

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 468

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

FISH/FISHING. Provides exceptions for certain saltwater fish used as bait. (8/1/12)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.2(C), relative to saltwater recreational fish; to provide requirements of possession; to provide exceptions for possession; to provide terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:325.2(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§325.2. Saltwater recreational fish; total length

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C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to ~~bait species~~; **saltwater finfish with no size limits and are not in excess of any daily possession limits which have been legally harvested. King or Spanish mackerel may be cut up and utilized for bait so long as the carcass is maintained intact with the head and tail attached while such parts are in possession aboard a fishing vessel for purposes of determining legal size and possession limits. Such carcasses may only be discarded when no longer utilizing parts for bait or possessing any parts or pieces thereof.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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#### DIGEST

Present law provides requirements for recreational fisherman to keep intact certain body parts of saltwater recreational fish for purposes of validating length requirements and identifying species. Present law exempts "bait species".

Proposed law removes exemption for "bait species".

Proposed law provides an exception for saltwater finfish with no size limits and are not in excess of any daily possession limits which have been legally harvested.

Proposed law provides that king or Spanish mackerel may be used for the purposes of bait as long as the carcass is maintained intact with head and tail attached while such parts are in possession about a fishing vessel for purposes of determining legal size and possession limits. Further provides that such carcasses may only be discarded when no longer utilizing parts for bait.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.2(C))