

POTPOURRI

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Public Hearing—Substantive Change to the Notice of Intent Special Bait Dealer’s Permit (LAC 76:VII.329)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (department) and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (commission) published a Notice of Intent to amend its rules in the July 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The commission proposes to amend the original Notice of Intent to require a ¾ mile buffer around existing Special Bait land based facilities where vessels may not sell live bait unless they have permission from that facility.

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, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent, and compiling public comments and submissions for the commission’s review and consideration. In the absence of any further action by the commission following an opportunity to consider all public comments regarding the proposed rule, the secretary is authorized and directed to prepare and transmit a summary report to the legislative oversight committees and promulgate the final rule.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§329. Special Bait Dealer's Permit

A.-B.8. ...

C. Operations

C.1.-C.3. ...

4. ~~While operating under the conditions of the permit, no shrimp or croaker may be sold from the vessel to anyone other than the licensed wholesale/retail seafood dealer listed on the permit during the closed shrimp seasons.~~ No person shall sell any shrimp or croaker taken under a special bait dealer's permit during the closed shrimp seasons from a vessel unless they possess a wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license or a fresh products dealer license and the fisherman has a signed trip ticket and records the amount of harvested bait for the entirety of the trip. No vessel shall sell live shrimp or croaker under the special bait dealer's permit within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of any permitted onshore facility, unless the vessel operates under the onshore facility's permit, or written permission is obtained from the onshore facility to do so.

C.5.-D.1. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:326.3 and R.S. 56:497(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 3:210 (April 1977), amended LR 15:867 (October 1989), LR 19:215 (February 1993), LR 23:86 (January 1997), LR 33:864 (May 2007), LR 36:77 (January 2010), LR 38:3250 (December 2012), LR 47:1651 (November 2021), LR 49:2118 (December 2023), LR 51:

Public Hearing

In accordance with R.S. 49:966(H)(2), a public hearing on the proposed substantive change will be held by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on December 22, 2025 at 10

a.m. in the Joe L. Herring Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building,
2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 70808.

Kevin Sagrera

Chairman