

ACT No. 84

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 406

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:805, relative to recreational reef sites; to authorize the Wildlife and
3 Fisheries Commission to establish such sites; to authorize the commission to regulate
4 fishing from such reef sites; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:805 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §805. Establishment of recreational reef sites; designation and regulation

9 A. In an effort to enhance inshore fisheries habitat, the commission may
10 designate and set aside areas of the state's water bottoms as recreational reef. The
11 commission shall consider the recommendations of the Louisiana Oyster Task Force
12 when designating such areas. The commission shall promulgate through the
13 Administration Procedure Act the location of a reef, the types of materials to be used
14 to construct and replenish the reef, and regulations governing fishing on and above
15 the site, including but not limited to harvest seasons, times, and creel limits. There
16 shall be no harvest of oysters from the sites so set aside.

17 B. A violation of the provisions of this Section shall be a class four violation
18 punishable under the provisions of R.S. 56:34.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____