RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 11 (SB 270)

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<u>Prior law</u> provided that except as provided in <u>existing law</u>, no obstructions including trawls, skimmer nets, butterfly nets, fyke nets, wings or leads, seines, gill nets, or trammel nets which interfere with the free passageway for fish can be set within 500 feet of the mouth of any inlet or pass, or within 500 feet of any water control structures, dams, or weirs.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>prior law</u> and creates an exception for the purpose of retaining and removing invasive species of fish and other nongame freshwater fish of commercial value.

<u>New law</u> provides that when fishing for the purpose of retaining and removing invasive species of fish and other nongame freshwater fish of commercial value, nets are restricted to a mesh size no smaller than three and one-half inches bar.

Existing law provides that wings and leads are permitted on hoop nets in overflowed regions where the water is out of the actual bed of the natural stream or lake but not within the restricted 500 feet area.

Effective May 13, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 56:329(B)(1))