
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for salvage procedures for abandoned vessels and for tagging and titling of abandoned vessels.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations for:

- (1) Law enforcement entities to affix a notice onto an abandoned vessel that informs the owner it has been deemed unlawful and will be removed.
- (2) Third parties to recover vessels that have been tagged or deemed abandoned by law enforcement.
- (3) Making available the information of the owner of any vessel that has been tagged or abandoned.
- (4) Clarifying the procedure for obtaining a salvage title and for selling any abandoned vessel that has been recovered.
- (5) Providing notice to registrants that they will be deemed as the owner and be held responsible for any vessel deemed abandoned.

Present law authorizes the dept. to adopt rules and regulations for establishing guidelines and procedures for registering and titling vessels or outboard motors that are abandoned, salvaged, towed and stored abandoned vessels, court-ordered transferred, or lacking proper ownership documentation.

Proposed law requires the dept. to adopt the rules and regulations for establishing the guidelines and procedures provided by present law.

(Amends R.S. 34:852.23; Adds R.S. 34:845)