

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 23

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FISH/FISHING. Provides for recording of commercial receipts for fish sold. (8/1/25)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:306.5(B), relative to seafood dealer receipts; to provide for transmission to commercial fishermen; to provide for time delays; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:306.5(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§306.5. Records

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B.(1) Wholesale/retail seafood dealers purchasing or acquiring fish from commercial fisherman shall complete a commercial receipt form. The commercial receipt form shall be a three-part form signed by both the commercial fisherman and the wholesale/retail seafood dealer or his designee, attesting to that the information required to be provided by each is correct. One part of the receipt form shall be retained by the wholesale/retail seafood dealer, one part shall be ~~given~~ **transmitted** to the commercial fisherman ~~at the time~~ **within twenty-four hours** of the transaction, and one part shall be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as provided for in R.S. 56:306.6.

(2) The wholesale/retail seafood dealer is responsible for recording on the commercial receipt form that information provided by the commercial fisherman as specified in R.S. 56:303.7, and is responsible for the following information ~~at the time of~~ **within twenty-four hours of each** purchase or transfer of possession of ~~the~~ **a** catch from a commercial fisherman to a wholesale/retail seafood dealer: wholesale/retail seafood dealer's name and license number, commercial fisherman's name, license number and signature, transaction date, species identification, quantity and units of each species, size and condition of each species, unit price of each species, and permit number for species requiring a permit to harvest.

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DIGEST

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Present law requires wholesale and retail seafood dealers acquiring fish from commercial fisherman to complete a receipt recording certain information related to the transaction and to provide the receipt to the fisherman at the time of the transaction.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that the receipt be transmitted to the fisherman within 24 hours of the transaction.

Present law provides that the dealer is responsible for information recorded on receipt, including dealer's name and license number, fisherman's name, license number and signature, transaction date, species, quantity and units of each species, size and condition of each species, unit price of each species, and permit number if required, at the time of the transaction.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the dealer is responsible for the recorded information with 24 hours of the transaction.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 56:306.5(B))