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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

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HUNTERS/HUNTING. Requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study and make recommendations to manage alligator populations.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife  
3 and Fisheries Commission, in consultation with the Alligator Advisory Council, to  
4 study and make recommendations regarding the management of the state's alligator  
5 populations.

6 WHEREAS, during the mid-20th century, unregulated hunting and habitat  
7 destruction pushed the American alligator to the edge of oblivion; and in response, Louisiana  
8 implemented stringent conservation measures, including hunting bans, habitat restoration  
9 projects, and breeding programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Louisiana's conservation efforts have been pivotal in resurrecting the  
11 species from the brink of extinction to a thriving population today and restoring balance to  
12 the state's wetland ecosystems; and

13 WHEREAS, the success of these conservation efforts have led to new challenges;  
14 the resurgence of the alligator population in Louisiana has resulted in human-wildlife  
15 conflicts, with increasing reports of alligator attacks on pets, livestock, and even humans;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, with this conservation success, there is a real need to reconsider  
18 management strategies and find a delicate balance between protecting the species, wildlife

