

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Closure of Spring Inshore Shrimp Season in State Inside Waters

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been notified that the occurrence of small juvenile white shrimp collected in biological samples within inside state waters has rapidly increased. Closing these waters is necessary to protect developing white shrimp.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:962 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters and declaration of emergencies adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on April 19, 2023 and May 4, 2023 which authorized the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2023 spring inshore shrimp season in any portion of Louisiana's inside waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, the secretary hereby declares:

The 2023 Louisiana spring inshore shrimp season will close on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6 p.m. in all Louisiana inside waters from the Mississippi/Louisiana state line westward to the Louisiana/Texas state line.

The open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as bounded by the double-rig line described in R.S. 56:495.1(A)2 and all state outside waters seaward of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line, as described in LAC 76:VII.370 will remain open to shrimping until further notice.

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Secretary

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