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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

WATERWAYS/RIVERS: Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study wakeboard boats and their impact on fishing and properties on False River

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study wakeboard
3 boats and their impact on fishing and properties on False River.

4 WHEREAS, wakeboard boats, also known as wakeboats, surfboats, or tow boats, are
5 designed to create a large, specially shaped wake for a wakeboarder to jump the wake from
6 side to side; and

7 WHEREAS, wake is the wave a boat generates as it moves through the water, which
8 disperses an amount of energy based on the boat's speed and the amount of water the boat
9 displaces; and

10 WHEREAS, the wake created by a boat may endanger others by rocking, swamping,
11 or capsizing other boats which may result in passengers thrown off balance or overboard;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the wake created by a boat may cause erosion of shorelines, damaging
14 important habitat and ecosystems when the distance to shore is not adequate to dissipate the
15 wakes; and

16 WHEREAS, just one pass of a wake boat can be damaging to an ecosystem, and
17 multiple passes in the same area can cause long lasting damage to shorelines, water quality,
18 and lake bottoms; and

19 WHEREAS, erosion of shorelines and damage to natural ecosystems could adversely
20 impact both fishing and properties located on False River.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study wakeboard
3 boats and their impact on fishing and properties on False River.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a written report of the study completed by the
5 department be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment
6 and the speaker of the House of Representatives by the end of the year 2023.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

DIGEST

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