
DIGEST

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HB No. 376

Abstract: Authorizes the imposition of fees for mooring vessels in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA and provides for the uses of those fees.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, through the Administrative Procedure Act, to establish a mooring program in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA. Requires the dept. to locate mooring pilings where appropriate in the WMA. Provides that 40% of the mooring sites be leased through a bidding process and 60% through a lottery system. Authorizes fees to be determined for the lottery system by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission not to exceed \$300 for two pilings or \$500 for three or more.

Proposed law also creates the Atchafalaya Delta WMA Mooring account in the Conservation Fund and provides that revenues received from payments for mooring access fees be placed in the fund. Provides that the monies in the fund be used exclusively for development, construction, maintenance, and dredging of the mooring sites in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

Effective on signature by the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 56:109.3)