

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

WILDLIFE/MGT AREAS: Provides for fees to be charged for mooring access in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA and creates the Atchafalaya Delta WMA Mooring Account in the Conservation Fund

DIGEST

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to establish a mooring program in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA. Requires the dept. to locate mooring pilings where appropriate in the WMA. Provides that a maximum of 40% of the mooring sites be leased through a bidding process and the remaining sites be leased through a lottery system. Sets fees of \$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.

Proposed law provides that the commission may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the APA for the implementation of the program.

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

(Adds R.S. 56:109.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Removed the authorization for the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the fees within certain limitations and specifies what those fees shall be.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

- 1. Changes the percentages of sites available through the bidding and lottery process.
- 2. Adds provision allowing the commission to makes rules and regulations in accordance with the APA.