

SENATE BILL NO. 246

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AN ACT

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) and (E), relative to shrimping; to provide for the inside and outside shrimp line; to alter the line to conform to the existing coastline after changes resultant from coastal erosion and subsidence; to allow the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to amend the demarcation line; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§495. Defining inside and outside waters

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

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

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

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

1 (4.2) Thence following the eastern shore of the old river channel back
 2 around to the Calcasieu Ship Channel thence south along the eastern shore of
 3 the Calcasieu Ship Channel to the most southern point of land at lat. 29° 45' 43"
 4 N. long. 93° 20' 33" W.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____