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To: Conservation and
Water Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 1173
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-64.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCLUDE PUSH TRAWLS AS LEGAL HARVEST GEAR FOR SHRIMP; TO AMEND
3 SECTION 49-15-96, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE
4 SCIENTIFIC NAMES OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF FISH THAT MAY BE CAUGHT IN
5 SHRIMP NETS OR TRAWLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-15-64.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-15-64.5. (1) (a) Each freight boat, ice boat and
10 catching boat used in catching or transporting saltwater shrimp
11 taken from the waters of the State of Mississippi for sale in
12 their fresh state, or for canning, packing, freezing or drying,
13 shall first obtain from the commission an annual privilege license
14 and pay a license fee at the following rates:

15 (i) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for resident boats or
16 vessels under thirty (30) feet in length in overall measurements
17 and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for nonresident boats or vessels
18 under thirty (30) feet in length in overall measurements;

19 (ii) Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for resident
20 boats or vessels between thirty (30) and forty-five (45) feet in
21 length in overall measurements and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
22 for nonresident boats or vessels between thirty (30) and
23 forty-five (45) feet in length in overall measurements;

24 (iii) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for resident
25 boats or vessels greater than forty-five (45) feet in length in
26 overall measurements and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for
27 nonresident boats or vessels greater than forty-five (45) feet in

28 length in overall measurements.

29 (b) Beginning September 15, 1994, no nonresident shall
30 be issued a commercial fishing license under this chapter for the
31 taking of saltwater shrimp using any type of net if that
32 nonresident's state of domicile prohibits the issuing of
33 commercial fishing licenses to residents of this state to engage
34 in like activity.

35 (2) Each recreational vessel engaging in shrimping with a
36 net having a corkline length of sixteen (16) feet or less shall
37 pay an annual resident license fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) or
38 an annual nonresident license fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

39 (3) Every freight boat, ice boat and catching boat used in
40 catching or transporting saltwater shrimp taken from the waters of
41 the State of Mississippi for sale in their fresh state, or for
42 canning, packing, freezing, drying or as bait shall register the
43 name of the captain of the vessel at the time that the vessel
44 obtains the annual privilege license provided for in this section.

45 The individual registered as the captain of the vessel may be
46 substituted after notification to and the approval of the deputy
47 director or the deputy director's designated representative. The
48 captain shall purchase a license entitled "captain license." This
49 license shall be purchased at the same time the vessel license is
50 purchased. The fee for a captain license shall be a minimum of
51 Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

52 (4) During open seasons and in open areas, saltwater shrimp
53 may be taken only with shrimp trawls, trawls, butterfly nets,
54 skimmer nets, push trawls, beach seines and cast nets.

55 SECTION 2. Section 49-15-96, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
56 amended as follows:

57 49-15-96. Vessels licensed under Section 49-15-64.5 may keep
58 and clean, tenderloin or fillet, for personal consumption only the
59 following types of fish which are caught in the shrimp nets or
60 trawls of the vessel: white trout * * *, ground mullet
61 (sciaenidae family) and flounder (bothidae and pleuronctide
62 families).

63 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
64 and after its passage.