

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 promulgate rules and regulations governing the issuance of a recreational offshore landing permit.

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.

1. Highly Migratory Species:

a. Tunas

b. Billfish

c. Swordfish

B. Permits may be obtained at no cost, from authorized license vendors, by persons who hold any valid license authorizing the taking and possessing of saltwater species of fish. With the exception of those licenses that do not have to be renewed every year, the permits shall be valid for the same duration as the license authorizing saltwater fishing privileges. For those licenses that do 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 .

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 final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Mr. Joey Shepard, Office of Fisheries, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, February 2, 2012.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

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Chairman