

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Recreational Harvest of Southern Flounder (LAC 76:VII.353)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to promulgate a rule (Title 76:VII.353) to place daily take and possession limits on the recreational harvest of Southern Flounder (*Paralichthys lethostigma*). Authority for adoption of this rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§353. Rules for Recreational Harvest of Southern Flounder

The daily take and possession limit for the recreational taking of Southern Flounder (*Paralichthys lethostigma*) caught within or without Louisiana waters shall be 10 fish per day and in possession.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 56:326.3.

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

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., August 2, 1996.

Glynn Carver
Chairman

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Recreational Harvest of Southern Flounder

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

No measurable costs or savings and no quantifiable increase or decrease in workload or paperwork to state or local governmental units is anticipated as a result of implementation of this rule.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

No effect on revenues to any state or local governmental units is anticipated from the proposed rule.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Rule is intended to allow enforcement of regulations required by Act 1316, 1995 Regular Legislative Session. Data available at present indicates that anglers on trips that do not directly target southern flounder seldom exceed the proposed bag limit, so these anglers should not be significantly affected by proposed rule. The proposed regulation may reduce the number of recreational anglers making trips specifically for the harvest of flounder. If a reduction does occur, this may reduce receipts of persons who presently provide supplies or equipment for such trips. Long-term economic benefits of an undetermined magnitude may also accrue to fishermen in both recreational and commercial sectors if the southern flounder stock is actually limited by parental stock spawning potential ratio. If the proposed regulations provide increases in that ratio, then future benefits may be derived from increased recruitment of southern flounder to the recreational and commercial fisheries. The probability or dimensions of this change can not be estimated at this time, due to lack of data.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There will be little or no effect on competition or employment in the public sector. This rule will have no estimable effect on competition and employment in the private sector. While some effects may occur, no data is presently available to estimate the dimensions of this change.

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