

Regular Session, 2010
HOUSE BILL NO. 953
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

ACT No. 932

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:332(M), relative to crab fishing; to allow commercial
3 fishermen with appropriate gear licenses to keep finfish while crabbing; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:332(M) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §332. Crabs; release of crabs in berry stage; method of taking crabs; time
8 limitations; by-catch; penalties; abandoned crab trap removal program

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10 M.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 56:320, a licensed commercial
11 fisherman may retain for personal consumption finfish caught as by-catch in crab
12 traps up to an aggregate of twenty-five finfish per vessel per day. However, no game
13 fish or spotted sea trout may be kept as a part of the aggregate allowed by the
14 provisions of this Subsection. Any fish kept under the provisions of this Subsection
15 shall be subject to statutory and regulatory size and possession limits applicable to
16 recreational fishing.

17 (2) In addition to any fish retained as by-catch, any licensed commercial
18 fisherman holding a gear license which allows him to take finfish for commercial
19 purposes may possess any finfish caught under that gear license up to the
20 commercial possession limit allowable for such finfish and such finfish shall not be

