

SENATE BILL NO. 468

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

1 AN ACT

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 **recreational** 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**
27 **following:**

