2024 Regular Session

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ACT No. 735

HOUSE BILL NO. 847

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

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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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

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1	general fund and all interest earned shall be deposited and credited to the fund after
2	compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of
3	Louisiana. All unexpended or unencumbered monies remaining in the fund at the
4	end of the fiscal year shall remain to the credit of the fund.
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	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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