

Regular Session, 2011  
HOUSE BILL NO. 293

# ACT No. 266

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOVE AND RICHARD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(33) and to enact R.S. 56:6(34) and 433.1(A)(4),  
3 relative to the powers and authority of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to  
4 authorize the commission to regulate and permit the taking of certain species of fish;  
5 to authorize the commission to require the use of vessel monitoring systems on  
6 vessels engaged in commercial harvest from the public oyster seed grounds; and to  
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(33) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §4.1. Exceptions

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12 B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,  
13 and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised  
14 statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and  
15 limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by  
16 citation:

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18 (33) R.S. 56:301.4, 306.5, ~~309.4~~, 433.1(A)(4), 637

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20 Section 2. R.S. 56:6(34) and 433.1(A)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

21 §6. Special powers and duties; statistics; rules and regulations; reports

22 The commission, through its secretary:

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1                   (34) May promulgate rules and regulations, subject to the provisions of the  
 2                   Administrative Procedure Act, to manage and collect harvest information for  
 3                   recreational landings of state and federal cooperatively managed species in  
 4                   coordination with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and to set  
 5                   seasons, times, places, quotas, daily take, possession limits, permitting, reporting  
 6                   procedures, landing requirements, tagging requirements, and other rules and  
 7                   regulations pursuant thereto necessary to manage and collect harvest information on  
 8                   recreational landings.

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10                   §433.1. Oyster seed ground vessel permit; Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit  
 11                   Appeals Board

12                   A.

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14                   (4) In an effort to collect data to enable the department to better manage the  
 15                   public oyster resource, the commission may adopt rules and regulations which  
 16                   require the use of a vessel monitoring system for use by a vessel taking oysters for  
 17                   commercial purposes under the authority of the oyster seed ground vessel permit.  
 18                   Any data collected by the department shall be confidential and shall not be subject  
 19                   to the Public Records Law.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_