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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

FISHING/SHRIMP: Urges the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide stricter enforcement of shrimping laws and regulations

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide stricter
3	enforcement of shrimping laws and regulations.
4	WHEREAS, the commercial shrimp fishery is one of the most economically
5	important fisheries in the southeast Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico; and most particularly in
6	Louisiana where it is the largest fishery in the state; and
7	WHEREAS, white shrimp landings in 2011 in Louisiana were nearly twenty-six
8	thousand metric tons, which equates to over fifty-seven million pounds, while brown shrimp
9	landings were nearly eighteen thousand metric tons, which equates to over thirty-nine
10	million pounds; and
11	WHEREAS, approximately seventy percent of Louisiana's shrimp landings are from
12	state waters; and
13	WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the primary gears used to harvest shrimp are otter and
14	skimmer trawls with fishermen also using butterfly nets, chopstick rigs, stationary butterfly
15	nets, roller-frame trawls, and cast nets in state waters; and
16	WHEREAS, vessels fishing with otter trawls are required to use turtle excluder
17	devices in all federal and state waters and bycatch reduction devices are required in federal
18	waters; and
19	WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to
20	enforce the state and federal laws and regulations governing the shrimping industry in state
21	waters and federal waters off the coast of Louisiana; and

1	WHEREAS, the laws and regulations are intended to ensure the viability and
2	sustainability of the shrimp fishery and the safety and protection of the individuals working
3	in the industry and strict enforcement provides assurance that the laws and regulations are
4	effective.
5	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6	urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide stricter enforcement
7	of shrimping laws and regulations.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
9	secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
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