

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 170 (HB 438)

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Prior law required a person to be in possession of a Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license in order to harvest oysters from the public grounds. Prior law further specified that the Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license authorized the harvest of oysters through the use of a single scraper, tongs, or by hand.

New law modifies prior law by specifying that a person onboard a permitted vessel must be in possession of a Public Oyster Seed Ground gear permit, and that the permit is an extension of the vessel permit and allows harvest of oysters from public seed grounds.

Prior law specified that the fee for the gear license is \$200 per year for a resident and \$800 for a nonresident. Prior law further specified that a second scraper required an additional gear license.

New law changes the term "license" to "permit" but otherwise retains prior law.

Existing law provides that revenues from purchase of the vessel permit be deposited in the Oyster Resource Management Account. New law maintains existing law and specifies that gear permit revenues must also be deposited in that account.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 56:433.1(A)(1))