SHRIMP-REEF FISH ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

A joint meeting of the Shrimp and Reef Fish Advisory Panels to the Gulf Council has been scheduled for 1:00 pm, Tuesday, October 23 at the Airport Hilton, 901 Airline Highway in Kenner. The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate other target dates for the recovery of the snapper fishery. The original target date of the year 2000 could not have been reached without complete closures of the shrimp and red snapper fisheries.

The Shrimp Advisory Panel will also meet the next morning at 8:00 am to review Shrimp Amendment 5, which is a definition of overfishing for shrimp.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT MEETING FOR SEAFOOD PROCESSORS

The Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, the Louisiana Sea Grant Program and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources are sponsoring a meeting for seafood processors concerning the Department of Environmental Quality's wastewater discharge regulations. The meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 23, 1990 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the St. Martin Parish County Agent's office on Courthouse Street in Breaux Bridge, LA. Subjects to be discussed include:

* DEQ permits, regulations and what is expected of the seafood industry.
* The Department of Health's role in the wastewater issue.
* Water treatment systems and options for processing plants.
* Assistance available from the Soil Conservation Service.
* Energy saving methods for seafood plants.

SOFTSHELL CRAWFISH BOOK

LSU has produced a new book on producing softshell crawfish. The book has color pictures on selecting crawfish, judging maturity and packing. Sections on economics and design of shedding systems are included. The title of the book is "Culture of the Louisiana Soft Crawfish" by Dudley D. Culley and Leon F. Duobinis-Gray. The cost is $10.00 and checks should be made payable to "Louisiana Sea Grant." Order from Louisiana Sea Grant Communications, LSU Center for Wetland Resources, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-7507.

WHY DO SPORTSMEN FISH?

To find the answer to this question, Sporting Goods Business Magazine hired American Sports Data, Inc., to conduct a national survey. The answers they got might come as a surprise to some people. The use of fishing skills and catching a lot of fish are not what most people considered important. Listed on back are reasons for fishing that people considered to be very important.
Enjoy outdoors ................ 4%
Forget problems ................ 4%
Time with family ................ 9%
Having fun, even without
catching fish ................... 9%
Having time alone ............... 4%
Company of friends ............. 7%
Use fishing skills to catch
a difficult fish ............... 1%
Catch a lot of fish ............. 7%
Have fish for dinner ............ 6%

Considering some of the legislative fights in recent years over fish, it makes you wonder if the survey is wrong or if Louisiana people are different.


Sincerely,

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