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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the menhaden season and provides relative to the waters for which the menhaden season applies.

Present LAC provides the season for the taking and processing of menhaden and that menhaden can only be landed at Louisiana ports during the menhaden season. Proposed law codifies present LAC.

Present LAC further provides that the menhaden season applies to all waters seaward of the inside-outside line.

Proposed law changes present LAC by allowing the taking of menhaden in the following waters:

- (1) One fourth statute mile seaward of the inside-outside line including waters in the Federal Exclusive Economic Zone.
- (2) One fourth statute mile seaward of the double rig line as defined in present law for Breton and Chandeleur Sounds.
- (3) One statute mile seaward from Belle Pass to Caminada Pass.
- (4) Three statute miles seaward from Caminada Pass to Barataria Pass.
- (5) One statute mile seaward from Barataria Pass to the east side of Grand Terre Island.

Proposed law provides that all other inside waters and passes are permanently closed to menhaden fishing.

Proposed law sunsets the provisions of proposed law six months after completion of a menhaden bycatch study conducted by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or on April 1, 2024, whichever occurs first.

(Adds R.S. 56:325.5)