

SENATE BILL NO. 22

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.4(D)(1), relative to finfish stock assessment report; to require such report to be submitted to the legislature biennially; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:325.4(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§325.4. Commercial taking of other saltwater finfish; exceptions; mesh size

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D.(1) The commission shall ~~make an annual~~ **monitor and evaluate the condition of the black drum, sheepshead, and flounder species in Louisiana waters.** A peer reviewed ~~and evaluated~~ report **of the findings of the evaluation shall be submitted biennially** to the legislature no later than March first ~~that contains~~ **of each even-numbered year. The report shall contain** the following information ~~on black drum, sheepshead, and flounder~~ **for each species:**

- (a) The spawning potential ratio.
- (b) A biological condition and profile of the species and stock assessment.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____