

Regular Session, 2010

ACT No. 631

HOUSE BILL NO. 1466 (Substitute for House Bill No. 599 by Representative Ellington)

BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLINGTON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:6(32) and (33), relative to the powers of the Wildlife and Fisheries
3 Commission; to authorize the commission, at the request of certain governmental
4 entities, to adopt regulations for the use of certain fishing gear for certain lakes; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:6(32) and (33) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §6. Special powers and duties; statistics; rules and regulations; reports

9 The commission, through its secretary:

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11 (32) Upon request of a lake commission, a fish and game commission, or a
12 watershed district, may adopt regulations applicable to the use of yo-yo or trigger
13 device fishing gear in a specific waterbody. When adopted by the commission, the
14 regulations shall be uniform in their application to waterbodies subject to the
15 regulations and shall provide that:

16 (a) The use of yo-yos or trigger devices shall be governed by the following
17 terms:

18 (i) No more than fifty yo-yos or trigger devices shall be allowed per person.

19 (ii) Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier,
20 boathouse, seawall, or dock, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be clearly tagged with
21 the name, address, and telephone number of the owner or user.

22 (iii) When in use, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be checked at least once
23 every twenty-four hours, and all fish, and any other animal caught or hooked, shall
24 be immediately removed from the device.

1 (iv) Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier,
2 boathouse, seawall, or dock, each yo-yo or trigger device must be rebaited at least
3 once every twenty-four hours.

4 (v) Except for those metal objects located above the water that are affixed to
5 a private pier, dock, houseboat, or other manmade structure which is designed for
6 fishing, no yo-yo or trigger device shall be attached to any metal object.

7 (vi) Except for a metal object used strictly in the construction of a pier,
8 boathouse, seawall, or dock, no metal object which is driven into the lake bottom, a
9 stump, tree, or the shoreline shall be used to anchor a yo-yo or trigger device.

10 (vii) Except for those devices that are attached to a privately owned pier,
11 boathouse, seawall, or dock, when not being used in accordance with the provisions
12 of this Paragraph, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be removed from the waterbody
13 immediately.

14 (b) The use of trotlines shall be governed by the following terms:

15 (i) All trotlines shall be clearly tagged with the name, address, and phone
16 number of the owner or user and the date of placement. The trotline shall be marked
17 on each end with a floating object that is readily visible.

18 (ii) At any given time, no person shall set more than three trotlines with a
19 maximum of fifty hooks each.

20 (iii) All trotlines shall have an eight-foot cotton leader on each end of the
21 trotline.

22 (iv) Except for those metal objects located above the water that are affixed
23 to a private pier, dock, houseboat, or other manmade structure which is designed for
24 fishing, no trotline shall be attached to any metallic object.

25 (v) Each trotline shall be attended daily when in service.

26 (vi) When not in use, each trotline shall be removed from the waterbody by
27 the owner or user.

28 (c) A violation of any of the provisions of this Paragraph shall be a class one
29 violation, except there shall be no imprisonment. In addition, any device found in

1 violation of this Paragraph shall be immediately seized by and forfeited to the
2 department.

3 (33)(a) Upon request of a water conservation district, may adopt regulations
4 applicable to the use of jugs or float fishing gear in a specific water body. If adopted
5 by the commission, the regulations shall be uniform in their application to water
6 bodies subject to the regulations and shall provide for the opening and closing dates
7 for the use of such gear.

8 (b) A violation of any regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to
9 this Paragraph shall be a class one violation, except there shall be no imprisonment.
10 In addition, any device found in violation of this Paragraph shall be immediately
11 seized by and forfeited to the department.

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