

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 872

2026 Regular Session

Zeringue

FISHING/COMMERCIAL: Requires all commercial menhaden reduction fishery vessels to use an AIS system.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides a definition for "automatic identification system".

Proposed law requires all vessels engaged in commercial menhaden reduction fishing to use an automatic identification system, including the carrier vessels or steamers (also known as "mother ships") and boats used to deploy purse seines when actively fishing.

Proposed law allows vessels two business days to repair or replace a nonfunctional AIS.

Proposed law requires at least two vessels in a set to have a functioning AIS.

Directs the La. State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber definitions in present law (R.S. 56:8).

Effective April 19, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 56:8(160) and 325.5(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the engrossed bill

1. Apply AIS requirement to purse boats actively fishing.
2. Allow 2 business days to repair a nonfunctional AIS.
3. Require at least two boats cooperating in a set to have functioning AIS.
4. Make Act effective on April 19, 2027.