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SENATE BILL NO. 211

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

FISH/FISHING. Provides for size limits for spotted sea trout and red drum. (8/1/2024)

1	AN ACT		
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3)(b), relative to possession limits for certain fish;		
3	to provide for size limits for spotted sea trout and red drum; to provide for possession		
4	of fish fillets; to provide for the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; and to provide		
5	for related matters.		
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:		
7	Section 1. R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as		
8	follows:		
9	§325.1. Size and possession limits; recreational saltwater finfish; penalties		
10	A.(1) * * * *		
11	(3)(a) * * * *		
12	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph and		
13	R.S. 56:325.2(A) and (B), a fisherman who holds and is in possession of a valid		
14	recreational fishing license and can demonstrate to the department's satisfaction use		
15	of a boat launch located south of U.S. Highway 90 and that the fisherman has been		
16	actively on the water or at a remote camp that can be accessed only by water for two		
17	days or more may possess up to the possession limit of filleted red drum, spotted sea		

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1	trout, and Southern flounder. The filleted fish shall have sufficient skin remaining
2	on the fillet to allow for identification of the species and shall be segregated by
3	species into plastic bags or plastic containers that are marked by species to allow
4	easy identification, the date caught, and the name and license number of the person
5	who took the fish. The spotted sea trout allowable size of fillets shall be no less than
6	ten inches in length and the red drum shall be no less than fourteen inches in length
7	set by the commission. The fish shall be in the possession only of the person who
8	took the fish. However, no fisherman shall be actively fishing or engaged in fishing
9	while in possession of more than the daily take limit.
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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<u>Present law</u> provides for possession and size limits of filleted spotted sea trout and red drum by licensed fishermen who can demonstrate use of a boat launch south of U.S. Highway 90 and that they have been actively on the water or at a camp accessible only by boat for at least two days.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but provides that the commission may set the size limit for fillets of spotted sea trout and red drum.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3)(b))