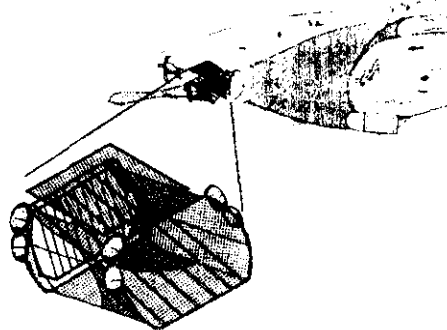


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T.E.D.S--WHAT'S HAPPENING

The proposed mandatory use of Turtle Excluder Devices by shrimp trawlers has caused the most united activity by fishermen in over ten years, maybe ever. Fishermen in large numbers have written or called their elected officials and 5644 fishermen attended a meeting on March 4 in Thibodaux to learn more about TEDs.

The public hearings in Louisiana were also very well attended, with 700 in Cameron, 1500 in Houma and over 2100 in Chalmette. This public attention has also attracted the support of local and state elected officials, including the governor and attorney general. Many local governments, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and the Louisiana Farm Bureau have adopted resolutions against mandatory use of TEDs.

The environmental groups that are pushing TED usage have not yet budged on their position of mandatory TED usage by shrimpers. This has placed our senators and congressmen and the National Marine Fisheries Service in a very difficult position. The environmentalists say the shrimpers will have to use TEDs and the shrimpers have testified at the hearings that they will refuse to use TEDs.

At the time this newsletter went to press, the agenda for the mandatory use of TEDs has not changed.

July 15, 1987

TEDs will be required in all trawls over 30 feet, offshore from the beach out to 10 fathoms.

July 15, 1988

TEDs will be required in all trawls over 30 feet used in inshore waters.

January 1, 1989

TEDs will be required in all trawls over 30 feet offshore out to 15 fathoms, except between the mouth of the Mississippi River and Marsh Island, where TEDs will be required out to 200 miles.

January 1, 1990

A review of the regulations will take place. If the members of the work group cannot reach an agreement, and if Mexican fishermen are not using TEDs, then National Marine Fisheries Service

must adopt regulations putting TEDs in 80% of all shrimp fishing effort. This could include nets under 30 feet and possibly wing nets.

These proposed regulations may or may not be changed, as this is a very controversial subject. The government is holding one final public hearing for people to make comments at.

7 pm, April 2, 1987
Gulf Coast Coliseum
Gulfport, Mississippi

People coming from Louisiana will find an exit from I-10 highway marked "Gulf Coast Coliseum."

EXEMPTION ON UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES

As of January 1, 1986 (we got notice of this only this month) crewmen on fishing vessels are exempted from state unemployment insurance taxes, as long as the crewmen are paid by shares of the catch.

Vessel owners who pay by shares should contact the office below in writing as soon as possible.

Louisiana Department of Labor
Office of Employment Security
UIES
P.O. Box 94186
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9186

The Department of Labor will inactivate or cancel the vessel owner's account back to December 31, 1985. In some cases the vessel owner will be able to receive a refund of state unemployment insurance taxes paid in 1986.

NEW SEAFOOD PRODUCTS REFERENCE GUIDE

The Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board has published the "Louisiana Seafood Products Handbook" in cooperation with LSU Cooperative Extension Service and LSU Sea Grant.

This 91 page book is designed for use by seafood dealers and marketers. It is a reference guide to all of the commercial seafood products produced in Louisiana, their trade names, seasonal availability, product forms and sizes available, where they are produced and marketing notes.

For a copy of this booklet, call or write my office in Marrero or the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board office in Baton Rouge (504) 342-1660.

SEAFOOD PRICES UP

The price of seafood at the retail level is going up twice as fast as other food prices at the grocery store, making them the fastest rising food prices in the country, according to Ralph Parlett, an Agriculture Department economist.

Government figures show seafood prices jumped 9 percent in 1986 and are expected to rise 7 to 10 percent this year. Parlett feels the increasing prices are due to more demand for seafood by consumers, smaller fish harvests in some areas and increasingly restricted fishing areas. By comparison, food prices overall have only climbed 3 percent a year for the past four years.

Source: The Fish Boat. February 1987.

RECORD LANDINGS

Preliminary statistics released by the National Marine Fisheries Service show record landings for Louisiana in shrimp and blue crabs.

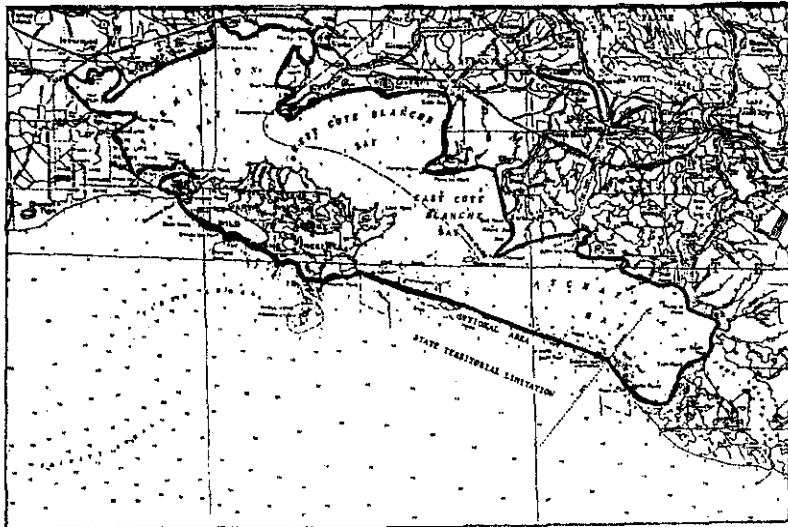
Shrimp landings were 182.7 million pounds, worth \$294 million. This is 22% above the previous record of 149.2 million pounds, worth \$198.2 million which was set in 1985.

Blue crab landings increased 9% from a record high 29.8 million pounds, worth \$8.4 million in 1985 to 33.3 million pounds, worth \$9.6 million.

Both blue crabs and shrimp showed an increase in the price received per pound by the fishermen. This is probably due to both the increased interest in seafood and to increased seafood promotion and marketing efforts.

NEW OYSTER SEED GROUND

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will establish an oyster seed ground along the state's central coast. The site includes portions of Vermilion, East and West Cote Blanche and Atchafalaya Bays.



The project will be discussed at the commission meeting on April 30-May 1. Interested parties may submit written comments until April 29 to: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 15570, Baton Rouge, LA, Attention: J. Burton Angelle, Sr.

REDFISH FARMING CONFERENCE

Texas A&M University will be sponsoring the Red Drum Aquaculture Conference, research symposium and workshop on June 22-25 at the Marriott Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas.

For registration information, contact Mary Boston, Texas A&M Extension Center, Route 2, Box 589, Corpus Christi, Texas 78410. Telephone (512) 265-9203.

FISH OILS AND HEALTH

When scientists first discovered that the heavy fish diet of Greenland Eskimos helped prevent heart attacks, there was little published research on these omega-3 fatty acids (fish oils). This is rapidly changing.

Researchers at major universities and research centers are finding that these fish oils have even more benefits than those of preventing heart attacks. Some of this research has connected the eating of omega-3 fish oils to:

- easing of rheumatoid arthritis symptoms
- lessening the pain of migraine headaches

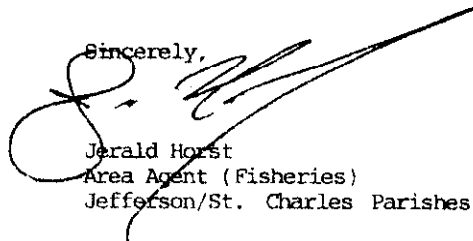
- reducing the symptoms from immune system diseases such as asthma and lupus
- possibly slowing down diabetes-like kidney diseases
- improvement in the skin disease, psoriasis
- rapid healing of burns
- prevention of certain forms of cancer, including colon, prostate and breast
- slowing blockage of arteries after angioplasty (artery-clearing surgery)
- reducing cholesterol buildup in the arteries of monkeys it has been tested on

Source: West Coast Fisheries Development Foundation, 812 SW Washington, Suite 900, Portland, OR 97205.

THE GUMBO POT

Sorry, we're fresh out of recipes again and I really don't like to use cookbook recipes. If any of you have a recipe you would like to share with our readers, please give me a call or drop it in the mail to me.

Sincerely,



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Jefferson/St. Charles Parishes

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