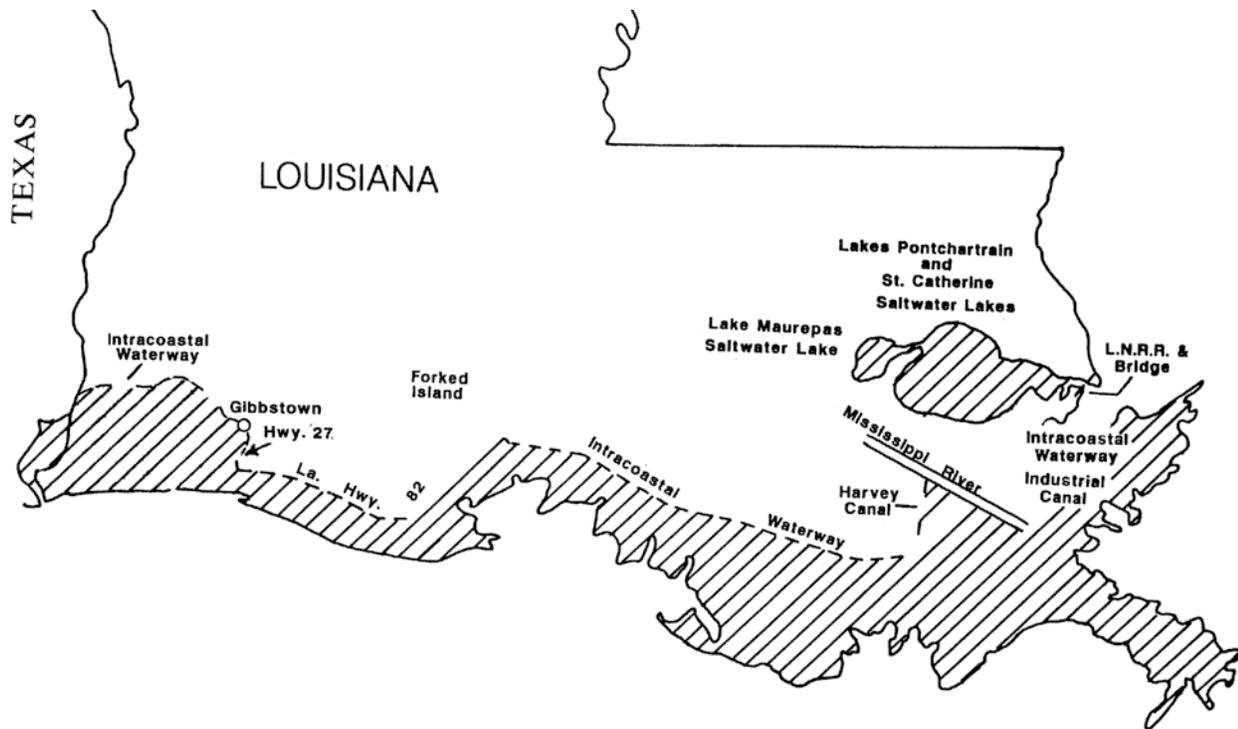


# SALTWATER - FRESHWATER LINE



The saltwater-freshwater line in Louisiana extends from the Texas state line all the way east to the Mississippi state line. The areas north of this saltwater-freshwater line are deemed freshwater. Those areas south of the described line, including a number of saltwater lakes and waterway, are legally considered saltwater. Although the actual levels of salt in the water may differ from day to day due to tides and shifts in wind and currents, in most cases, the flora and fauna found on either side of the line differ dramatically. A detailed description of determining where the saltwater-freshwater line follows so that you may abide by fishing regulations for each area. As with any regulation issue, please contact your local enforcement officer with any questions you may have.

## LOUISIANA SALTWATER LINE DEFINITION

The Intracoastal waterway from the Texas-Louisiana boundary to its junction with Louisiana Highway 27 at Gibbstown, and then south to Louisiana Highway 82 and then east to its junction with the Intracoastal

Waterway at Forked Island, the Intracoastal Waterway from Forked Island to Bayou Barataria to the Harvey Canal, the Harvey Canal to the Mississippi River, the Mississippi River to the Industrial Canal, the Industrial Canal to the Intracoastal Waterway, the Intracoastal Waterway to the Rigolets in Orleans Parish to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad bridge, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad right-of-way from the Orleans Parish line to the Mississippi state line.

The areas south of the above described line, plus the saltwater lakes known as Lake Maurepas, Lake Pontchartrain, Lake St. Catherine, Chef Menteur Pass (except that seven-tenths of a mile section from Bayou Sauvage south to the Intracoastal Waterway), the Rigolets, Unknown Pass, Pass Manchac, Intracoastal, and that portion of the Calcasieu Ship Channel from the Intracoastal Waterway south to the Gulf of Mexico, shall be designated as saltwater areas.

Persons fishing and/or possessing saltwater fish in these areas are required to have a saltwater fishing

license in addition to the basic fishing license (Source Title 56, Section 302.1). Persons fishing for and/or possessing freshwater fish in saltwater areas are not required to hold a saltwater license.

## FEDERAL WATERS (EEZ)

Louisiana state waters generally extend out about three miles from the nearest land, but in some cases extend further. Federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) waters extend from that point out to 200 miles from the coast. A very easy way to tell if you are in state or federal waters is to pull up to the nearest platform. If the platform is in state waters it will have a placard with a State Lease Number. If the platform is in federal waters it will be designated with an OCS number. By utilizing a block map you can also estimate your position. The platform will be designated with an area and block number. For instance if you see ST-128 X, OCS 00498 you will be in federal waters at South Timbalier 128 platform X.