

## Title 76. Part VII Chapter 5 Oysters

501 F. Oyster Lease Posting Requirements. In an effort to comply with R.S. 56:430(B), and to keep within the constraints of R.S. 14:63 dealing with criminal trespassing, the following are the posting oyster lease requirements.

1. The oyster lessee or person seeking to post the oyster lease shall place and maintain signs along the boundaries of the property or area to be posted. These signs shall be written in the English language.
2. The signs shall have letters at least three inches in height and shall be of sufficient size and clarity to give notice to the public of the location and boundary of the oyster lease. The signs shall be placed and maintained at intervals of not more than one-fifth of a mile and shall be at least 3 to 12 feet above the water level.
3. At the main entrance to the property and at no less than all corners along the boundary of said property, the party seeking to post same shall include his name, initials, or lease number.
4. In marsh areas and canals, posted signs shall also be placed at all major points of ingress and egress.
5. In open waters all signs are to be placed facing outward.

6. The harvesters utilize a vessel equipped with functional navigation equipment plotted with the leases being fished will be exempt from the posting requirements.

a. The term functional for the purpose of this section shall mean navigation equipment that is fully using satellite signal and/or cell service maintaining an accurate location. Harvesters will be required to harvest from a posted lease if navigation equipment fails to transmit an accurate location

### Reasons for Additions:

1. **Technology has made it easier for harvesters to know their location**
2. **Navigation- liability of poles being obstructions to the waterways**
3. **Competing with other industries has made posting leases costly**
  - a. **Skimmers and trawlers destroy posting of leases with gear**

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