

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to largemouth bass; amending s.
 3 597.004, F.S.; requiring the Fish and Wildlife
 4 Conservation Commission to adopt certain rules;
 5 providing for the sale of Florida largemouth bass as
 6 food fish; providing an effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph
 11 (a) of subsection (5) of section 597.004, Florida Statutes, are
 12 amended to read:

13 597.004 Aquaculture certificate of registration.—

14 (2) RULES.—

15 (a) The department, in consultation with the Department of
 16 Environmental Protection, the water management districts,
 17 environmental groups, and representatives from the affected
 18 farming groups, shall adopt rules to:

19 1. Specify the requirement of best management practices to
 20 be implemented by holders of aquaculture certificates of
 21 registration.

22 2. Establish procedures for holders of aquaculture
 23 certificates of registration to submit the notice of intent to
 24 comply with best management practices.

25 | 3. Establish schedules for implementation of best
26 | management practices, and of interim measures that can be taken
27 | prior to adoption of best management practices. Interim measures
28 | may include the continuation of regulatory requirements in
29 | effect on June 30, 1998.

30 | 4. Establish a system to assure the implementation of best
31 | management practices, including recordkeeping requirements.

32 | 5. Require any facility that cultures *Micropterus*
33 | *salmoides floridanus* to maintain stock acquisition documentation
34 | or records of genetic testing.

35 | (5) SALE OF AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS.—

36 | (a) Aquaculture products, except shellfish, snook, and any
37 | fish of the genus *Micropterus*, excluding *Micropterus salmoides*
38 | *floridanus*, and prohibited and restricted freshwater and marine
39 | species identified by rules of the Fish and Wildlife
40 | Conservation Commission, may be sold by an aquaculture producer
41 | certified pursuant to this section or by a dealer licensed
42 | pursuant to part VII of chapter 379 without restriction so long
43 | as the product origin can be identified.

44 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.