

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 847

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(19), relative to the Marine Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund; to
3 create the Marine Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund; to provide for authorized uses
4 of the fund; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(19) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;
8 limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds and accounts;
9 warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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11 B.

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13 (19) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a "Marine Finfish
14 Stock Enhancement Fund". The monies in the fund shall be used solely for the
15 purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing the red drum population, including
16 but not limited to the purchase, transportation, tagging, release and monitoring of red
17 drum, genetic testing, hatchery based production and stocking efforts, and academic
18 research. Any appropriations, public or private grants, gifts, or donations received
19 by the state or the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for these purposes shall be
20 credited to the fund. The monies in the fund shall be subject to the same
21 requirements as provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The monies in the
22 fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as the monies in the state

