

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 211

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

FISH/FISHING. Provides for size limits for spotted sea trout and red drum. (8/1/24)

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

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.

DIGEST

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Present law 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.

Proposed law retains present law 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))