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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

COASTAL RES/COASTAL ZONE: Requests the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to include compensatory mitigation for fisheries impacts in the calculation of project costs for coastal restoration projects contained in the coastal master plan and annual plans

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to include in the
3	calculation of project costs for coastal protection and restoration projects contained
4	in the master plan for integrated coastal protection and the accompanying annual
5	plans the costs of compensatory mitigation for negative impacts resulting from such
6	projects to the state's fisheries.
7	WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) is the state
8	agency charged with the primary responsibility for protection and restoration of Louisiana's
9	deteriorating coastline and coastal area; and
10	WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 requires that the Coastal Protection and Restoration
11	Authority develop " a master plan for integrated coastal protection and an annual plan for
12	integrated coastal protection for protecting, conserving, enhancing, and restoring the coastal
13	area through the construction and management of integrated coastal protection projects and
14	programs, including privately funded marsh management projects or plans, and addressing
15	those activities requiring a coastal use permit which significantly affect such projects, ";
16	and
17	WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 also requires the CPRA to " review, revise, and
18	amend the master plan when necessary or, at a minimum, every five years."; and
19	WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.3 further requires that " the master plan and the annual
20	plan shall include requests for funding of projects and programs related to integrated coastal

1	protection. The annual plan shall include at least a three-year projection of funding of
2	projects and programs related to integrated coastal protection, including but not limited to
3	relevant public or private funding sources."; and
4	WHEREAS, the first review and revision of the master plan has been conducted by
5	the CPRA throughout the past year with final adoption of the plan being presented for
6	legislative approval during this 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana; and
7	WHEREAS, although the estimated costs associated with various projects are
8	included in the revised master plan for integrated coastal protection, those costs do not
9	include any funds to be used as compensation for the displacement or negative impacts to
10	the state's fisheries by the construction and implementation of the integrated coastal
11	protection projects; and
12	WHEREAS, fishing has been an integral part of the cultural and economic fabric of
13	the Louisiana coast since even before it became a state, with a vast bounty of shrimp,
14	oysters, crabs, and finfish available throughout the coastal area and a vast network of
15	fishermen, processors, dealers, and, of course, restaurants that have kept Louisiana seafood
16	available to our citizens and to people around the world; and
17	WHEREAS, coastal protection and restoration activities have an obvious and
18	dramatic impact on our coastal fisheries industries and an obvious and dramatic impact
19	especially on the economic stability and viability of the industries, and impact that should
20	not be ignored when developing a master plan for integrated coastal protection; and
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	WHEREAS, the potentially negative impacts could be mitigated in various ways,
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2324252627	including relocation of oyster reefs and leases, retraining of fishermen for other occupations, and recapitalization for affected fishermen but there can be no mitigation without monies available to fund such mitigation. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to include in the calculation of project costs for coastal protection and restoration projects contained in the

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
- work with the Louisiana Oyster Task Force, the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force, and the
- 3 Louisiana Crab Task Force to develop mitigation alternatives and programs to compensate
- 4 for the potential negative impacts to the state's fisheries resulting from integrated coastal
- 5 protection projects.
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
- 7 chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

DIGEST

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Leopold HCR No. 66

Requests the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to include the costs of compensatory mitigation for damages to oyster leases in the calculation of project costs for coastal protection and restoration projects contained in the coastal master plan and the annual plans.