

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY BADON

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

FISHING/CRAWFISH: Revises methods of taking nuisance wildlife around crawfish ponds

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(C)(2)(c), relative to taking nuisance animals; to add to  
3 the list of nuisance animals; to provide for additional methods to take nuisance  
4 animals that are destroying crawfish in commercial ponds; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(C)(2)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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11 C.

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13 (2)

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15 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~Paragraph (6)~~ of this Subsection to the  
16 contrary, any opossums, raccoons, nutria, otters, muskrat, mink, or beaver that are  
17 found destroying crawfish in a private pond primarily used for the purpose of  
18 commercially cultivating crawfish or destroying the structure of such pond may be  
19 taken as provided by law by the crawfish farmer or landowner with either a .22  
20 caliber rimfire rifle no larger than a .22 caliber or a shotgun no larger than a 12-

1 gauge using nontoxic shot no larger than BB-sized ~~by the crawfish farmer or~~  
2 ~~landowner~~ from a boat or vehicle with no bag limit any time of the year during  
3 daytime or nighttime hours.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the use of 12-gauge or smaller shotguns for taking nuisance animals destroying crawfish ponds.

Present law authorizes a crawfish farmer or landowner to take nuisance animals (opossums, raccoons, nutria, or beaver) that are destroying crawfish ponds with a .22 caliber rimfire rifle. Proposed law would add otter, muskrat, and mink to the list of nuisance animals covered by these provisions and also authorize the use of a .17 caliber rimfire rifle or a 12-gauge or smaller shotgun using nontoxic shot no larger than BB-sized.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(C)(2)(c))