

Notice of Intent

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a Rule, modifying existing Recreational Offshore Landing Permit regulations. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6 (34). Said rule is attached to and made part of this Notice of Intent.

TITLE 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART VII. FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishing

§377. Recreational Offshore Landing Permit

A. Any person possessing any one of the following fish species or species groups on board a vessel taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters shall be required to have obtained and have in their immediate possession a Recreational Offshore Landing Permit. The Recreational Offshore Landing Permit shall be available for inspection by a duly authorized agent of the department.

Highly Migratory Species:

1. Tunas – Bluefin, Albacore, Yellowfin, Skipjack, Bigeye, Blackfin
2. Billfish – Blue marlin, White marlin. Sailfish and Longbill Spearfish
3. Swordfish

Reef Fish Species

1. Any species of snapper other than gray snapper

2. Any species of Amberjack

3. Any species of grouper or hind

B. Permits may be obtained at no cost, from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or authorized method, by persons who hold any valid license authorizing the taking and possessing of saltwater species of fish. Permits shall be valid for the same duration as the license authorizing saltwater fishing privileges. For those licenses that do not have to be renewed every year, the permit shall be valid for one year from the date it was obtained.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(34).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 38:___ (2012), amended LR 38:_____

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Jason Adriance, Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, or via e-mail to: jadriance@wlf.la.gov prior to Thursday, October 4, 2012.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

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