

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 376 by Representative Stuart Bishop

**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

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Provide that a maximum of 40% of the sites be available through a bid process and the remaining sites be leased through a lottery system administered by the department.
2. Limit the fees for the "premium" sites to no less than 110% of those available through the lottery system.
3. Require an annual report of revenues and expenditures in the program to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
4. Add a provision allowing the commission to make rules and regulations in accordance with the APA.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed the Senate**

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. Limits the fees for the "premium" sites to no less than 110% of those available through the lottery system.

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 requires an annual report of revenues and expenditures in the program to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to 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)