

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 86

BY SENATORS CATHEY AND LUNEAU AND REPRESENTATIVE RISER

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Provides for a bear hunting season in Louisiana. (8/1/22)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:116(A), relative hunting seasons; to provide for a bear hunting season; to provide for the powers and duties of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to provide for the management of the bear population; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:116(A) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

A. (1) Beginning 2023 and every year thereafter, the commission shall establish a bear season. The commission shall define the dates, times, and area for hunting bear and may use any of the following methods to manage the bear population:

(a) Limit the number and sex of bears that can be taken.

(b) Prohibit taking bears outfitted with a radio collar.

(c) Prohibit the use of dogs or bait.

(d) Establish a lottery system for the issuance of tags and for the opportunity to participate in the season.

(e) Any other limitation the commission finds useful or necessary to

