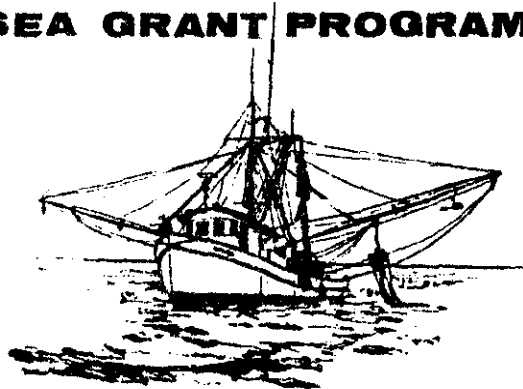


SEA GRANT PROGRAM



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NEW SEAFOOD AND FUR LAWS

The following bills were passed by the 1986 Louisiana Legislature and will go into effect August 30, 1986 (unless otherwise noted). If you would like more information on these new laws, feel free to contact me in my office in Marrero.

Senate Bill 251 (Act 120) - Lauricella

Allows the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to hire a director and assistant director in unclassified positions.

Senate Bill 302 (Act 611) - Bagert & others

Prohibits the possession of redfish or speckled trout on board any vessel with a purse seine in state waters.

Senate Bill 313 (Act 613) - Bagert & others

Prohibits sport and commercial fishermen and seafood dealers from having more than two redfish over 30 inches long in possession. Penalty is \$850 per 100 pounds of fish and loss of commercial fishing license for the rest of the year. In addition, the violator shall be prohibited from getting any new fishing license for one to three years.

Senate Bill 516 (Act 114) - Lauricella & Heaton

Removes eels from the Underutilized Species Program and creates a \$55 license for eel pots (In addition to the new \$55 seller's license required of all commercial fishermen). Defines an eel pot as not larger than 36 inches and a mesh size not smaller than one inch by one-half inch. The flues must not be any larger than 3 inches in diameter at their smallest point or larger than 5 inches at their widest point.

Senate Bill 859 (Act 387) - Nunez & others

Prohibits the use of purse seines in all inside and outside state waters except for menhaden and herring-like fish.

Senate Bill 865 (Act 660) - Nunez & Patti

Prohibits anyone including restaurants and retail stores from buying seafood from anyone without a license.

Senate Bill 866 (Act 388) - Nunez & others

Defines a bona fide resident (for the purpose of licensing) as a person who has lived in the state 12 continuous months and who if registered to vote, is registered in La; who if licensed to drive, is licensed in La; who if owns a vehicle, has it registered in La; and who if earned income, has filed a Louisiana income tax return.

House Bill 423 (Act 988) - Lebleu & Andrepont

Creates "Right to Fish Law". Provides that the Legislature should not restrict or outlaw legal means of fishing without the recommendation of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. This recommendation should only be made on biological fact and only if a species of fish is being damaged.

House Bill 707 (Act 455) - Lebleu & others

Increases fur trapping licenses from \$2 to \$25 for people 15 years old and changes \$5 for people under 15. Twenty dollars of the increase will go into a "Fur and Alligator Public Education and Marketing Fund". Effective immediately.

House Bill 1111 (Act 100) - Theriot & others

Establishes the Louisiana Artificial Reef Development Program.

House Bill 1122 (Act 492) - Benoit & others

Gives the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission the authority to set size limits on commercial and game fish for which no limits have been set by law.

House Bill 1124 (Act 494) - Benoit & others

Allows Wildlife and Fisheries Department and Commission to set shrimp seasons under emergency rulemaking provisions instead of under legislative oversight.

House Bill 1170 (Act 503) - Benoit & others

Reduces the fine for the first offense of a class 4 penalty from \$500-750 to \$400-450.

House Bill 1361 (Act 521) - Bella

Increases motorboat fees for: registration (\$15), change in ownership (\$5), certificate renewal (\$10), duplicate certificate (\$5), boat rental (\$15) and manufacturer and dealer registration (\$50). Effective 10/1/86.

House Bill 1362 (Act 522) - Benoit & others

Increases the penalty for violation of oyster tagging law from class one to class three.

House Bill 1363 (Act 523) - Benoit & others

Repeals the provision requiring the return of untagged oysters to the waters or to the person from whom they were purchased.

House Bill 1385 (Act 748) - Lebleu & Theriot

Prohibits night trawling on White Lake and Grand Lake in Cameron and Vermilion Parishes.

House Bill 1488 (Act 1008) - F. Thompson & others

Exempts catfish and crawfish farmers from having to buy a fish farmer's license.

House Bill 1571 (Act 864) - Haik

Allows shrimpers to pull two 25 ft. trawls in inside waters except in the parishes of Jefferson, Lafourche and Terrebonne. Also removes the maximum length of 24 inches on otter doors on test trawls. The only restriction on test trawls is a length of 16 ft. on the corkline and 20 ft. along the lead line or head rope.

House Bill 1615 (Act 547) Martin & Theriot

Repeals 25¢ per 100 lb. assessment on natural (but not artificial) crawfish bait. Provides for a refund of assessment on artificial crawfish bait to persons buying crawfish bags.

House Bill 1676 (Act 554) - Benoit & others.

Moves the inside-outside shrimp line slightly inward in several places along the coast including Barataria Pass (to the sea buoy) and Caminada Pass (to the power lines).

House Bill 1682 (Act 570) - M. Hebert

Lengthens the closed season for shrimping season in outside state waters from 2 months to 3 months, January 15 to April 15. Also provides that this closure is not to prevent trawling for finfish or underutilized species.

House Bill 1917 (Act 1016) - M. Hebert

Authorizes the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, with advise from the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to establish quality and weight standards for packaging seafood. Also provides for inspection and penalties.

House Bill 2009 (Act 904) - Benoit & McPherson

Provides for a new licensing system. All commercial fishermen must have a Commercial Fisherman's License (\$55 for residents, \$105 for non-residents) and if in saltwater, a vessel license (\$15 for residents and \$60 for non-residents). Additionally, some gear must be licensed as shown below:

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-resident</u>
Shrimp trawls (not test trawls), (per trawl)*	\$25	\$100
Butterfly nets (per net)	\$25	\$100
Oyster dredges (per dredge)	\$25	\$100
Oyster Tongs (per tong)	\$30	\$120
Gill nets (any number)	\$25	\$100
Trammel nets (any number)	\$25	\$100
Fish seines (any number)	\$25	\$100
Hoop nets (any number)	\$25	\$100
Menhaden purse seines (per net)	\$505	\$2,020
Slat traps (any number)	\$25	\$100
Crab traps (any number)	\$25	\$100
Trot lines	No Charge	No Charge

*Alabama residents pay Louisiana resident shrimping fees. A notarized vessel affidavit is required.

There will no longer be plates for oyster dredging and tonnage, or vessel plates and net tags for netters.

Recreational licenses are provided for oyster, shrimp or finfish gear (except menhaden purse seines). Beginning May 1, 1987, even sport shrimp trawls under 16 ft. must be licensed.

There will no longer be separate Wholesale and Retail Dealers Licenses or Oyster Shop and Resale Licenses. Instead, one license, the Wholesale/Retail Dealers License, will be required of seafood dealers, at \$105 for residents and \$405 for non-residents, EXCEPT that restaurants and retail grocers that sell fresh fish shall pay \$30.

Additionally, operators and drivers of any form of commercial seafood transport except common carriers, must purchase a transport license for \$30 per vehicle.

All license applications made by mail must be accompanied by a bank money order or a cashier's check.

House Bill 2011 (Act 576) - Haik

Includes seafood products as farm products under the Department of Agriculture's State Market Commission. Also defines seafood.

House Bill 2158 (Act 918) - F. Thompson & others

Creates the Aquacultural Products Processing Development Law to encourage processing aquacultural (fish farming) products in Louisiana. Provides for loans and loan guarantees to persons for facilities. Effective immediately.

House Bill 2159 (Act 919) - Siracusa & others

Prohibits the waste of fish. Defines "waste" as commercially harvesting fish in a manner that results in the excessive killing of fish. No penalty shall be assessed for wasting less than \$1,000 worth of fish.

House Concurrent Resolution 55 - Leach

Provides that for a one year period, July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987, 1% of the commercial fishermen's state sales tax exemption be suspended.

House Concurrent Resolution 165 - M. Hebert

Encourages the Louisiana Restaurant Association to continue its efforts to

supporting the state's underutilized fisheries and declares September to be "Non-traditional Fisheries Month".

House Concurrent Resolution 191 - M. Hebert & others

Urges the Governor to create a redfish management task force to prepare a management plan for redfish.

House Concurrent Resolution 76 - M. Hebert

Expresses the support of the Legislature for the Underutilized Species Law.

House Concurrent Resolution 47 - Patti & others

Continues the Shrimp Management Task Force for another year.

SEAFOOD RETAILING SEMINARS

A series of retail seafood seminars co-sponsored by the Food Marketing Institute in the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Development Foundation is scheduled to begin in the fall. Scheduled seminars include: Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 22-23; Memphis, TN, Oct. 6-7; Atlanta, GA, Nov. 3-4 and Miami, FL, Nov. 17-18.

The attendance fee for the 1 1/2 day seminar will be \$350 for FMI members and \$450 for non-members. The fee will cover registration, a seafood training manual, various educational video tapes, and other useful printed material. For further information on the seminar contact: Mr. Hank McAvoy; National Marine Fisheries Service; DuVall Bldg.; 9450 Koger Blvd.; St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Telephone: 813-893-3384.

NEW FEDERAL HANG FUND TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Fishermen's Contingency Fund (Federal Hang Fund) has a new address and telephone number for reporting claims.

National Marine Fisheries Service
Financial Services Division
1825 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20235
Phone (202) 673-5421

THE GUMBO POT

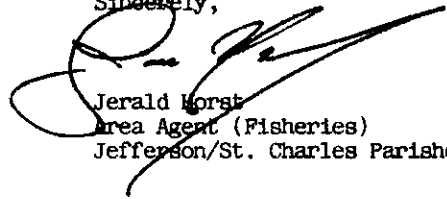
Sassy Shrimp Dip

This delicious recipe comes from Victor Adam, a 4-H seafood contestant in Marrero. I know there are gobs of shrimp dip recipes around, but this one is really creamy and good. Its also simple and quick to prepare.

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| 1 1/2 lbs. headless shrimp | 1/2 tsp. garlic salt |
| 1/2 cup milk | 6 drops Tabasco sauce |
| 1 cup mayonnaise | 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 medium onion grated | 1/2 lb. cheddar cheese |

Boil shrimp for 10 minutes and peel. Put peeled shrimp and rest of ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth. Chill one hour before serving. Serve with your choice of chips or crackers. Serves 6.

Sincerely,



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