

1 Mexico is a line nine nautical miles seaward from the baseline from which the territorial sea
2 of the United States is measured."; and

3 WHEREAS, the extension of Louisiana's jurisdiction for fisheries management
4 applies only to those species in the management unit of the Reef Fish Fisheries Management
5 Plan, including snappers, groupers, tilefish, jacks, triggerfish, and wrasses; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has authorized the Louisiana Wildlife and
7 Fisheries Commission to set seasons, times, places, size limits, quotas, daily take, and
8 possession limits for all wildlife and fish, but has retained the authority to regulate gear and
9 methods of take; and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has passed several laws regulating, restricting,
11 or prohibiting certain gear or methods of take within the state territorial waters; and

12 WHEREAS, the legislative intent when establishing gear restrictions and methods
13 of take in R.S. 56:1, et seq. was for those restrictions to apply to the fisheries resources
14 located within the territorial sea as it existed at the time those laws were passed, which is
15 inside of three nautical miles; and

16 WHEREAS, enforcing the restricted methods of take and gear restrictions for the
17 harvest of reef fish in the manner that they have historically been enforced is beneficial to
18 both the commercial industry and the recreational sector and not detrimental to the resource;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has instructed its
21 enforcement agents to continue to enforce those gear restrictions and methods of take for
22 reef fish resources within the three-mile state offshore boundary as prescribed under
23 Louisiana law and in accordance with departmental regulations, including but not limited
24 to bandit and long line gear, but shall not enforce such restrictions in the portion of
25 Louisiana territorial waters seaward of the three-mile state offshore boundary as extended
26 by this Resolution to nine nautical miles.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 that those gear restrictions and methods of take for reef fish resources within the three-mile
29 state offshore boundary be enforced as prescribed under Louisiana law and in accordance
30 with departmental regulations, including but not limited to bandit and long line gear, but

