

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Commercial Fish Seining Permit—Lake Louis  
(LAC 76:VII.Chapter 1)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to adopt the following rule on commercial fish seining on Lake Louis in Catahoula Parish.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sport and Commercial Fishing  
§183. Commercial Fish Seining Regulations, Lake Louis

A. Commercial fish seining regulations on Lake Louis, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana are as follows:

Commercial fish seining shall be prohibited on Lake Louis except that fish seining will be legal under a special permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as described below:

DATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL COMMERCIAL FISH SEINING PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR PERIOD: JANUARY 1, \_\_\_\_\_ TO DECEMBER 31, \_\_\_\_\_

This permit entitles the holder, who must have a valid commercial fishing license and fish seine license, to conduct legal fish seining operations on Lake Louis, in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

In addition to existing Louisiana fish seining rules, the following special permit regulations shall apply:

1. Seining shall be permitted only on Monday through Friday, during daylight hours from official sunrise to official sunset.
2. Permittee shall notify Enforcement Personnel, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, located at the Region IV office headquarters, Ferriday, Louisiana, at least 24 hours prior to conducting each seining operation.
3. Permittee shall make every effort to conduct seining operations as per R.S. 56:328 which states: "Nets shall not be hauled out upon the shore in such a way that any illegal fish which may happen to be taken therein cannot be returned to the water without injury."
4. Permittee shall leave no fish captured during a seining operation on or in the vicinity of the shoreline.
5. Permittee must have this permit on his person while using or transporting commercial fish seines in the above described waters.
6. Failure to comply with the terms of this permit or any Louisiana commercial fishing regulations shall result in immediate cancellation of the permit, and the option to deny the issuance of another seine permit in the future.
7. This permit is issued on a calendar year basis and shall be renewed each year.
8. No person convicted of a fisheries related violation Class II or greater within the last five years shall be eligible to obtain this permit.

Sincerely,  
Secretary

I have read and understand the terms of this permit and agree to comply.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:22.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 22:

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, no later than 4:30 p.m., September 5, 1996.

Glynn Carver  
Chairman

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
RULE TITLE: Fish Seining Permit-Lake Louis

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)  
The proposed rule will have no implementation costs. Existing personnel already on the payroll will assume the additional duties to enforce the rule and administer and issue the permits. Catahoula Parish had 15 commercial seine licenses issued in 1995. It is anticipated no more than 5 to 7 Lake Louis seine permits will be requested.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)  
The proposed rule will have no impact on revenue collection of state or local governments.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)  
The proposed rule will have no costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or nongovernmental groups.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)  
The proposed rule will have no impact on competition and employment in the public and private sectors.

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