AN ACT

SENATE BILL NO. 468

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

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following:

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.2(A), (B), and (C), relative to saltwater recreational fish:
3	to provide requirements of possession; to provide exceptions for possession; to
4	provide terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 56:325.2(A), (B), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7	as follows:
8	§325.2. Saltwater recreational fish finfish; total length
9	A. All Except as provided elsewhere in this Section, all saltwater
10	recreational finfish, except swordfish possessed by a recreational fisherman, shall
11	have the head and caudal fin intact until set or put on shore. Swordfish and sharks
12	possessed by a recreational fisherman shall not be skinned until set or put on shore.
13	Tuna shall retain the caudal fin intact until set or put on shore and those species of
14	tuna which have minimum size restrictions may have the head removed as long as
15	the carcass length without the head exceeds the minimum size requirement. All
16	saltwater <u>recreational</u> finfish shall be measured in accordance with applicable law.
17	Any garfish caught or possessed by a recreational fisherman in the saltwater areas
18	of the state may have the head and caudal fin removed but, until the fish is set or put
19	on shore, it shall retain a strip of skin sufficient to clearly identify the fish.
20	B. Except as provided elsewhere in this Section, no person shall possess
21	any finfish parts, such as filleted fish, while aboard a vessel on the water. For the
22	purpose of consumption at sea aboard the harvesting vessel, a person shall have no
23	more than two pounds of finfish parts per person on board the vessel, provided that
24	the vessel is equipped to cook such finfish and such finfish does not exceed
25	applicable bag limits.
26	C.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to bait species, the

SB NO. 468 ENROLLED 1 (a) Any legally harvested saltwater recreational finfish for which there 2 is no size limit, that is being utilized for bait and is not in excess of any daily 3 possession limits. 4 (b) King or spanish mackerel, if cut up and utilized for bait, so long as the carcass is retained with the head and caudal fin intact while such parts are 5 in possession aboard a fishing vessel, so that size and number of fish possessed 6 7 may be determined. (2) Swordfish possessed by a recreational fisherman shall not be skinned 8 9 until set or put on shore. 10 (3) Tuna shall retain the caudal fin intact until set or put on shore, and 11 those species of tuna which have minimum size restrictions may have the head 12 removed as long as the carcass length without the head exceeds the minimum 13 size requirement. 14 (4) Any garfish caught or possessed by a recreational fisherman in the 15 saltwater areas of the state may have the head and caudal fin removed but, until 16 the fish is set or put on shore, it shall retain a strip of skin sufficient to clearly identify the fish. 17 18 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA