

Training for New Crab Fishermen

The Louisiana Fisheries Forward program was approved to meet the legislatively defined deadline for implementation of Nov. 15. This program implements certain training requirements for fishermen obtaining crab trap gear licenses

who did not possess a commercial crab trap gear license in two out of the four years: 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. This program was designed in close cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Crab Task Force. These rules were effective as of Nov. 15 and will remain in effect until the final program rules have been approved.



The training requirements are as follows:

- Education in the proper fishing techniques necessary for the health and sustainability of crabs
- Proper techniques for the best capture and presentation of the crabs for marketability
- Proper instructions regarding the placement, tending and maintenance of crab traps to reduce potential conflicts with other user groups
- Authorizes the program to include a mandatory apprenticeship program

This action does contain a provision that allows LDWF to issue a conditional crab trap license to any applicant who completes their field training prior to the availability of the required training videos. The training videos are expected to be complete in April 2015. For questions regarding the commercial crab trap gear license requirement, contact Jason Froeba at jfroeba@wlf.la.gov or (225)765-0121.

New Program Shares Science to Answer Oil Spill Questions

The Gulf of Mexico Sea Grant programs have teamed up with the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI), a research program administered through the Gulf of Mexico Alliance. Four Sea Grant oil spill science outreach specialists have been hired to communicate results of research on the impacts of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill and dispersant use on the marine environment and public health. Over the next year, the four oil spill science outreach specialists will be holding workshops around the Gulf of Mexico to present the latest oil spill findings, as well as receive feedback from communities



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about oil spill topics of interest. They will also be creating and distributing bulletins that focus on oil spill science topics such as:

- Dispersants, including their role in oil spill response, their fate, transport and effectiveness and their impact on aquatic life
- Fish, including the impact of the oil spill on fish health, fisheries and seafood
- Oil encounters, including an overview of what oil is and how it is used, the modeling and tracking of oil in the environment and what oil products might be found on our beaches

These are just a few of the topics that outreach efforts will be focused on. To view recent outreach products and a project summary, visit <http://gulfseagrant.org/oilspilloutreach>.

If you would like to learn more about this effort or be placed on a mailing list, please contact your state oil spill research extension specialist:

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Texas – Chris Hale at chris.hale@tamu.edu. Based in Corpus Christi, Tx., with the Texas Sea Grant College Program, Chris has an interdisciplinary background in marine science, fisheries, restoration and human dimensions. She previously served as a Sea Grant extension agent in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She works primarily on the environmental effects of the oil spill on ecosystems.

Mississippi/Alabama – Larissa Graham at larissa.graham@auburn.edu. Based in Mobile, Ala., with the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, Larissa has outreach experience through her previous work with Sea Grant, the National Estuary Program and the National Estuarine Research Reserves. Her degrees and interest are in fisheries and environmental science and human health. She works primarily on the environmental effects of the oil spill on humans and ecosystems.

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GULF OF MEXICO REGULATIONS

Recreational Gag Season

The recreational fishing season for gag in the Gulf of Mexico closed at 12:01 a.m. (local time) on Dec. 3, 2014. Any recreationally caught gag must be landed by this time. The harvest of gag will remain closed until July 1, 2015. The recreational harvest of other shallow-water groupers, with the exception of red grouper, remains open. Red grouper closed Oct. 4, 2014, and will not reopen until Jan. 1, 2015.

Catch Limits for Spanish Mackerel

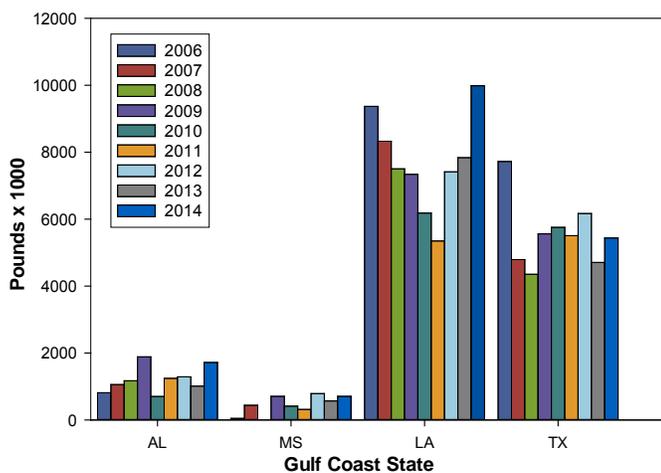
A final rule has been published to implement Framework Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Region. The final rule for Framework Amendment 1 published in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 69058) on Nov. 20, 2014, and will be effective on Dec. 22, 2014. The final rule increases the combined commercial and recreational catch limit for Spanish mackerel in the Gulf of Mexico from 5.15 million pounds to 12.7 million pounds in 2014-2015, and then to 11.8 million pounds in 2015-2016, and 11.3 million pounds in 2016-2017 and subsequent years.

In the South Atlantic, the rule increases the catch limit for Spanish mackerel from 5.69 million pounds to 6.063 million pounds; with 3.330 million pounds (55 percent) allocated to the commercial sector and 2.727 million pounds (45 percent) allocated to the recreational sector.

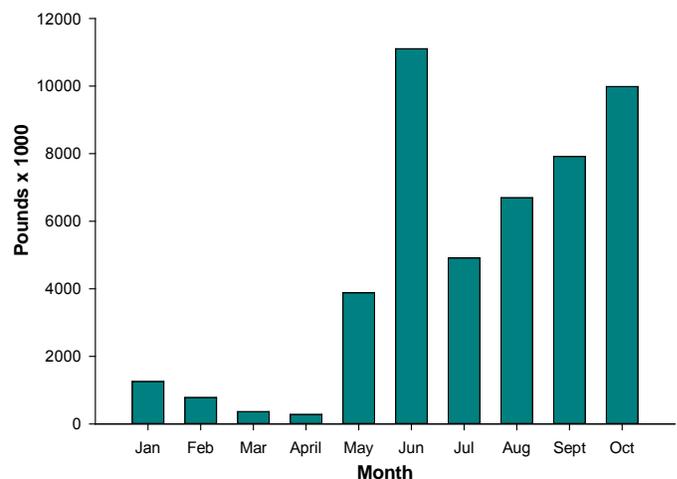
Louisiana Shrimp Watch

Louisiana specific data portrayed in the graphics are selected from preliminary data posted by NOAA on its website. All data portrayed are subject to final revision and approval by NOAA. Shrimp landings are ex-vessel prices, inclusive of all species harvested. Missing, inadequate or withheld reports are portrayed as “zero” in these graphics. Price graphics reflect central Gulf states only (Texas and Florida are reported independently). For more information, please refer to: www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/market_news/index.html.

October Shrimp Harvest



Louisiana 2014 Shrimp Harvest



Fish Gear Coordinates

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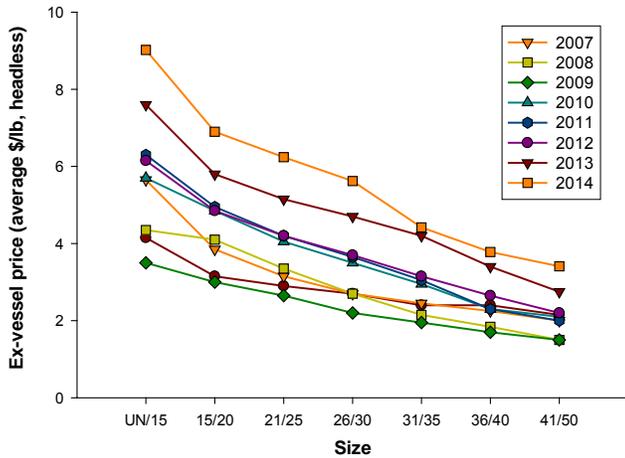
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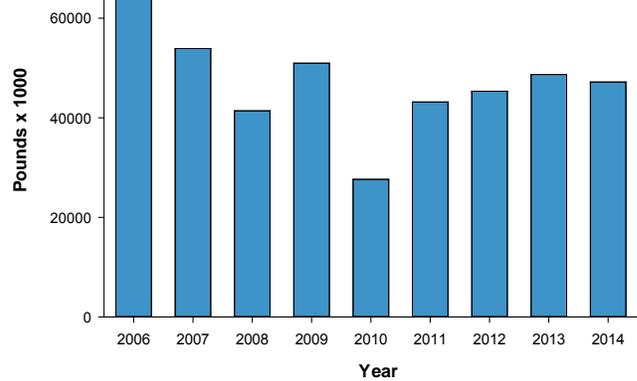
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October 2014 Northern GoM Shrimp Prices



Louisiana Year to Date Shrimp Harvest January- October



In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that 11 claims in the amount of \$43,263.36 were received for payment during the period Oct. 1-31, 2014. There were 11 paid and 0 denied.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates, in Degree Decimal Minutes, of reported underwater obstructions are:

29 03.941	90 47.926	TERREBONNE
29 12.674	90 00.503	JEFFERSON
29 14.835	89 55.503	JEFFERSON
29 18.381	89 52.554	PLAQUEMINES
29 19.063	90 36.297	TERREBONNE
29 21.040	89 47.437	PLAQUEMINES
29 22.012	90 40.387	TERREBONNE
29 24.183	90 03.510	LAFOURCHE
29 26.118	90 32.044	TERREBONNE
29 44.234	89 34.552	SAINT BERNARD

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Gwendolyn Thomas, administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, or you can call (225)342-9388.

Cornbread Oyster Stuffing

Recipe courtesy of *Louisiana Kitchen & Culture*. For more recipes or to subscribe to their magazine or free newsletter, please visit <http://louisiana.kitchenandculture.com/>

Ingredients:

¾ c. melted unsalted butter
 2 lb. cornbread
 5 tbsp. unsalted butter
 2 c. chopped onions
 1 ½ c. chopped celery
 2 cloves garlic finely minced
 6 oz. finely diced country ham, the saltier the better
 2 tbsp. fresh sage
 2 tsp. fresh thyme
 1 ½ tsp. sea salt
 1 tsp. black pepper
 ½ tsp. nutmeg
 About 18 - 20 fresh shucked oysters, rough chopped
 Liquid from the oysters
 1 c. chicken broth
 ¾ c. milk
 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
 A few more teaspoons of butter
 15 roasted chestnuts, peeled and rough chopped



Photo Courtesy: Louisiana Kitchen and Culture

Heat oven to 400°F. Cube the cornbread into 1/2 inch cubes. Toss the melted butter with the cornbread and lay out flat on a baking sheet, crumbs and all. Bake in the oven, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until a nice toasty color forms on the cornbread.

Meanwhile, melt the 5 tablespoons of butter in a skillet. Sauté the onions, celery and garlic until the vegetables are translucent, about 6 minutes. Transfer the cooked vegetables into a large bowl and toss gently with the toasted cornbread. Add the diced country ham, fresh chopped sage, thyme, salt pepper and nutmeg. Add the oysters with its liquor and mix with a rubber spatula.

Warm the chicken broth and the milk together in a small pot just until simmering. Add to the stuffing mixture. Beat the eggs lightly and fold into the stuffing mixture. Lightly butter a 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Transfer the stuffing into the baking dish, dot with a few teaspoons of butter and sprinkle with the chopped up roasted chestnuts.

Turn the oven down to 350° F. Bake in the oven for 30-40 minutes, keeping it covered with foil for the first half of the baking time. Serve hot out of the oven.

If you have a favorite seafood recipe that you would like to share, please send it to Julie Lively jander-son@agcenter.lsu.edu for inclusion in future issues.



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We would like to hear from you! Please contact us regarding fishery questions, comments or concerns you would like to see covered in the Lagniappe. Anyone interested in submitting information, such as articles, editorials or photographs pertaining to fishing or fisheries management is encouraged to do so.

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