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To: Marine Resources

HOUSE BILL NO. 98
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-78, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A HAUL SEINE NET FOR THE TAKING OF FISH IN
3 MARINE WATERS WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE SHORELINE OF CAT ISLAND;
4 TO PROVIDE THE DEFINITION FOR THE PHRASE "LIKE CONTRIVANCES"; TO
5 EXEMPT CAST NETS, BRILL NETS AND HAND SEINES; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-15-78, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 49-15-78. (1) (a) It is unlawful for a person to use a
11 gill net, trammel net, entanglement net, or like contrivances for
12 the taking of * * * finfish in marine waters within one-half (1/2)
13 mile of the shoreline.

14 (b) For the purposes of this section, the phrase "like
15 contrivances" means any net that is similar in form, function,
16 purpose or use to a gill net, trammel net, entanglement net.

17 (c) It is unlawful for a person to use a haul seine net
18 for the taking of fish in marine waters within one-half (1/2) mile
19 of the shoreline of Cat Island.



20 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
21 hand seines, cast nets or brill nets.

22 (2) A violation of this section is punishable by the
23 penalties provided in Section 49-15-100 * * *.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after its passage.

