

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 157

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FISH/FISHING. Prohibits the take, sale, possession, or importation of red snapper. (8/1/13)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:327.2, relative to the take, sale, possession, or importation of red snapper; to authorize the opening and closing of snapper seasons; to provide certain terms, conditions, requirements, and prohibitions; to provide penalties for violations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:327.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§327.2. Red snapper; prohibitions

A. No person shall take or possess red snapper within the state waters, except in open seasons.

B. No person shall purchase, sell, exchange, or offer for sale or exchange, or possess or import with intent to sell or exchange red snapper within the state or state waters, except in open seasons.

C. The open seasons for all or part of the state or state waters shall be fixed by the commission based on biological and technical data. The commission shall have the authority to open or close the state or state waters by zone each year as it deems appropriate upon inspection of and based upon

- 1 **biological and technical data.**
- 2 D. The commission may set by rule, in accordance with the
- 3 Administrative Procedure Act, daily take, possession, and size limits for red
- 4 snapper.
- 5 E. Violation of the provisions of this Section shall constitute a class 5-B
- 6 violation.

The original instrument was prepared by McHenry Lee. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by J. W. Wiley.

DIGEST

Allain (SB 157)

Proposed law prohibits the take or possession of red snapper within the state water boundaries, except in open seasons.

Proposed law prohibits the sale, exchange, or offer for sale or exchange, or possession or importation of red snapper with intent to sell within the state or state water boundaries, except in open seasons.

Proposed law allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to open or close the seasons based on biological and technical data. Further allows the commission to set rules for daily take, possession, and size limits on red snapper.

Proposed law provides that a violation of proposed law is a class 5-B violation.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 56:327.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

1. Prohibits the take or possession of red snapper.
2. Allows for an open and closed season.
3. Allows the W&F commission to set daily take, possession, and size limits.