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Abstract: Increases the fees for participation in the commercial crab fishery and increases the dedications to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program and the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account.

Present law provides for a \$35 commercial crab trap gear license fee for any number of legal crab traps. Dedicates \$5 from each license to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account and \$5 to the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account. Exempts residents who hold a senior commercial fishing license.

Proposed law increases the gear license fee from \$35 to \$50. Increases the two dedications from \$5 to \$10 each. Authorizes a tag fee of up to \$2 per tag if the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission implements a buoy tagging system for identification of the owners of crab traps. Specifies that while holders of a commercial senior fishing license are exempt from the gear fee, they are not exempt from the tag fee.

(Amends R.S. 56:305(B)(2))