crawfish  
30 traps.~~

1                   ~~(13) Castnets with a radius in excess of eight feet six inches.~~

2                   ~~(14) Rod and reel: two hundred fifty dollars to fish in the saltwater areas of~~  
 3 ~~the state as defined in R.S. 56:322(A) and (B). The department may issue a saltwater~~  
 4 ~~commercial rod and reel gear license to each applicant only if the following~~  
 5 ~~conditions have been met:~~

6                   ~~(a) The applicant must provide positive proof that they held a valid~~  
 7 ~~commercial gear license for gill nets during any two years of the years 1995, 1994,~~  
 8 ~~and 1993.~~

9                   ~~(b) The applicant must provide positive proof, in the form of unamended~~  
 10 ~~original state and federal income tax returns, including Schedule C of the federal~~  
 11 ~~1040 form, submitted in accordance with procedures established by the commission,~~  
 12 ~~that the applicant has derived more than fifty percent of his earned income from the~~  
 13 ~~capture and sale of seafood species in at least two of the three years, 1995, 1994, or~~  
 14 ~~1993.~~

15                   ~~(c) Repealed by Acts 1997, No. 727, §2.~~

16                   ~~(d) Each commercial rod and reel fisherman shall report his total monthly~~  
 17 ~~commercial take to the department in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:345.~~

18                   ~~(15) Wire nets: twenty-five dollars to use any legal number of wire nets.~~

19                   ~~(16) Twenty-five dollars to use one shad seine in freshwater areas of the state~~  
 20 ~~pursuant to R.S. 56:322.1. No person shall receive more than one such license per~~  
 21 ~~year.~~

22                   ~~(17) Twenty-five dollars to use a freshwater shrimp net in accordance with~~  
 23 ~~R.S. 56:501.~~

24                   ~~(18) Any other type of legal gear not listed in this Subsection: twenty-five~~  
 25 ~~dollars. This type of gear includes pipes, buckets, drums, tires, and cans that are~~  
 26 ~~placed into the water for the purpose of capturing and taking fish for commercial~~  
 27 ~~purposes.~~

28                   C.(1)~~(a)~~ The commercial gear fee for nonresidents is four times the gear fee  
 29 for residents; however, the nonresident fee for oyster dredges and tongs in particular  
 30 shall be eight times the fee for residents.

1                   ~~(b) An amount equal to forty dollars for each nonresident commercial crab~~  
 2                   ~~trap gear license shall be credited to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program~~  
 3                   ~~Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and an amount equal to forty dollars from~~  
 4                   ~~each commercial crab trap gear license shall be credited to the Crab Promotion and~~  
 5                   ~~Marketing Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(c).~~

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7                   §305.1. License year; place of purchase; purchase period

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9                   B. A commercial gear license may be purchased at any time of the year for  
 10                   the current license year and from ~~October first~~ November fifteenth for the  
 11                   immediately following license year.

12                   C. Commercial gear licenses shall be issued only by the department during  
 13                   normal working hours and may be purchased in person at any department district  
 14                   office, at the department's Baton Rouge office ~~and New Orleans offices~~, or at any  
 15                   other location designated by the department.

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17                   §306. Wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license; place of business; employees;  
 18                   exemptions; wholesale out-of-state crab shipping license

19                   A.(1) Any person buying, acquiring, or handling, from any person, by any  
 20                   means whatsoever, any species of fish, whether fresh, frozen, processed, or  
 21                   unprocessed, in Louisiana from within or outside the state, for sale or resale,  
 22                   including bait species, whether on a commission basis or otherwise, is a  
 23                   wholesale/retail seafood dealer and must purchase a wholesale/retail seafood dealer's  
 24                   license. ~~A licensed wholesale/retail seafood dealer may act as a retail seafood dealer~~  
 25                   ~~as specified in R.S. 56:306.1.~~

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27                   B.

28                                           \*           \*           \*



1           (6) Restaurants and retail grocers who only purchase fish, whether fresh,  
 2           frozen, processed, or unprocessed, from a licensed wholesale/retail seafood dealer  
 3           and only sell such fish fully prepared for immediate consumption by the consumer  
 4           need not be licensed in compliance with the provisions of this Section. Any  
 5           restaurant or retail grocer who sells fish as described in this Section shall be licensed  
 6           in accordance with the applicable law. All restaurants and retail grocers shall  
 7           maintain records as required in this Subpart.

8           (7)(a) In addition to the license requirements contained in this Section, any  
 9           wholesale/retail seafood dealer who exports or attempts to export outside of the state  
 10          of Louisiana any crabs, soft shell crabs, boiled crabs, containerized crabmeat, or  
 11          containerized pasteurized crabmeat shall be required to purchase a wholesale out-of-  
 12          state crab shipping license in addition to his wholesale/retail dealer's license. The  
 13          wholesale out-of-state crab shipping license shall be issued in the same manner as  
 14          a wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license and shall be issued only to a person who  
 15          is a licensed wholesale/retail seafood dealer.

16          (b) The fee for a wholesale out-of-state crab shipping license shall be ~~one~~  
 17          two hundred forty dollars per year. The license shall be valid for one year, beginning  
 18          on January first of each calendar year and expiring on December thirty-first of the  
 19          same calendar year. The license may be purchased at any time of the year for the  
 20          current license year and from November fifteenth for the immediately following  
 21          license year.

22          (c) ~~Of the revenues~~ All revenues collected from the issuance of wholesale  
 23          out-of-state crab shipping licenses, ~~ten percent~~ shall be deposited to the Crab  
 24          Development, Management and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account as provided  
 25          in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e) Conservation Fund, and ninety percent shall be deposited to  
 26          ~~the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account of the Seafood Promotion and~~  
 27          ~~Marketing Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e).~~

28          §306.2. License fee; place of purchase

29          A.(1) The cost of the wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license is ~~two~~ five  
 30          hundred fifty dollars for residents and ~~one thousand one hundred five~~ two thousand



1 §306.5. Records

2 A. Wholesale/retail seafood dealers, ~~retail seafood dealers~~, restaurants, and  
3 retail grocers shall keep, in the English language:

4 \* \* \*

5 §307.1. Transport license fee; underlying license

6 A. The cost of a transport license is ~~thirty~~ eighty-three dollars per vehicle  
7 and can ~~only be purchased~~ be purchased only by a person holding a valid Louisiana  
8 commercial fisherman's license or valid Louisiana wholesale/retail dealer's license.

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10 §322.1. Shad seine; commercial harvest of shad and skipjack herring

11 A. A commercial fisherman licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 and  
12 305(B)(~~4~~)(~~6~~)(b) may take shad, skipjack, and any other freshwater commercial fish  
13 of legal size with a shad seine in accordance with this Section.

14 \* \* \*

15 §322.2. Shad gill nets; commercial harvest of shad and skipjack herring

16 A. A commercial fisherman licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 and  
17 305(B)(~~4~~)(~~f~~)(6)(a) may take shad and skipjack with a shad gill net in Lake Palourde,  
18 Lake Verret, Lac Des Allemands, all of the waterways in Iberville Parish, and those  
19 portions of the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary located between the guide  
20 levees of the Atchafalaya Basin but is specifically not authorized to do so in the  
21 streams, bayous, canals, and other water bodies connected with the specified lakes.

22 \* \* \*

23 §325.3. Spotted sea trout commercial taking; annual quota; red drum commercial  
24 taking, possession, or landing prohibited

25 \* \* \*

26 C. The commercial taking or sale by a commercial fisherman of spotted sea  
27 trout is prohibited except by special permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and  
28 Fisheries at a cost of one hundred fifty dollars for residents of this state and ~~four~~ six  
29 hundred dollars for those who are nonresidents. No person shall purchase spotted  
30 sea trout from any commercial fisherman who does not possess a spotted sea trout

1 permit. No person shall qualify for a charter boat fishing guide license and a spotted  
2 sea trout permit during the same licensure period.

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4 §326. Size and possession limits; commercial fish

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6 E.

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8 ~~(2) Persons commercially fishing for shark must obtain a permit from the~~  
9 ~~secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The commercial taking or~~  
10 ~~sale by a commercial fisherman of shark is prohibited except by special permit~~  
11 ~~issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at a cost of twenty-five dollars.~~  
12 Such permit shall be in the immediate possession of the person commercially fishing  
13 for shark. Any shark fisherman who violates a commercial shark fishery regulation  
14 shall be subject to the following sanctions:

15 \* \* \*

16 H. The possession limit for the commercial taking of southern flounder shall  
17 be ten fish for each licensed fisherman for each consecutive day on the water.  
18 ~~However, the provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to southern flounder~~  
19 ~~caught as by-catch authorized by R.S. 56:492.~~

20 \* \* \*

21 §411. Legislative findings and purpose

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23 B. For the purposes of this Subpart the following definitions shall apply:

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25 (4) "Mariculture" means the rearing, nurturing, or growing of saltwater fish  
26 in cages, pens, or any other containment device in or on state territorial waters  
27 including those waters over private-owned water bottoms.

28 (5) "Culture" means any activity associated with the rearing, nurturing, or  
29 growing of a domesticated aquatic organism.



1 §433.1. Oyster seed ground vessel permit; ~~Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit~~  
2 ~~Appeals Board~~

3 A.(1) Any oysters taken for commercial purposes from the public natural  
4 reefs or the oyster seed grounds or reservations, except those in Calcasieu Lake or  
5 Sabine Lake, shall be placed only on a vessel which has an oyster seed ground vessel  
6 permit issued exclusively by the department pursuant to rules and regulations  
7 promulgated by the commission. The commission may establish a limit on the  
8 number of permits that may be issued each year after consultation with the Louisiana  
9 Oyster Task Force. Such permit shall be issued in the name of the vessel owner and  
10 shall identify the vessel permitted by including the state registration number or the  
11 United States Coast Guard documented number. The permit shall identify the vessel  
12 that may possess and transport oysters taken from the public natural reefs and oyster  
13 seed grounds. The permit does not grant any rights to the oyster resource or any  
14 rights to harvest oysters from the waters of the state and shall not be sold, exchanged,  
15 or otherwise transferred. The permit is valid for one year, beginning on January first  
16 of each calendar year and expiring on December thirty-first of the same calendar  
17 year, and permit holders who hold a valid permit during the prior year may renew the  
18 permit at any time of the year for the current license year and from November  
19 fifteenth for the immediately following license year. The cost of the permit ~~for a~~  
20 ~~vessel from which oysters will be harvested using a single scraper, tongs, or by hand~~  
21 shall be ~~two hundred~~ fifty dollars per year for a resident and ~~one thousand two~~  
22 hundred dollars per year for a nonresident. ~~The cost of the permit for a vessel from~~  
23 ~~which oysters will be harvested using a double scraper or any other legal method of~~  
24 ~~harvest shall be five hundred dollars for a resident and two thousand dollars for a~~  
25 ~~nonresident.~~ In addition to the vessel permit fee, in order to harvest oysters from the  
26 public grounds, a person shall be in possession of a Public Oyster Seed Ground gear  
27 license. The Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license allows harvest of oysters from  
28 the public seed grounds using a single scraper, tongs, or by hand. The fee for the  
29 gear license is two hundred dollars per year for a resident and eight hundred dollars  
30 per year for a nonresident. A second scraper may be used but requires an additional

1           gear license. No vessel shall use or possess more than two scrapers while harvesting  
2           on the public seed grounds. After having been credited to the Bond Security and  
3           Redemption Fund as required by Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of  
4           Louisiana, all revenues received from purchase of the permit shall be deposited in  
5           the ~~Public Oyster Seed Ground Development Account, R.S. 56:434.1~~ Oyster  
6           Resource Management Account, R.S. 56:10(B)(4).

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8           §442. Collection and disposition of funds; dedication of funds

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10                  B. Except for funds collected from the privilege to take shells or shell  
11                  deposits from the water bottoms, ~~the funds provided for and arising from the~~  
12                  ~~collection of severance taxes~~, bedding ground rentals, and other sources of income,  
13                  shall be collected by the department and record made thereof. These funds shall be  
14                  deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the department.

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16           §449. Tags; distribution; use; containers; penalties

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18                  B. The department shall establish uniform fees for such tags. The fees shall  
19                  be sufficient in amount to cover the cost of the tags as well as the administrative  
20                  costs of distribution. In addition to the established uniform fee, there shall be an  
21                  additional fee of five cents per tag which shall be deposited into the Oyster  
22                  Development Account ~~within the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund.~~

23                           \*       \*       \*

24           §492. Incidental by-catch

25                  ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, or any rule or~~  
26                  ~~regulation adopted by the department or the commission, any~~ Any commercial  
27                  shrimping vessel may retain and any commercial fisherman may sell all southern  
28                  flounder caught as by-catch on any shrimping trip unless the southern flounder stock  
29                  is determined by the department to be overfished or undergoing overfishing. After  
30                  such a determination, the commission may adopt rules or regulations in accordance

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1 with the Administrative Procedures Act to restrict the retention of southern flounder  
2 caught as by-catch on any shrimping trip until such time as the department  
3 determines the stock has recovered from an overfished or overfishing status.

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5 §501. Commercial taking of freshwater shrimp

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7 B.

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9 (2) A person shrimping pursuant to this Subsection shall use a wire net with  
10 a one-quarter inch bar and a maximum length of six feet. The net shall be marked  
11 with a one gallon jug painted international orange and displaying the words  
12 "Freshwater Shrimp" in black letters. In addition to a commercial fishing license,  
13 a fisherman fishing pursuant to this Subsection shall possess a freshwater shrimp net  
14 license issued pursuant to R.S. 56:305(B)~~(17)~~(1)(d).

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16 §632.4. Reptile and amphibian collector's license; scientific collector's permit

17 A. All persons engaged in the sale of native reptiles and amphibians  
18 collected in Louisiana must possess one of the following licenses:

19 (1) A resident must possess a resident collector's license at a cost of ~~twenty-~~  
20 five fifty-five dollars.

21 (2) A nonresident must possess a nonresident collector's license at a cost of  
22 ~~two hundred~~ four hundred twenty dollars.

23 (3) Residents under ~~sixteen~~ sixteen eighteen years of age shall be required to possess  
24 a collector's license at a cost of ten dollars.

25 \* \* \*

26 §632.5. Reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license; nonresident three-  
27 day license

28 A. Any person buying, acquiring, or handling, from any person, by any  
29 means whatsoever, or for propagation for sale, any live species of native reptile or  
30 amphibian, except farm raised aquatic chelonians, or any live species of poisonous



1 snake or constrictor, as delineated in R.S. 56:632.5.1, in Louisiana, from within or  
 2 outside the state, for sale, or resale, whether on a commission basis or otherwise, is  
 3 a wholesale/retail reptile amphibian dealer and shall possess a reptile and amphibian  
 4 wholesale/retail dealer's license at a cost of ~~one hundred five~~ two hundred twenty  
 5 dollars for a resident and ~~four hundred five~~ eight hundred eighty dollars for a  
 6 nonresident.

7 \* \* \*

8 E. In lieu of the regular nonresident wholesale/retail dealer's license,  
 9 nonresidents may purchase a three-day reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail  
 10 dealer's license for a fee of ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred fifty dollars. The three-day  
 11 license shall be valid only for three consecutive days.

12 \* \* \*

13 §632.9. Transporter; license required; license fee; prohibitions; number of licenses;  
 14 transferability; records; common carriers

15 \* \* \*

16 B.(1) The cost of a reptile and amphibian transport license is ~~thirty sixty-five~~  
 17 dollars per vehicle for a resident and ~~one hundred twenty~~ two hundred fifty dollars  
 18 per vehicle for a nonresident and can be purchased only by a person holding a valid  
 19 Louisiana reptile and amphibian collector's license or valid Louisiana reptile and  
 20 amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license.

21 \* \* \*

22 §653. Information to accompany applications; annual fee

23 A. The application for such a license shall be accompanied by a fee of ~~two~~  
 24 ~~hundred~~ four hundred twenty dollars to be the annual charge for the issuance of such  
 25 license, and shall be further accompanied by information as to:

26 (1) The location and description of the premises, including a legal  
 27 description of the land, and





1 designated as the "Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund", ~~an amount~~  
2 ~~equal to the fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(c).~~

3 \* \* \*

4 ~~(5)(a) The monies in the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund~~  
5 ~~shall be used solely for the programs and purposes associated with the Louisiana~~  
6 ~~Duck License, Stamp, and Print Program as provided by R.S. 56:151 et seq. in the~~  
7 ~~amounts appropriated each year to the department by the legislature. There is hereby~~  
8 ~~created in the Conservation Fund a special account known as the Louisiana Duck~~  
9 ~~License, Stamp, and Print Fund. The treasurer shall pay annually into the Louisiana~~  
10 ~~Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund all amounts received pursuant to the Louisiana~~  
11 ~~Duck License, Stamp, and Print Program provided for in R.S. 56:151 et seq. and such~~  
12 ~~other funds as are specifically appropriated by the legislature.~~

13 (b) Half of the monies deposited in the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and  
14 Print Fund shall be used solely for the following in-state waterfowl management  
15 programs and purposes:

16 (i) To acquire lands in Louisiana which have the primary and direct purpose  
17 of conserving, restoring, and enhancing migratory waterfowl habitat.

18 (ii) To carry out migratory waterfowl habitat restoration and enhancement  
19 projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and  
20 Fisheries.

21 (iii) To fulfill the purposes of Items (i) and (ii) of this Subparagraph, when  
22 feasible and when in coastal areas, in a manner which will contribute to the  
23 protection of the coastal areas of the state from deterioration and which will enhance  
24 the productivity of the coastal marshes.

25 (iv) To acquire lands for wildlife and game management.

26 (v) To make grants, not to exceed ten percent of the program revenues, to the  
27 North American Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Plan for the purpose of acquiring,  
28 developing, or maintaining migratory waterfowl areas within Louisiana.



1 The funds in this account shall be used solely for the purpose of conserving,  
2 restoring, and enhancing black bear habitat in Louisiana.

3 (10) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special account  
4 known as the "quail account" ~~which shall consist of those revenues collected from~~  
5 ~~the sale of the Louisiana Quail Forever license plates provided for in R.S. 47:463.46.~~  
6 The revenues shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for other  
7 revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The  
8 funds in this account shall be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring,  
9 and enhancing quail habitat in Louisiana.

10 \* \* \*

11 §10.3. Lifetime License Endowment Trust Account

12 A.(1) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
13 account designated as the "Lifetime License Endowment Trust Account". Subject  
14 to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the Constitution of  
15 Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission under the provisions of this Part  
16 shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds  
17 remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund after a sufficient amount is  
18 allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of  
19 the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall  
20 deposit, as provided in Subsection B of this Section, an amount equal to the revenues  
21 collected under the provisions of this Part. The funds credited to the Lifetime License  
22 Endowment Trust Account shall be expended as provided in this Section.

23 (2) At any such time as the balance in the account reaches twenty million  
24 dollars and a determination is made by the department that the account contains  
25 sufficient monies to be able to certify all lifetime license holders then those funds in  
26 excess of twenty million dollars shall be credited to the Conservation Fund.

27 B. Of the revenues received from the issuance of each lifetime license, one  
28 hundred dollars shall be credited to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Account,  
29 and the remaining funds shall be credited to the Conservation Fund to be used for the

1 purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Chapter or for such  
2 other purposes as may be determined by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

3 \* \* \*

4 §103. License required; ~~license books; returns; transfer of license prohibited~~

5 A. No ~~resident of this state~~ person shall at any time hunt, take, possess, or  
6 cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or any wild quadruped  
7 unless he is at the time of such act the lawful holder of an ~~effective~~ valid license for  
8 that purpose issued to him by authority of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries  
9 Commission.

10 \* \* \*

11 C.(1) In order to hunt, take, possess, or transport deer, or turkey, ~~or bobcat,~~  
12 in Louisiana, in addition to a basic hunting license, a person shall be required to  
13 purchase and have on his person ~~a big game~~ either a deer license or a turkey license,  
14 whichever is the appropriate license. In order to hunt, take, possess, or transport  
15 waterfowl in Louisiana, in addition to a basic hunting license, a resident shall be  
16 required to purchase and have on his person a ~~duck~~ waterfowl license. ~~The fee for~~  
17 ~~an annual resident duck license shall be five dollars and fifty cents. In order to hunt,~~  
18 ~~take, possess, or transport turkey in Louisiana, in addition to a big game hunting~~  
19 ~~license, a resident shall be required to purchase and have on his person a wild turkey~~  
20 ~~license. The fee for an annual resident wild turkey license shall be five dollars and~~  
21 ~~fifty cents.~~

22 \* \* \*

23 §109. Wildlife management areas; wildlife refuges; public hunting grounds and  
24 recreation areas; notice; signs; hunters with disabilities

25 \* \* \*

26 D.(1) ~~On and after July 1, 1993, a Wild Louisiana Stamp, hunting license, or~~  
27 ~~fishing license~~ A valid WMA access permit shall be required for use of department  
28 administered lands including wildlife refuges and wildlife management and habitat  
29 conservation areas. Persons under ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years of age ~~and sixty years of~~  
30 ~~age or older~~ are exempt from this requirement. Persons attending official functions

1 of private, non-profit and charitable organizations recognized as tax exempt under  
 2 the provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code shall be exempt from this  
 3 requirement. In addition, traversing through lands administered by the department  
 4 shall not require a license or permit.

5 (2) Persons using department administered lands for commercial purposes  
 6 for which the department is paid a royalty or special fee, agents of the state on  
 7 official business, and persons or groups using department administered lands for  
 8 purposes other than fishing or hunting who receive, for good cause, a letter of permit  
 9 from the secretary specifically waiving the permit requirement ~~Wild Louisiana~~  
 10 ~~Stamp~~, shall be exempt.

11 (3) ~~For an initial violation of failing to possess a Wild Louisiana Stamp,~~  
 12 ~~fishing license, or hunting license while on department administered lands, as~~  
 13 ~~required by this Subsection, the violator shall immediately obtain a required stamp~~  
 14 ~~or license or be required to leave the department administered lands. In such instance~~  
 15 ~~of an initial violation, the violator shall be given directions to the nearest place where~~  
 16 ~~such stamp or license may be purchased. After the initial violation, any subsequent~~  
 17 ~~offenses shall be class one violations as designated in R.S. 56:31. This Paragraph~~  
 18 ~~shall not apply to violations of hunting or fishing without a license.~~

19 (4) The department shall prominently post and maintain at each entrance to  
 20 those lands subject to this Subsection a sign stating that all visitors, except those  
 21 exempt by law, must possess a ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp, a hunting license, a fishing~~  
 22 ~~license, or a WMA hunting permit~~ WMA access permit, a Sportsman's Paradise  
 23 license, a lifetime hunting or fishing license, or a license that confers equivalent  
 24 privileges while on those lands.

25 (5)(a) ~~In addition to other fees and licenses required by law, any person~~  
 26 ~~between the ages of eighteen and sixty, both inclusive, who hunts on any land~~  
 27 ~~administered by the department, including wildlife refuges and wildlife management~~  
 28 ~~and habitat conservation areas, shall purchase and have in his possession a WMA~~  
 29 ~~hunting permit. Traversing through department-administered lands shall not require~~  
 30 ~~a permit. The fee for a WMA hunting permit shall be fifteen dollars each year. The~~



1 permit shall be available for purchase beginning June first of each year and will be  
 2 valid from the date of purchase through the following June thirtieth. The permittee  
 3 shall have the permit in his possession whenever engaged in hunting on lands  
 4 administered by the department. Funds collected from the WMA hunting permit shall  
 5 be used for the maintenance and upkeep of wildlife management areas. The secretary  
 6 may exempt for good cause persons or groups of people from the requirements of  
 7 this Paragraph. Such exemption shall be in the form of a letter of permit from the  
 8 secretary. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations which  
 9 establish the criteria for such exemptions and which otherwise implement this  
 10 exemption.

11 (b) A resident between the ages of eighteen and sixty, both inclusive, who  
 12 meets the requirements of R.S. 56:104(A)(8) or (B)(2) shall be exempt from payment  
 13 of the permit fee required by this Paragraph.

14 \* \* \*

15 §116. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; special hunting seasons

16 \* \* \*

17 C.(1) The commission may establish a special deer season for primitive  
 18 firearms. The taking of deer in such season shall be limited to persons who are  
 19 licensed in accordance with the provisions of ~~R.S. 56:103(C)(2)~~. R.S. 56:3002. The  
 20 commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing such season,  
 21 including the type and size of weapons used, licenses required, sex of deer to be  
 22 hunted, and the areas included in the season. In addition to any other weapon  
 23 restriction the commission may adopt, such rules and regulations shall provide that  
 24 breech loading rifles with a caliber of .35 or larger may be used during primitive  
 25 firearms season. The taking of deer during this season shall be limited to still  
 26 hunting and may be allowed in all or some areas of the state where deer hunting is  
 27 now or shall in the future be allowed.

28 \* \* \*

29 D.(1) The commission shall establish a special open deer hunting season for  
 30 youth under eighteen years of age. The taking of deer in such a season shall be

1 limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all  
2 of the applicable zones. ~~Both~~ Properly licensed resident and nonresident youths may  
3 participate in this special season. Any youth participating in the special youth  
4 hunting season shall be accompanied by one adult eighteen years of age or older, but  
5 only the youth may participate in the actual hunting. If the accompanying adult is  
6 in possession of a valid ~~hunting license, or a~~ hunter safety certificate, or proof of  
7 successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department, a youth  
8 under ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years of age shall not be required to have ~~any of~~ these items.  
9 However, if the accompanying adult is not in possession of ~~any of~~ these items, the  
10 youth shall be required to have in his possession either a hunter safety certificate or  
11 proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department.  
12 A youth who is under the age of eighteen shall have in his possession a youth  
13 hunting license ~~sixteen or seventeen shall have in his possession a basic hunting~~  
14 ~~license and a big game license~~ as required by law. The accompanying adult shall  
15 maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

16 (2) ~~The commission shall establish for 2014 a special open deer hunting~~  
17 ~~season on private property for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged~~  
18 ~~veterans of the United States Armed Forces.~~ The commission may ~~thereafter~~  
19 establish a special open deer hunting season for Louisiana residents who are  
20 honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The taking of  
21 deer in such a season shall be limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of  
22 the regular gun season in all of the applicable zones and shall run concurrently with  
23 the open deer hunting season for youth provided for in Paragraph (1) of this  
24 Subsection. In order to qualify for the veterans special season, a veteran shall hold  
25 and be in possession of either a basic hunting license and a ~~big game deer~~ license,  
26 a Sportsman's Paradise license, or an equivalent license that grants both basic  
27 hunting and deer privileges and shall be able to provide proof satisfactory to the  
28 department of such honorable discharge. The special open deer hunting season  
29 authorized pursuant to this Paragraph shall be applicable to hunting on private

1 property only and shall not be applicable to any state-owned or ~~federally-owned~~  
2 federally owned or managed property.

3 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

4 \* \* \*

5 C.

6 \* \* \*

7 (3) There shall be no recreational bag limit on raccoon or opossum hunting  
8 during the open trapping season; however, the commission shall establish a  
9 recreational bag limit for such hunting during that period of the year when the  
10 trapping season is closed. No one shall ~~pelt~~ or sell the skins or carcasses of raccoons  
11 and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a  
12 valid commercial trapper's license, ~~which shall be required in addition to his basic~~  
13 ~~hunting~~. However, carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken by the holder of a  
14 commercial trapper's license on the last day of trapping season may be pelted or sold  
15 on the day immediately following the close of the season.

16 \* \* \*

17 §302. Recreational fishing ~~license~~; recreational gear

18 A. A recreational fisherman must purchase and possess the appropriate  
19 required license as defined in R.S. 56:3001 ~~basic recreational fishing license~~ in order  
20 to use the following gear or to possess ~~fish~~ on the fishing grounds fish which have  
21 been caught for recreational purposes:

22 (1) Hook and line (using a rod or fishing pole, hook and line, without a reel  
23 and without using artificial bait).

24 (2) Bow and arrow.

25 (3) A barbless spear, or a multi-pronged barbed gig.

26 (4) Castnets with a radius not to exceed eight feet six inches.

27 (5) Frog gigs or catchers.

28 (6) Scuba gear.

29 (7) Crawfish nets.

30 (8) Dip nets.

- 1                   (9) Landing nets.
- 2                   (10) Minnow traps.
- 3                   (11) Crab nets.
- 4                   (12) Crab lines.
- 5                   (13) Crab Traps: for use of no more than ten crab traps.
- 6                   (14) Hoop nets: for use of no more than five hoop nets.
- 7                   (15) Oyster tongs: for use of no more than one tong.
- 8                   (16) Slat trap: for use of no more than five slat traps.
- 9                   (17) Trawls: for use of no more than one trawl less than twenty-five feet in  
 10 length.
- 11                  (18) Wire nets: for use of no more than five wire nets.
- 12                  (19) Crawfish traps: for use of no more than thirty-five traps.

13                  B. ~~In addition to a basic recreational fishing license, a recreational fisherman~~  
 14 ~~over the age of sixteen years using any gear listed in R.S. 56:302.3 must purchase a~~  
 15 ~~recreational gear license as provided therein. Anyone under the age of sixteen years~~  
 16 ~~shall not be required to purchase or possess a gear license. However, any person~~  
 17 ~~using crawfish nets, dip nets, landing nets, minnow traps, crab nets, or crab lines for~~  
 18 ~~the purpose of taking fish for recreational purposes shall not be required to purchase~~  
 19 ~~or possess a basic recreational fishing license or be required to purchase a gear~~  
 20 ~~license.~~

21                  C. A fisherman taking fish for sale, using any legal gear listed in R.S. 56:305,  
 22 or legally taking fish in excess of any limitation as to size, length, or quantity for  
 23 recreational fishermen must purchase a commercial fisherman's license, commercial  
 24 gear license, and vessel license if applicable. This includes recreational fishermen  
 25 taking fish using any gear listed in R.S. 56:305 ~~for which a recreational gear license~~  
 26 ~~cannot be obtained pursuant to R.S. 56:302.3~~ and fishermen taking fish for sale using  
 27 any legal gear.

28                  C. No recreational fisherman shall use gill nets, trammel nets, strike nets, or  
 29 seines, except bait seines in compliance with R.S. 56:323.



1           ~~(c) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, in addition to the fee required~~  
2           ~~by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph for purchase of a saltwater fishing license,~~  
3           ~~there shall be an additional fee of seven dollars and fifty cents to be paid for each~~  
4           ~~license purchased by a resident that shall be credited to the Saltwater Fish Research~~  
5           ~~and Conservation Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g).~~

6           ~~(b) C. A person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel may~~  
7           ~~purchase a charter passenger fishing trip license at a fee of five dollars. Such license~~  
8           ~~shall be valid for three consecutive days Charter Three-Day Fishing license in lieu~~  
9           ~~of a basic annual recreational fishing license.~~

10           ~~(c) In addition to the fee contained in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, a~~  
11           ~~person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel shall pay a five~~  
12           ~~dollar fee which shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund as provided in R.S.~~  
13           ~~56:10(B)(1)(f), and which shall be used by the department for promotion of the~~  
14           ~~charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative~~  
15           ~~costs of the fund. Such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the~~  
16           ~~Louisiana Charter Boat Association.~~

17           ~~(d)(i) A resident who is totally and permanently disabled and receiving a~~  
18           ~~disability benefit from the federal social security system or a disability retirement~~  
19           ~~income from a retirement system whose members are exempt from federal social~~  
20           ~~security, either pursuant to the Railroad Retirement Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. §231,~~  
21           ~~or because they are employees of a state or a political subdivision of the state that~~  
22           ~~has not voluntarily agreed to participate in federal social security under 42 U.S.C.~~  
23           ~~§418, may purchase a basic recreational fishing license for a fee of two dollars and~~  
24           ~~fifty cents and a saltwater license for a fee of two dollars and fifty cents.~~

25           ~~(ii) A letter from the federal social security administration or retirement~~  
26           ~~system granting disability benefits shall be required at time of purchase, along with~~  
27           ~~proper identification. Such letter shall be evidence of qualification for the reduced~~  
28           ~~fee provided for in this Subparagraph.~~

1           ~~(3) The saltwater license is not required for residents possessing a two~~  
2           ~~dollars and fifty cents basic recreational fishing license and using only a rod or~~  
3           ~~fishing pole, hook and line, without a reel and without using artificial bait.~~

4           ~~(4) The saltwater license must be purchased and the fee paid irrespective of~~  
5           ~~any agreement or provision of law not specifically waiving the license or fee. The~~  
6           ~~required saltwater angling license shall not preclude a person from fishing for~~  
7           ~~freshwater species of fish south of the designated saltwater line described in R.S.~~  
8           ~~56:322(A) or in saltwater lakes and bodies of water designated in R.S. 56:322(B). A~~  
9           ~~person may take or possess in such designated saltwater areas, without a saltwater~~  
10           ~~angling license, any freshwater species of fish in any number not otherwise~~  
11           ~~prohibited by law, provided the person possesses a valid fishing license as otherwise~~  
12           ~~required by law. For the purpose of enforcement, the department shall determine by~~  
13           ~~rule which species of fish shall be classified as a freshwater species and which shall~~  
14           ~~be classified as a saltwater species. Any person, without a valid saltwater angling~~  
15           ~~license, that takes a saltwater species of fish as classified by the department from a~~  
16           ~~designated saltwater area shall return such fish immediately to the waters from which~~  
17           ~~taken without avoidable injury. An enforcement agent or officer of the department~~  
18           ~~may inspect a fisherman's catch to insure compliance with this Paragraph.~~

19           D. A person may take or possess a freshwater species of fish while in the  
20           saltwater areas designated by R.S. 56:322(B) without the necessity of a saltwater  
21           license. The commission shall promulgate by rule the species of fish classified as  
22           freshwater species. While in saltwater areas, a person possessing fish other than  
23           those designated as freshwater species shall be required to possess either a saltwater  
24           fishing license or an equivalent license that grants both basic and saltwater fishing  
25           privileges. Any species of fish that is required to be returned to the water shall be  
26           returned immediately to the water without avoidable injury from which it was taken.  
27           An enforcement agent or officer of the department may inspect a fisherman's catch  
28           to ensure compliance with this Paragraph.

29                                                   \*           \*           \*

1 §302.10. Sale of recreational catch

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3 B. A violation of this Section shall constitute a class four violation. In  
4 addition to the penalties provided in R.S. 56:34, any person convicted of a violation  
5 of this Section shall be further penalized as follows:

6 (1) For the first violation, a person shall forfeit his fishing license privileges;  
7 and ~~he shall not be issued a recreational license of any type~~ and shall be barred from  
8 participating in any type of recreational fishing for a period of one year from the date  
9 of conviction.

10 (2) For the second violation, a person shall forfeit his fishing privileges  
11 license; and ~~he shall not be issued a recreational license of any type~~ and shall be  
12 barred from participating in any type of recreational fishing for a period of two years  
13 from the date of conviction.

14 (3) For the third violation, a person shall forfeit his fishing privileges license,  
15 and he shall ~~never be issued a recreational license of any type~~ and shall be forever  
16 barred from participating in any type of recreational fishing.

17 C. Any person who, after being barred, participates in a recreational fishing  
18 activity ~~or obtains any recreational fishing license~~ during a time of revocation shall  
19 be penalized under the provisions of R.S. 56:37(A)(2), upon conviction.

20 \* \* \*

21 §325.1. Size and possession limits, recreational saltwater finfish; penalties

22 A.(1) The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set by rule, in accordance  
23 with the Administrative Procedure Act, daily take, and possession, and size limits for  
24 saltwater finfish caught recreationally in Louisiana territorial waters, based on  
25 biological and technical data. Aquaculturally raised fish, as ~~defined~~ provided in R.S.  
26 ~~56:356~~, R.S. 56:411 et seq. shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

27 \* \* \*

28 (3)(a) A recreational saltwater fisherman in possession of a valid basic and  
29 saltwater license or an equivalent license that grants both basic fishing and saltwater  
30 fishing privileges may possess twice the daily bag limit of red drum and spotted sea



1 trout; however, no person shall be in possession of over the daily bag limit while  
2 fishing or while on the water, unless such recreational saltwater fisherman is aboard  
3 a trawler engaged in commercial fishing for a consecutive period of longer than  
4 twenty-five hours.

5 \* \* \*

6 C.

7 \* \* \*

8 (2) In addition to the penalties provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,  
9 the following penalties shall apply:

10 \* \* \*

11 (d) Any violation of Subsection A or B of this Section shall, in addition to  
12 any applicable fines, also be punishable by revocation of any and all fishing  
13 privileges from licenses held by the violator for the period for which they were  
14 issued and one year thereafter. ~~The violator shall also be prohibited from obtaining~~  
15 ~~any new fishing license for a period of not less than one year nor more than three~~  
16 ~~years thereafter.~~

17 \* \* \*

18 §325.3. Spotted sea trout commercial taking; annual quota; red drum commercial  
19 taking, possession, or landing prohibited

20 A.(1) The commission shall establish a maximum annual quota for the  
21 commercial harvest of spotted sea trout taken within Louisiana waters or landed in  
22 Louisiana which shall not exceed one million pounds nor shall it be less than five  
23 hundred thousand pounds. The commercial taking or harvesting of spotted sea trout  
24 shall be prohibited within Louisiana waters west of Mermentau River. The Louisiana  
25 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall establish an open season for the  
26 commercial harvest of spotted sea trout which shall run from the second day of  
27 January each year until the maximum annual quota is reached. The commercial  
28 harvest or taking of spotted sea trout is prohibited during the period from sunset on  
29 Friday through sunrise on Monday, and there shall be no possession of spotted sea  
30 trout in excess of the recreational limit during the period between 10:00 p.m. and

1 5:00 a.m. However, when not on a commercial fishing trip, a person holding a permit  
 2 for the commercial taking or possessing of spotted sea trout may take or possess an  
 3 amount not to exceed the legal recreational limit of spotted sea trout between the  
 4 hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the open season and at any time during the  
 5 closed season if that person also possesses a basic recreational fishing license and a  
 6 saltwater fishing license or an equivalent license that grants both basic fishing and  
 7 saltwater fishing privileges. Only a rod and reel shall be used for the commercial  
 8 harvest of spotted sea trout. The provisions of this Section are subject to quotas and  
 9 size limits as established by law and rules and regulations of the commission. Fish  
 10 taken under recreational licenses shall not be sold, bartered, traded, or exchanged.

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12 §330. Crawfish harvesters; crawfish traps

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14 B. Crawfish may be taken ~~commercially~~ by properly licensed individuals  
 15 with approved crawfish traps. The openings of the flues or throats on crawfish traps  
 16 shall not exceed two inches.

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18 §500. Recreational possession limit; gear

19 A.~~(1)~~ A recreational fisherman may, in open waters in open season, with a  
 20 valid ~~recreational gear license for a trawl issued as provided for in R.S.~~  
 21 ~~56:302.3(B)(5)(a);~~ basic fishing license and a saltwater fishing license or an  
 22 equivalent license that grants both basic fishing and saltwater fishing privileges use  
 23 a trawl not to exceed ~~sixteen~~ twenty-five feet and may take no more than an  
 24 aggregate of ~~one~~ two hundred fifty pounds of shrimp per day to each boat, regardless  
 25 of the number of persons thereon, provided the shrimp taken are used for bait or for  
 26 the fisherman's own consumption and are not sold, traded, or otherwise permitted to  
 27 enter into commerce.

28 ~~(2)~~ A recreational fisherman may, in open waters in open season, with a valid  
 29 ~~recreational gear license for a trawl issued as provided for in R.S. 56:302.3(B)(5)(b);~~  
 30 use a trawl not to exceed ~~twenty-five~~ feet and may take no more than an aggregate

1 of two hundred fifty pounds of shrimp per day to each boat, regardless of the number  
2 of persons thereon, provided the shrimp taken are used for bait or for the fisherman's  
3 own consumption and are not sold, traded, or otherwise permitted to enter into  
4 commerce.

5 \* \* \*

6 §641. ~~Hunting, fishing licenses, Wild Louisiana Stamp, multi-year issuance, fees~~

7 A. ~~The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, through its secretary, may, in~~  
8 ~~addition to the issuance of annual individual hunting and fishing licenses and in~~  
9 ~~order to facilitate the distribution of sport hunting and fishing licenses as provided~~  
10 ~~in this Chapter, provide for the issuance of hunting or fishing licenses, or the Wild~~  
11 ~~Louisiana Stamp, on a three year basis, exclusive of any other special licenses~~  
12 ~~otherwise authorized by law. The license may be issued on an individual license~~  
13 ~~basis or any license combination presently allowed by law. The fee for such~~  
14 ~~multi-year hunting or fishing licenses, or the Wild Louisiana Stamp, issued shall be~~  
15 ~~the same as the sum of the individual hunting or fishing license, or the Wild~~  
16 ~~Louisiana Stamp, or the sum of any combination hunting or fishing license as now~~  
17 ~~or hereafter provided by law. The department shall provide for computerized mail~~  
18 ~~renewal of all licenses or stamps issued under the provisions of this Section. The~~  
19 ~~secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this~~  
20 ~~Section.~~

21 B. ~~The multiple year license fee collected under the provisions of this~~  
22 ~~Section shall, after receipt and deposit in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries~~  
23 ~~Conservation Fund, as required by law, be appropriated on a pro-rata basis to the~~  
24 ~~department.~~

25 Exclusive licensing authority; rules and regulations

26 A. The legislature finds that it is in the best interests of protecting,  
27 conserving, and replenishing the wildlife and fisheries resources of the state that the  
28 department, through its secretary, shall have authority to provide for the issuance of  
29 hunting and fishing licenses through an electronic issuance system.

1           B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the secretary  
2 shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement an automated license issuance  
3 system which includes but is not limited to the following nonexclusive authorization:

4                   (1) To enter into contracts for the provisions of licensing services.

5                   (2) To provide for regulations, qualification criteria, and compensation of  
6 licensing agents.

7                   (3) To provide for the funding for an automated license issuance system and  
8 related services including license agent commissions.

9                   (4) To provide for criteria to accept or reject applicants or suspend a  
10 licensee.

11                   (5) To provide for effective license numbers.

12                   (6) To provide that a license may become effective immediately upon  
13 issuance of an effective license number.

14                   (7) To provide for special lottery-type issues.

15                   (8) To enter into agreements for any manner of license issuance, distribution,  
16 and compensation therefor, including contingency fee contracts.

17                                           \*       \*       \*

18           §645. Fishing and hunting license checkoff; donation for veterans with disabilities

19                   A. Each individual who purchases a fishing or hunting license may make a  
20 donation to help provide disabled veterans with hunting and fishing licenses. The  
21 donation shall be made at the time of the purchase and shall be made upon the  
22 license form prescribed by the secretary.

23                   B. There is hereby created within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
24 a special escrow account known as the "Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation  
25 Escrow Account". The escrow account is created to receive deposits of donations  
26 made for the benefit of disabled veterans when an individual purchases a fishing and  
27 hunting license. The monies in the account shall be used solely to purchase hunting  
28 and fishing licenses for disabled veterans. No more than ten percent of the monies  
29 in the account shall be used for administrative costs. All unexpended and  
30 unencumbered monies in this account at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the

1 account. The monies in the account shall be invested by the state treasurer in the  
2 same manner as monies in the state general fund.

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4 §649.1. Lifetime hunting license

5 ~~A. Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2022, any bona fide resident of this state may obtain  
6 a lifetime hunting license. The lifetime hunting license shall be in lieu of the  
7 following recreational hunting licenses: basic hunting, big game, primitive firearms,  
8 bow hunting, the Louisiana duck license, the WMA hunting permit, and the wild  
9 turkey license. After June 1, 2022, the license shall no longer be sold, but shall  
10 continue to provide to any holder privileges in lieu of basic hunting, deer,  
11 waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses and shall permit WMA access.

12 ~~B. The fee for the lifetime hunting license shall be three hundred dollars. The~~  
13 ~~fee for persons thirteen years of age or under shall be two hundred dollars.~~

14 §649.2. Lifetime sports fishing license

15 ~~Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2022, any bona fide resident of this state may obtain a  
16 lifetime sports fishing license. The lifetime sports fishing license shall be in lieu of  
17 the following recreational and sports fishing licenses: basic recreational fishing and  
18 saltwater recreational fishing. ~~The fee for the lifetime sports fishing license shall be~~  
19 ~~three hundred dollars. The fee for persons thirteen years of age or under shall be two~~  
20 ~~hundred dollars.~~ After June 1, 2022, the license shall no longer be sold, but shall  
21 continue to provide to any holder privileges in lieu of a basic fishing, saltwater, crab,  
22 and recreational fishing gear licenses and shall permit WMA access for purposes  
23 other than hunting.

24 §649.3. Combination lifetime hunting and sports fishing license

25 A. ~~Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2022, any bona fide resident of this state may obtain  
26 a combination lifetime hunting and sports fishing license, which shall entitle the  
27 licensee to all of the privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports  
28 fishing licenses provided for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the~~  
29 ~~combination lifetime license shall be five hundred dollars. The fee for persons~~  
30 ~~thirteen years of age or under shall be three hundred dollars. The fee for a resident~~

1 who is sixty years of age or older shall be fifty dollars. After June 1, 2022, the  
 2 license shall be in lieu of basic hunting, deer, waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses,  
 3 basic, saltwater, crab, and recreational fishing gear licenses, and shall permit WMA  
 4 access.

5 B. A For any license purchased prior to June 1, 2022, a combination lifetime  
 6 hunting and sports fishing license holder shall be entitled to the individual gear  
 7 license privileges under the recreational gear license as provided in R.S. 56:302.3.  
 8 However, ~~an additional fee shall be levied for lifetime privileges for each~~  
 9 ~~recreational fishing gear license in an amount that is equal to ten times the cost of an~~  
 10 ~~annual license issued under the provisions of R.S. 56:302.3.~~

11 §649.4. Nonresident combination lifetime hunting and fishing license

12 ~~A. Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2022, any nonresident may obtain a combination  
 13 lifetime hunting and fishing license which shall entitle the licensee to all of the  
 14 privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports fishing licenses provided  
 15 for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the nonresident combination lifetime~~  
 16 ~~license shall be three thousand dollars.~~

17 ~~B.(1) Any nonresident veteran of the armed forces of the United States or a~~  
 18 ~~reserve component, including the National Guard, who has a permanent~~  
 19 ~~service-connected disability classification of fifty percent or more, may obtain a~~  
 20 ~~combination lifetime hunting and fishing license which shall entitle the licensee to~~  
 21 ~~all of the privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports fishing licenses~~  
 22 ~~provided for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. The fee for such nonresident combination~~  
 23 ~~lifetime license shall be three hundred dollars.~~

24 ~~(2) Such nonresident veteran must possess a valid Louisiana birth certificate,~~  
 25 ~~or provide satisfactory proof of having been a Louisiana resident for at least ten~~  
 26 ~~years.~~

27 \* \* \*

28 §649.7. Infant combination lifetime hunting and fishing license

29 ~~The~~ Until June 1, 2022, the department shall make available for persons from  
 30 birth to five years old who were born in Louisiana a combination lifetime hunting

1 and fishing license. Any such license purchased prior to June 1, 2022, ~~which~~ shall  
 2 entitle the licensee to all of the privileges of both lifetime hunting and lifetime sports  
 3 fishing licenses provided in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the infant lifetime~~  
 4 ~~license shall be two hundred dollars.~~ After June 1, 2022, the license shall be in lieu  
 5 of basic hunting, deer, waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses, basic, saltwater, crab,  
 6 and recreational fishing gear licenses, and shall permit WMA access.

\* \* \*

8 §678. Hunting reciprocity; Mississippi

9 The holder of a hunting license issued by the state of Mississippi shall have  
 10 the same rights and privileges to hunt wild game birds and quadrupeds upon islands  
 11 in and the waters of the Mississippi River and the Pearl River and other land  
 12 resulting from accretion along the Mississippi River and the Pearl River where those  
 13 river forms the boundary between the states of Louisiana and Mississippi as are  
 14 provided by law for the holder of a Louisiana hunting license. This Section shall  
 15 take effect and become operative if and when the state of Mississippi grants  
 16 reciprocal privileges to the holders of hunting and fishing or angling licenses issued  
 17 by the state of Louisiana.

18 §679. Turkey hunting reciprocity

19 The department may negotiate a reciprocal agreement with any state that  
 20 shares a common boundary with Louisiana if the neighboring state has a similar wild  
 21 turkey stamp or license requirement and fee. The agreement may permit a resident  
 22 of the state with which the agreement is made to hunt wild turkey in this state  
 23 without a Louisiana wild turkey license if the person possesses a wild turkey stamp  
 24 or license issued by the other state.

25 \* \* \*

26 §1833. Wild Louisiana Guide License

27 A. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is authorized to adopt  
 28 rules and regulations to create and govern a licensing program for persons who  
 29 conduct outings on department-owned lands for purposes other than hunting or

1 fishing for which a Wild Louisiana Stamp may be required pursuant to R.S.  
 2 56:109(D).

3 B. The commission may establish a Wild Louisiana Guide License and  
 4 impose a fee for such license that may not exceed ~~one~~ five hundred dollars annually.

5 C. The commission may require a licensed Wild Louisiana guide to pay to  
 6 the department a client fee not to exceed ~~two~~ five dollars per trip for each person  
 7 accompanying the guide on such lands. The guide shall not be required to pay the  
 8 client fee for those persons who possess a valid Louisiana WMA Access Permit  
 9 ~~hunting or fishing license or Wild Louisiana Stamp~~. The commission may require  
 10 the guide to submit, along with the payment of the client fees, the names and  
 11 addresses of persons for which the client fee has been paid.

12 D. Persons accompanying a licensed Wild Louisiana guide for whom the  
 13 guide is required to pay a client fee pursuant to Subsection C of this Section shall not  
 14 be required to possess a WMA Access Permit ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp or possess a~~  
 15 ~~hunting or fishing license~~.

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17 CHAPTER 14. HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSING AND FEES

18 PART 1. RECREATIONAL LICENSES

19 §3000. Recreational license requirements; definitions

20 A.(1) Any person eighteen years or older engaged in an activity that involves  
 21 hunting, fishing, or accessing property owned by the department for which a license  
 22 is required shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original license, or an  
 23 effective license number, together with a form of personal identification, and shall  
 24 show such license and identification upon request to a duly authorized agent of the  
 25 department.

26 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, any  
 27 person younger than eighteen years of age engaged in an activity that necessitates the  
 28 use of deer tags or turkey tags, or involves participation in a youth lottery hunt shall  
 29 have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license and shall show  
 30 such license upon request to a duly authorized agent of the department.



1           B. Licenses issued pursuant to this Part shall be valid for a period of one year  
2           from the date of issuance. In the case where an additional license or permit is  
3           required for a specific activity or for the taking or possession of certain species of  
4           wildlife or fisheries resources, the basic or prerequisite license must be valid in order  
5           for the additional license to be valid. No license shall be assigned or transferred to,  
6           or used by, any person other than the individual to whom the license was issued.

7           C. Any license found in the possession of a person other than the person to  
8           whom the license was issued shall be confiscated by an officer authorized to enforce  
9           the provisions of this Part and shall be delivered to the department for cancellation.  
10          Any license confiscated under the provisions of this Section shall be considered void.  
11          Any violation of this Subsection shall constitute a class three violation punishable  
12          as provided in R.S. 56:33.

13          D. Each license shall be effective only during the open season for the  
14          particular species of wildlife or fisheries resource authorized to be taken under the  
15          provisions of the license.

16          E.(1) No resident license may be issued until valid proof of Louisiana  
17          residency has been provided by the applicant. Residents shall meet the residency  
18          requirements specified in R.S. 56:8 for bona fide residents.

19          (2) The issuance of a license is conditional upon validation of all information  
20          on the application. If the department finds any material misstatement of fact  
21          regarding the residency of the applicant, the license shall be void and shall be  
22          immediately surrendered to an agent of the department.

23          F. In addition to a person who qualifies as a resident of Louisiana, the  
24          following people qualify for resident licenses:

25          (1) Any person who possesses a military identification card that signifies  
26          that he is currently on active military duty with any one of the armed forces of the  
27          United States, including the National Guard, or the spouse or dependent of such  
28          person, may be issued a license for hunting or recreational fishing in Louisiana after  
29          payment of the same fee as that required of Louisiana residents for that same license.

30          Any license purchased under the provisions of this Subsection shall be valid only

1 during that time when the person is on active duty in the armed forces of the United  
2 States. In addition, the provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the purchase  
3 of lifetime licenses. The military identification card or dependent card and the  
4 appropriate license must be on the licensee's person at all times when he is engaged  
5 in hunting or fishing activities.

6 (2) A nonresident full-time student who is enrolled in a Louisiana public or  
7 private high school or an accredited college or university that has a physical campus  
8 in the state of Louisiana may purchase a resident license. The applicant shall show  
9 a valid identification card issued by the high school, college, or university indicating  
10 current full-time status and, when engaged in the activity authorized by the license,  
11 must have both the license and the school identification card on his person.

12 (3) Any person who was born in Louisiana and who possesses a valid  
13 Louisiana birth certificate may purchase a nonresident temporary hunting and fishing  
14 license that is valid for ten consecutive days for the cost of an annual resident license  
15 conveying an equivalent privilege.

16 G. A person may qualify for a Senior/Retired Military Hunting and Fishing  
17 license as follows:

18 (1) A resident who reaches age sixty prior to June 1, 2000, may obtain an  
19 annual Senior license for no cost.

20 (2) A resident who reaches age sixty between June 1, 2000, and May 31,  
21 2022, may obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing license for the cost of five  
22 dollars.

23 (3) A resident who reaches age sixty-five on or after June 1, 2027, may  
24 obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing license for the cost of twenty dollars.

25 (4) Upon application to the department and showing identification and proof  
26 of military service satisfactory to the department, any person who is a retired  
27 member of the United States Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army National  
28 Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard, and was either born in Louisiana or is  
29 a bona fide resident of Louisiana, may obtain an annual license at one-half the cost  
30 of an annual resident license.

1           H. Upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the department,  
2           the following people may be issued a Disabled/Special Needs Hunting and Fishing  
3           license:

4           (1) A person who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, including  
5           the Louisiana Army National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard, having a  
6           permanent service connected disability classification of fifty percent or more.

7           (2) A resident who is blind, paraplegic, or is a single or multiple amputee,  
8           or is required to use one or more artificial limbs or permanent braces for mobility as  
9           a result of a permanent and total disability.

10          (3) A resident who is totally and permanently disabled and receiving a  
11          disability benefit from the federal social security system or a disability retirement  
12          income from a retirement system whose members are exempt from federal social  
13          security, either pursuant to the Railroad Retirement Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 231,  
14          or because they are employees of a state or a political subdivision of the state that  
15          has not voluntarily agreed to participate in federal social security under 42 U.S.C.  
16          418.

17          (4) Any resident of Louisiana who is the surviving spouse of a member of  
18          the United States Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army National Guard or  
19          the Louisiana Air National Guard, who was killed in action while in a combat zone,  
20          upon showing identification and documentation satisfactory to the department.

21          I. Any nonpublic authorized issuing agent that issues any license under the  
22          provisions of this Subpart may retain an amount not to exceed fifty cents of the fee  
23          collected from the sale of each resident and active duty military license issued and  
24          an amount not to exceed one dollar from the sale of each nonresident license issued.  
25          The amount to be retained shall be promulgated by the commission.

26          J.(1) The secretary may exempt for good cause persons or groups of people  
27          from the license fee requirements of this Part. Such exemption shall be in the form  
28          of a letter of permit from the secretary. The commission is authorized to promulgate  
29          rules and regulations that establish the criteria for such exemptions and that  
30          otherwise implement the provisions of this Subsection.



1	<u>(b) Saltwater fishing license</u>	<u>\$60.00/year</u>
2	<u>(includes all legal recreational saltwater gear)</u>	
3	<u>(c) Five-day Basic fishing</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
4	<u>(includes all legal freshwater recreational gear)</u>	
5	<u>(d) Five-day Saltwater Fishing</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
6	<u>(includes all legal saltwater recreational gear)</u>	
7	<u>(e) Charter boat three-day saltwater fishing license</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
8	<u>(f) Charter boat three-day freshwater fishing license</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
9	<u>§3002. Recreational hunting licenses; fees</u>	
10	<u>(1) Resident licenses including Louisiana residents, active and reserve</u>	
11	<u>members of the United States armed forces including National Guard, non-resident</u>	
12	<u>students:</u>	
13	<u>(a) Basic hunting license</u>	<u>\$20.00/year</u>
14	<u>(b) Deer hunting license</u>	<u>\$15.00/year</u>
15	<u>(includes deer tags, archery and primitive privileges)</u>	
16	<u>(c) Waterfowl license</u>	<u>\$12.00/year</u>
17	<u>(d) Turkey license (includes tags)</u>	<u>\$12.00/year</u>
18	<u>(e) Youth hunting license</u>	<u>\$5.00/year</u>
19	<u>(required for hunting deer, turkey, trapping, and youth lottery hunts)</u>	
20	<u>(2) Nonresident licenses</u>	
21	<u>(a) Basic hunting license</u>	<u>\$200.00/year</u>
22	<u>(b) Deer hunting license</u>	<u>\$100.00/year</u>
23	<u>(includes deer tags, archery and primitive privileges)</u>	
24	<u>(c) Waterfowl Hunting license</u>	<u>\$50.00/year</u>
25	<u>(d) Turkey Hunting license (includes tags)</u>	<u>\$50.00/year</u>
26	<u>(e) Five-day Basic Hunting license</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>
27	<u>(f) Five-Day Deer Hunting license</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
28	<u>(g) Five-Day Waterfowl Hunting license</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
29	<u>(h) Five-Day Turkey Hunting license</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>

1           §3003. Resident and nonresident WMA permits; fees

2                   A. Basic WMA access permit                   \$20.00/year

3                   B. Five-Day WMA access permit                   \$5.00

4                   C. WMA camping permit                   \$7.00/day

5           §3004. Combination licenses (includes all hunting, fishing and WMA privileges);  
6                   fees

7                   A. Resident licenses including Louisiana residents, active and reserve  
8                   members of the United States armed forces including National Guard, non-resident  
9                   students:

10                   (1) Sportsman's Paradise                   \$100.00/year

11                   (2) Seniors and Retired Military                   \$20.00/year

12                   (3) Disabled and special needs                   \$4.00/year

13                   B. Nonresident:

14                   (1) Sportsman's Paradise                   \$400.00/year

15                   (2) Five-Day Blast and Cast                   \$120.00

16           §3005. Lifetime licenses

17                   A. Louisiana resident                   \$500.00

18                   B. Nonresident                   \$4,000.00

19                   C. Youth resident (any resident under the age of eighteen) \$500.00

20                   D. Senior (any resident sixty five years or older)                   \$100.00

21           §3006. Violations

22                   Except as otherwise provided in this Title, hunting, fishing, or accessing  
23                   WMAs without the license required by this Subpart shall constitute a Class II  
24                   violation punishable under the provisions of R.S. 56:32.

25                                   PART II. REVENUE DEDICATIONS

26           §3007. Dedication of license revenue

27                   A.(1) Except as otherwise provided, funds received from the sale of licenses  
28                   issued under the provisions of this Part shall be deposited into the Conservation  
29                   Fund.



1 shall be implemented starting on November 15, 2021, and the remaining fifty percent of each  
2 fee increase or decrease shall be implemented starting on November 15, 2023.

3 Section 9. This Section and Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 of this Act shall become  
4 effective on November 15, 2021.

5 Section 10. This Section and Sections 3 and 6 of this Act shall become effective on  
6 June 1, 2022.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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