

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

2018-2019 King Mackerel Commercial Season Reopening

The commercial season for the harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana waters was previously closed on October 5, 2018. The secretary of the department has been notified by NOAA Fisheries that the season for the commercial harvest of king mackerel will reopen in adjacent federal waters on November 12, 2018. In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use seasonal rules to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and the authority given to the secretary of the department by the commission at its regular meeting on November 1, 2018 to reopen the 2018-19 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by NOAA Fisheries that federal waters have been reopened to the commercial harvest of king mackerel, the secretary hereby declares:

Effective 12:01 a.m., November 12, 2018, the commercial fishery for the harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana waters will open and remain open until further notice.

Jack Montoucet  
Secretary

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