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DIGEST

Long (SB 154)

Present law requires the commission to promulgate rules and regulations for the importation, possession, or sale of game fish species. Allows licensed wholesale/retail dealers to import, sell, or purchase aquaculturally raised game fish.

Proposed law allows any properly licensed person to import, sell, or purchase aquaculturally raised game fish.

Present law requires that the buyer or handler of each shipment of any game fish notify the secretary before its impending arrival.

Proposed law provides an exception to the notification requirement for any game fish being imported under the domesticated aquatic organisms license.

Present law allows persons engaged in the business of aquaculture to sell domesticated aquatic organisms in any size, quantity, or limit without restriction within the state or outside of the state and exempts these persons from certain wholesale/retail seafood license requirements.

Proposed law exempts persons engaged in the business of aquaculture from certain notification provisions.

Present law provides size requirements for the importation of certain fish species.

Proposed law increases the maximum size limit for rock bass, white bass, yellow bass, crappie, and bream fingerlings from three to six inches and removes the maximum size limit for spotted or striped bass.

Present law provides for the importation of aquaculturally raised fish and cultured fish.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:327(A)(2) and 412(A)(4) and (6); repeals R.S. 56:327.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the

original bill

1. Changes who may import, sell, or purchase aquaculturally raised game fish.