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Honorable Gordon Dove, Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources and
Environment
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Honorable Gerald Long, Chairman
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: Summary of Comments on Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps

Dear Sirs:

Please accept this letter as a summary report on the Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps, LAC 76:VII.367, Louisiana Register Volume 40, Number 09, September 20, 2014, per requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, especially LA R.S. 49:968D(1)(b). There were no requests for a public hearing on this proposed rule, and none were held.

- i) No hearings were conducted pursuant to LA R.S. 49:953(A)(2).
- ii) The Department received no written or oral comments concerning the proposed rule and the Louisiana Crab Task Force endorsed the Notice of Intent following approval by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.
- iii) There were no changes to the proposed rule after the public comment period.
- iv) No change recommended as proposed rule provides public benefit through the removal of abandoned crab traps while minimizing economic impacts to the fishery.

If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me, or Mr. Martin Bourgeois, Marine Fisheries Section, (225)765-2401.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Barham
Secretary

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