

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 480

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

FISH/FISHING. Provides for the use of certain fishing gear. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:499.3, relative to butterfly and bottom nets; to provide for the
3 use of butterfly and bottom nets in certain water bodies while the vessel is underway;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:499.3 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §499.3. Butterfly and bottom nets; Oyster Bayou

8 A. In the body of water known as Oyster Bayou, located between Atchafalaya
9 Bay and Terrebonne Bay, and extending one thousand feet outside of the points
10 where Oyster Bayou connects with Fourleague Bay and the Gulf of America,
11 butterfly nets and bottom nets may be used to take shrimp only when suspended from
12 a fishing boat or vessel which is motor propelled and underway.

13 B. Any anchor or weight used to secure in the waterway the net or any object
14 to which it is attached or mounted, including but not limited to any unmanned boat
15 or vessel, floating platform, pontoon, or barge, shall be prohibited.

16 ~~C.~~ Any **Additionally, any** rope, line, chain, or other device used to connect
17 to the shoreline the net and any object to which it is attached or mounted, including

