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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to  
Original House Bill No. 198 by Representative St. Germain

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 56:305(B)(2)" insert "and (C)(1)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 8, after "R.S. 56:305(B)(2)" delete "is" and insert "and (C)(1) are"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 2, after line 7, add the following:

7 "C.(1)(i) The commercial gear fee for nonresidents is four times the  
8 gear fee for residents; however, the nonresident fee for oyster dredges and  
9 tongs in particular shall be eight times the fee for residents.

10 (ii) An amount equal to ~~twenty~~ forty dollars for each nonresident  
11 commercial crab trap gear license shall be credited to the Derelict Crab Trap  
12 Removal Program Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and an amount  
13 equal to ~~twenty~~ forty dollars from each commercial crab trap gear license  
14 shall be credited to the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account as provided  
15 in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e). In addition to the commercial gear license fee set  
16 forth in this Paragraph, if the commission implements a buoy tagging system  
17 for identification of the owners of crab traps, a fee not to exceed two dollars  
18 per tag may be levied by the department."