

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 246

BY SENATOR MORRISH

SHRIMP/SHRIMPING. Changes the line of demarcation of the inside and outside waters for purposes of shrimping. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:495(A)(3) and (4) and to enact R.S. 56:495(A)(4.1) and (4.2)  
3 and (E), relative to shrimping; to provide for the inside and outside shrimp line; to  
4 alter the line to conform to the existing coastline after changes resultant from coastal  
5 erosion and subsidence; to allow the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission  
6 to amend the demarcation line; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and  
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 56:495(A)(3) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
10 56:495(A)(4.1) and (4.2) and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §495. Defining inside and outside waters

12 A. Solely for the purpose of this Subpart, the shrimping waters of the state  
13 are divided into two classes, inside and outside waters. The line of demarcation of  
14 the classes of water shall commence at the coastal boundary between Texas and  
15 Louisiana and terminate at the coastal boundary between Mississippi and Louisiana  
16 and is more particularly described as follows, to wit:

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1 (3) Thence in an easterly direction along the shoreline to the southwest point  
2 of land of Calcasieu Pass, approx. lat. 29°45'33~~44~~" N. long. 93°20'45" W.

3 (4) ~~Thence N. 45°12' E. for approximately 1500' to the southeast point of land~~  
4 ~~of Calcasieu Pass, lat. 29°45'48" N. long. 93°20'30" W.~~ **Thence north for**  
5 **approximately 2.37 nautical miles along the western shore of the Calcasieu Ship**  
6 **Channel at lat. 29° 48' 06" N. long. 93° 20' 54" W.**

7 **(4.1) Thence east to the point of land on the Calcasieu Ship Channel on**  
8 **the north side of the old river channel at lat. 29° 48' 05" N. long. 93° 20' 41" W.**

9 **(4.2) Thence following the eastern shore of the old river channel back**  
10 **around to the Calcasieu Ship Channel thence south along the eastern shore of**  
11 **the Calcasieu Ship Channel to the most southern point of land at lat. 29° 45' 43"**  
12 **N. long. 93° 20' 33" W.**

13 \* \* \*

14 **E. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the**  
15 **commission may amend by rule the line of demarcation set by law in Subsection**  
16 **A of this Section in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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#### DIGEST

Morrish (SB 246)

Present law divides the shrimping waters of the state into inside and outside waters.

Proposed law changes the line to conform to the existing coastline as a result of changes caused by coastal erosion and subsidence.

Proposed law allows the W&F Commission to amend by rule the line of demarcation in accordance with the APA.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:495(A)(3) and (4); adds R.S. 56:495(A)(4.1) and (4.2) and (E))