

Regular Session, 2010

# ACT No. 589

HOUSE BILL NO. 597

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:322.2(A) and (D), to enact R.S. 56:322.2(C)(3), and to repeal  
3 R.S. 56:322.2(G) and (I), relative to commercial take of shad and skipjack; to  
4 authorize nighttime taking of shad and skipjack in Iberville Parish and the  
5 Atchafalaya Basin; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:322.2(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
8 56:322.2(C)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §322.2. Shad gill nets; commercial harvest of shad and skipjack herring

10 A. A commercial fisherman licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 and  
11 305(B)(4)(f) may take shad and skipjack with a shad gill net in ~~accordance with this~~  
12 Section Lake Palourde, Lake Verret, Lac Des Allemands, all of the waterways in  
13 Iberville Parish, and those portions of the parishes of Iberia, St. Martin, and St. Mary  
14 located between the guide levees of the Atchafalaya Basin but is specifically not  
15 authorized to do so in the streams, bayous, canals, and other water bodies connected  
16 with the specified lakes.

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18 C.

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20 (3) Each shad gill net shall be placed at least fifty feet from the tree  
21 line.

22 D.(1) The closed season for commercially harvesting shad and skipjack as  
23 provided for in this Section shall include the months of July, August, September, and  
24 October of each year. ~~Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, there~~

1           ~~shall be no commercial taking of shad or skipjack pursuant to the provisions of this~~  
2           ~~Section during the period after sunset and before sunrise nor~~ Shad and skipjack may  
3           ~~be taken after sunset and before sunrise during open season. However, there shall~~  
4           ~~be no commercial taking of shad or skipjack~~ on any Saturday or Sunday.

5                     (2) ~~In Lake Palourde and Lake Verret, shad and skipjack may be taken after~~  
6           ~~sunset and before sunrise during open season. In addition, in Pat's Bay in Iberville~~  
7           ~~Parish from November 1, 2008, through June 31, 2010, shad and skipjack may be~~  
8           ~~taken after sunset and before sunrise during the open season.~~

9                     (3) During the open season, there shall be no daily take or possession limit  
10           for the commercial harvest of shad and skipjack by properly licensed shad gill net  
11           commercial fishermen.

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13           Section 2. R.S. 56:322.2(G) and (I) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_