



## **Proposed Fisheries, Fisherman-Relevant Legislation in the Legislature**

Across 23 proposed Louisiana bills and resolutions related to fisheries, wildlife, seafood and boating, several major policy themes emerge.

The most numerous bills focus on commercial menhaden regulation, including new harvest caps, purse-seine depth restrictions, AIS tracking requirements, expanded reporting and reduced confidentiality, and stronger penalties for unauthorized harvest. Several proposed bills update and implement new fisheries management rules, such as adjustments to black bass and crappie size and bag limits, creation or expansion of sanctuary areas, prohibition of certain net types in specific regions and make additions to the saltwater game fish list.

Several bills propose modifying tagging, permitting and harvest rules for oysters and specify multiday trip possession requirements. Additional proposals address seafood safety, traceability and labeling, including penalties for mislabeling commingled seafood, restaurant record-keeping requirements, expanded authority for the commissioner of agriculture and promotional use of the Imported Seafood Safety Fund.

Lastly, a subset of bills targets enforcement authority and surveillance, including requiring warrants for wildlife agent inspections, creating a public records exemption for wildlife GPS data and updating boating laws to clarify officer authority and safety obligations. These bills were accessed on March 10, 2026, through [www.legis.la.gov](http://www.legis.la.gov).

### **SB257 by Sen. Brach Myers, District 23**

**FISH/FISHING: Removes the requirement that certain tags have the social security number of the tag holder.**

Digest:

Present law authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules and regulations for the entry of commercial fishermen into the commercial fishery for certain species that includes black drum, also known as puppy drum.

Present law provides for limitation on the use of pompano strike nets for taking black drum. Proposed law retains present law. Present law prohibits the use of certain nets, including trammel nets, seines, gill nets or webbing, in the waters of the Breton Islands and Chandeleur Islands, subject to specified exceptions and penalties. Present law further provides requirements applicable to pompano strike nets.

Present law requires that each pompano strike net have attached to it a tag issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries stating the name, address and Social Security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano or black drum. Present law further prohibits the department from issuing a tag to any person who does not have a Social Security number.

Proposed law retains present law except removes the requirement that the tag state the owner's Social Security number and removes the prohibition against issuing a tag to a person who does not have a Social Security number.

### **SB203 by Sen. Eddie J. Lambert, District 18**

**FISH/FISHING: Provides for possession of catch during multiday trip.**

Digest:

Present law allows possession of three times the daily take limit of largemouth bass, spotted bass, red drum and spotted sea trout taken south of US-90 by the licensed fisherman who took them, where the fisherman can show a public launch receipt showing he has been on the water or at a remote camp for at least two days. Further requires the fish be kept whole or gutted, in plastic bags or containers, separated by species and marked with the date taken, species, number of fish and name and license number of the fisherman who took them.

Proposed law retains present law and removes the requirement that the caught fish be kept in plastic bags or containers marked with catch information.

### **SB186 by Sen. Michael Fesi, District 20**

**FISH/FISHING: Provides for the menhaden fishery.**

Digest:

Present law provides that anyone legally taking menhaden shall not have in their possession more than five percent by weight of any species of fish other than menhaden and herring-like species.

Proposed law retains present law and limits the total commercial menhaden reduction fishing catch within Louisiana territorial waters to 315 million pounds.

### **SB111 by Sen. Caleb Seth Kleinpeter, District 17**

**FISH/FISHING: Provides for black bass and crappie bag and size limits.**

Digest:

Present law provides daily take limits for black bass of genus *Micropterus* and crappie of genus *Pomoxis*.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a minimum size limit of 14 inches and daily take limit of five for black bass and a minimum size limit of eight inches and daily take limit of 25 for crappie within a specified geographic area including the Atchafalaya Basin and surrounding tributaries and distributaries.

### **SB59 by Sen. Robert Allain, District 21**

**FISH/FISHING: Provides for menhaden.**

Digest:

Present law provides that anyone legally taking menhaden shall not have in their possession more than five percent by weight of any species of fish other than menhaden and herring-like species.

Proposed law provides that no person taking menhaden shall have more than five percent by weight of any species of fish other than menhaden and herring-like species.

### **HCR5 by Rep. Joseph Orgeron, District 54**

**FISHING: Amends Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rules regarding red drum harvest.**

Digest:

Amends LAC 76:VII.363(A) to authorize special permits that would allow the taking of red drum longer than 27 inches for participants in a fishing tournament or rodeo that meets the following requirements:

- (1) The event has been held regularly for five years or more.
- (2) The event has historically included a bull red category.
- (3) The event is no longer than four days long, once a year.

### **HB889 by Rep. Joseph Orgeron, District 54**

#### **FISHING/OYSTERS: Provides relative to bulk tagging of oysters.**

##### Digest:

Present law provides that oysters and other molluscan species taken from Louisiana waters for sale which are sacked or otherwise containerized while on board the fishing vessel must be tagged prior to removal from the vessel, with a tag that includes all information required by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health, and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Present law provides that all oysters and other molluscan species which are to be sacked or otherwise containerized while in the shell at dockside must be containerized and tagged immediately upon arrival at the dock prior to shipment.

Proposed law retains present law requirements for the tag information but requires the department to establish a bulk tagging process for alternative oyster cultivation which may be utilized to represent all oysters on board the vessel between the harvest area and the dockside facility.

### **HB886 by Rep. Joseph Orgeron, District 54**

#### **FISHING/COMMERCIAL: Provides for reporting and data collection for commercial menhaden fishing.**

##### Digest:

Present law requires the commission to promulgate rules and regulations that require companies taking menhaden by vessels equipped with purse seines for the purpose of reduction fishing to submit monthly reports that include location data, estimated volume of harvest, the size of the menhaden, the form for reporting and procedures to preserve the confidentiality of the data in compliance with federal procedures.

Proposed law provides an exception to confidentiality requirements for reports received by a legislative committee pursuant to present law.

### **HB872 by Rep. Jerome Zeringue, District 52**

#### **FISHING/COMMERCIAL: Requires all commercial menhaden reduction fishery vessels to use an AIS system.**

##### Digest:

Proposed law provides a definition for “automatic identification system”.

Proposed law requires all vessels engaged in commercial menhaden reduction fishing to use an automatic identification system, including the carrier vessels or steamers (also known as “mother ships”) and boats used to deploy purse seines.

Directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber definitions in present law (R.S. 56:8).

### **HB863 by Rep. Lauren Ventrella, District 65**

#### **WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Requires a search warrant before wildlife enforcement agents can conduct inspections.**

##### Digest:

Present law allows any commissioned wildlife enforcement agent of the enforcement division to visit, inspect and examine, with or without search warrant, records, any cold storage plant, warehouse, boat, store, car, conveyance, automobile or other vehicle, airplane or other aircraft, basket or other receptacle, or any place of deposit for wild birds, wild quadrupeds, fish or other aquatic life or any parts thereof whenever there is probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred.

Proposed law removes the provision of present law that allows for inspections or examinations to be performed without a search warrant.

Present law authorizes commissioned wildlife enforcement agents of the enforcement division to visit or inspect at frequent intervals without the need of search warrants to determine whether any laws or regulations under the jurisdiction of the department have been violated and to bring a case in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Proposed law removes the provision of present law that allows commissioned wildlife agents of the enforcement division to visit or inspect without the need of a search warrant.

### **HB858 by Rep. Neil Riser, District 20**

**WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Establishes a public records exemption for Global Positioning System data collected on wildlife and aquatic life.**

Digest:

Present law establishes a public records law and exemptions from the public records requirements.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law adds an exemption to the public records laws for GPS data on wildlife and aquatic life that is collected by or in the possession of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that would reveal the location of individual animals.

### **HB855 by Rep. Joseph Orgeron, District 54**

**FISHING/NETS: Establishes depth requirements for the commercial use of purse seines.**

Digest:

Present law provides for use of seines or nets in saltwater areas.

Proposed law limits the use of purse seines to saltwater areas that are at least 22 feet deep.

### **HB770 by Rep. Joseph Orgeron, District 54**

**FISHING/OYSTERS: Decreases the term of oyster leases on state water bottoms.**

Digest:

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to lease state water bottoms for the taking of oysters and provides procedures and terms for such leases.

Present law establishes that the term for each oyster lease and lease renewal is 15 years.

Proposed law reduces the term of oyster leases on state water bottoms from 15 years to five years.

Proposed law will only apply to leases executed or renewed after the effective date of proposed law.

### **HB757 by Rep. Vincent Cox III, District 85**

**FISHING/COMMERCIAL: Provides relative to the taking of menhaden.**

Digest:

Present law provides for the taking of freshwater or saltwater fish.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits any person from knowingly and intentionally authorizing, directing or having control or ownership of an agent or vessel involved in the taking menhaden for commercial purposes within the area designated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding the provisions of present law relative to penalties, whoever violates the provisions of proposed law will be held strictly liable for the taking and punished as follows:

- (1) For a first violation, a fine of \$50,000.
- (2) For a second violation, a fine of \$75,000 and the revocation of the violator's commercial fisherman's license for a maximum of 30 days after notice and an opportunity to be heard at an administrative hearing has occurred.
- (3) For a third violation, a fine of \$100,000 and the revocation of the violator's commercial fisherman's license for a maximum of 365 days after notice and an opportunity to be heard at an administrative hearing has occurred.
- (4) For a fourth or subsequent violation, a fine of \$250,000 and the permanent revocation of the violator's commercial fisherman's license after notice and an opportunity to be heard at an administrative hearing has occurred.

Proposed law defines the term "person".

**HB756 by Rep. Bryan Fontenot, District 55**  
**BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Provides relative to personal watercraft.**

Digest:

Present law (R.S. 34:851.4) provides for the careless operation of a watercraft.

Proposed law retains present law generally and changes the phrase “right-of-way” to “give way”. Further changes the term “collision” to “boating incident” relative to approaching a vessel.

Present law provides for a reference to non-motored powered boats relative to the duty of motorboats to yield.

Proposed law changes this reference from non-motored powered boats and non-powered vessels to sailing vessels.

Present law requires motorboats to maintain a direct course when passing sailboats.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring motorboats to maintain a safe speed and use caution when passing manually propelled vessels.

Present law prohibits the operation of a mechanically propelled vessel so as to traverse a course around any other vessel underway or any person who is swimming.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring that all mechanically propelled vessels be operated at a safe speed when traversing a course near any person who is swimming.

Present law (R.S. 34:851.10) provides for boat collisions, crashes and casualties.

Proposed law defines the term “boating incident”. Proposed law changes references in present law from collisions, crashes or casualties to boating incidents.

Present law provides for notice when property damage in excess of \$500 is inflicted on a recreational vessel in relation to a collision, crash or other casualty.

Proposed law changes the amount of property damage from \$500 to \$2,000 or more and requires notice if there is a complete loss of the vessel.

Proposed law further corrects a cross-reference citation to present law (R.S. 34:851.2).

Present law (R.S. 34:851.29) provides for the enforcement of present law (R.S. 34:851.1-851.37) relative to motorboats and vessels. Further authorizes every wildlife agent and peace officer of Louisiana and its subdivisions to do the following:

- (1) Stop and board any vessel for the purpose of addressing inquiries to those on board.
- (2) Require appropriate proof of identification of those on board any vessel.
- (3) Examine the certificate of numbers issued under present law.
- (4) In the absence of a certificate of numbers, require the appropriate proof of identification of the owner or operator of the vessel.
- (5) Examine any vessel for compliance with present law.

Proposed law modifies present law to prohibit every wildlife agent and peace officer of Louisiana and its subdivisions from performing a vessel stop or boarding any vessel for the purpose of enforcing present law unless the agent or officer has reasonable suspicion that a violation of present law has occurred or is occurring.

Proposed law further provides that any agent or officer who boards a vessel shall first identify himself and, while in the performance of his duties, shall not be liable for trespass.

Present law (R.S. 34:855.2) provides for the definition of “personal watercraft”.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that a vessel which uses other machinery as its primary source of motive power is also considered a personal watercraft.

Present law (R.S. 34:855.3) provides for regulation of personal watercraft.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law prohibits a person from operating a personal watercraft unless each person aboard is wearing a type I, type II, type III or type V personal flotation device approved by the US Coast Guard.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring that every person on board a personal watercraft wear a personal flotation device and prohibits an operator of a personal watercraft from allowing any person who is not wearing a personal flotation device to be on board his personal watercraft. Further provides that the use of an inflatable personal flotation device while on board of a personal watercraft does not constitute compliance with present law.

**HB754 by Rep. Kimberly Coates, District 73****WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Creates sanctuaries on Lake Pontchartrain.**

## Digest:

Present law creates sanctuary areas on Lake Pontchartrain and creates prohibitions for catching certain fish and other marine life including prohibitions for certain equipment.

Proposed law retains provisions of present law and adds the Manchac Wildlife Management Area Sanctuary.

**HB688 by Rep. Joseph Orgeron, District 54****FISHING: Adds Atlantic tarpon to the definition of saltwater game fish.**

## Digest:

Present law provides definitions for freshwater and saltwater game fish.

Proposed law retains present law and adds Atlantic tarpon to the definition of saltwater game fish.

Proposed law updates the names of saltwater game fish provided for in present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

**HB665 by Rep. Shane Mack, District 95****FISHING/NETS: Prohibits hoop nets and seines from being utilized in North Pass and Manchac Pass.**

## Digest:

Proposed law prohibits the use of hoop nets and seines in North Pass and Manchac Pass from I-55 to Lake Pontchartrain.

**HB653 by Rep. Mike Bayham, District 103****SEAFOOD: Adds two members to the Oyster Task Force appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.**

## Digest:

Present law provides for the establishment of the Oyster Task Force and provides for membership appointments.

Proposed law provides for two additional members to be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. Specifies that the additional members are nonvoting members. Adds the Department of Agriculture and Forestry as an entity that receives recommendations from the task force pertaining to the oyster industry and production.

**HB857 by Rep. Timothy P. Kerner, District 84****SEAFOOD: Provides for labeling of commingled imported and domestic seafood.**

## Digest:

Present law requires processors and distributors provide seafood testing information, label imported and commingled seafood clearly, provide information deemed necessary by the department upon request of the department.

Proposed law clarifies that upon request of the department only applies to the provision of certain seafood testing information.

Present law provides for penalties for imported seafood that is labeled as domestic seafood.

Proposed law adds penalties for commingled seafood labeled as domestic.

**HB725 by Rep. Jessica Domangue, District 53****SEAFOOD: Requires restaurants to retain invoices from imported seafood vendors for six months.**

## Digest:

Present law provides policies for testing and inspecting all seafood sold in the state.

Proposed law requires any retailer who purchases seafood to retain the purchase records and to make them available to the department for inspection.

Proposed law provides for a violation subject to civil penalties for failing to retain records or knowingly providing false or fraudulent purchase records.

### **HB721 by Rep. Timothy P. Kerner, District 84**

#### **SEAFOOD: Provides relative to shrimp harvesting.**

##### Digest:

Present law prohibits the taking of shrimp at night in certain inside waters of the state. Specifies that the prohibition applies from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

Proposed law provides an exception that allows commercial shrimpers to begin trawling in Vermilion Bay, East Cote Blanche Bay and West Cote Blanche Bay at 5:30 a.m. during any open shrimp season.

### **HB121 by Rep. Jessica Domangue, District 53**

#### **SEAFOOD: Provides for the authority of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry regarding imported seafood.**

##### Digest:

Present law establishes powers of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to enforce and oversee the testing and reporting requirements for seafood safety established by present law.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the commissioner of agriculture and forestry to seize, hold or destroy any seafood product in violation of present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

### **HB349 by Rep. Jessica Domangue, District 53**

#### **SEAFOOD: Provides for authorized uses of the Imported Seafood Safety Fund.**

##### Digest:

Present law provides for appropriation of money in the fund to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of present law (R.S. 3:4749 et seq.).

Proposed law adds administering a program to market and promote Louisiana seafood as a permissible use of monies appropriated to the department from the fund.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

## **LWFC Sets the Louisiana Private Recreational, State Charter Red Snapper Season to Open May 1**

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission announced that the 2026 private recreational and state charter red snapper season will begin on Friday, May 1, 2026, in both state and federal waters for private recreational anglers and in state-managed waters only within nine (9) miles for state charter vessels. The season will run seven days a week, with a daily bag limit of four fish per person and a 16-inch minimum total length limit.

“Thanks to our LA Creel program, last year, Louisiana anglers experienced a historical red snapper season – fishing for a total of 200 days,” said LDWF secretary Tyler Bosworth. “This is what active management is all about, and we are so excited to bring back another successful red snapper season to our sportsmen this year.”

The season will remain open until recreational landings approach or reach Louisiana’s 2026 private recreational allocation of 882,439 pounds, as monitored on a weekly basis by LA Creel. LA Creel is the active management method used by LDWF to estimate recreational and state-charter harvest of fish species landed in Louisiana, with the goal of providing anglers with increased fishing opportunities.

#### **Resident and Non-Resident Recreational Anglers:**

- Must possess valid Louisiana basic and Saltwater Recreational Fishing Licenses as well as a Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (ROLP) (<https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/rolp>), free of charge, to fish for or possess red snapper, as well as other selected offshore species.
- Anglers can get a ROLP via the ROLP website. Once you have registered, save an electronic copy on your mobile device or print a copy of your ROLP indicating your valid ROLP and carry it on your person along with applicable licenses while fishing offshore.
- Anglers on a paid charter trip do not need a ROLP, but a ROLP is required for charter captains.

- Recreational anglers onboard vessels that fish for or possess Gulf reef fish in Gulf of America federal waters must possess onboard and use (1) non-stainless steel circle hooks, (2) a dehooking device and (3) a descending device or venting tool.

Additional information about these requirements can be found on the LDWF website or the printed version of the 2025 Louisiana Recreational Fishing Regulations.

#### **State For-Hire Charter Vessels:**

- State for-hire charter captains (those who do not have a federal Gulf of America charter/headboat permit for reef fish) are not allowed to fish in federal waters.
- Must also possess a Charter Recreational Offshore Landing Permit (free of charge) to fish for or possess red snapper, as well as other selected offshore species.
- May only fish for red snapper in state-managed waters (within the nine nautical mile boundary established for reef fish), when the Louisiana recreational red snapper season is open.

#### **Federal For-Hire Charter Vessels:**

- May only fish in federal waters during the federal for-hire season – check the Gulf Council website (<https://gulfcouncil.org>) for dates in the coming weeks.
- If a federal for-hire charter captain also holds a Louisiana charter license, s/he may also fish state waters only when the federal for-hire charter season overlaps with the Louisiana season.

All recreational offshore anglers will be subject to periodic, random LA Creel dockside surveys and associated phone/email effort surveys, as has been the case since 2014 when LA Creel began to support active management of the red snapper season. While these surveys are voluntary, we strongly urge your participation, as this will be the primary method for tracking harvest. The accuracy and reliability of harvest estimates depend on angler participation in LA Creel, so LDWF needs as many anglers as possible to complete both dockside and phone/email surveys.

LDWF encourages anglers to reduce barotrauma while fishing for red snapper and other reef fish by using descending devices to return fish to a survivable depth before being released. Please see the LDWF barotrauma website (<https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/barotrauma>) for more information.

## **Gulf Council Holds Ecosystem Working Group Meetings**

The Gulf Council will hold five Ecosystem Working Group meetings throughout the Gulf region. These meetings are being held to provide Ecosystem Working Group members from each region an opportunity to share their views of Fishery Ecosystem Issues of Concern. These Fishery Ecosystem Issues shape the Gulf Fishery Ecosystem Plan which is a non-regulatory document developed by the council to explore system-informed management decisions.

The meetings will begin with an overview of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan and the goals and objectives of the working group meetings.

Working group members will participate in a facilitated discussion to map the system of key factors that affect Gulf fisheries, identify concerns relative to the fishery ecosystem and how they impact the fishery, businesses and communities. Working group members will also participate in sector- or issue-specific breakout sessions for in-depth discussions of ecosystem concerns.

These meetings will be held in-person only without being broadcast virtually. The issues discussed in the Ecosystem Working Group meetings will be presented to the council this summer. The meetings will be held from 9 AM – 5 PM at the following Louisiana location:

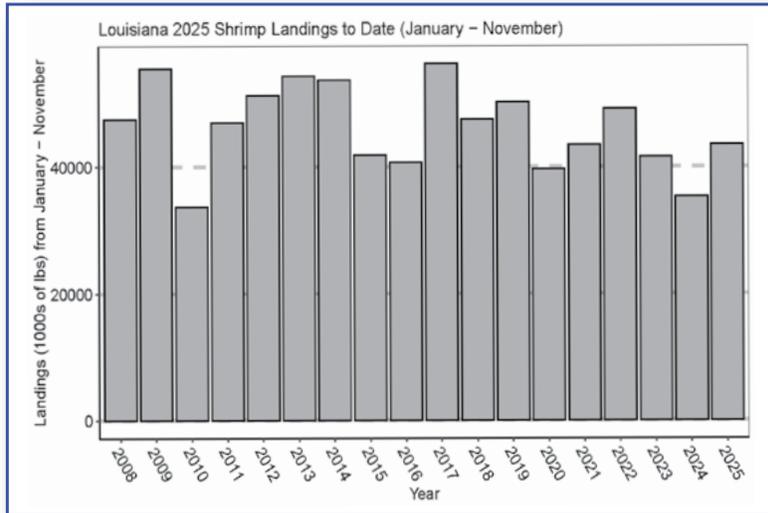
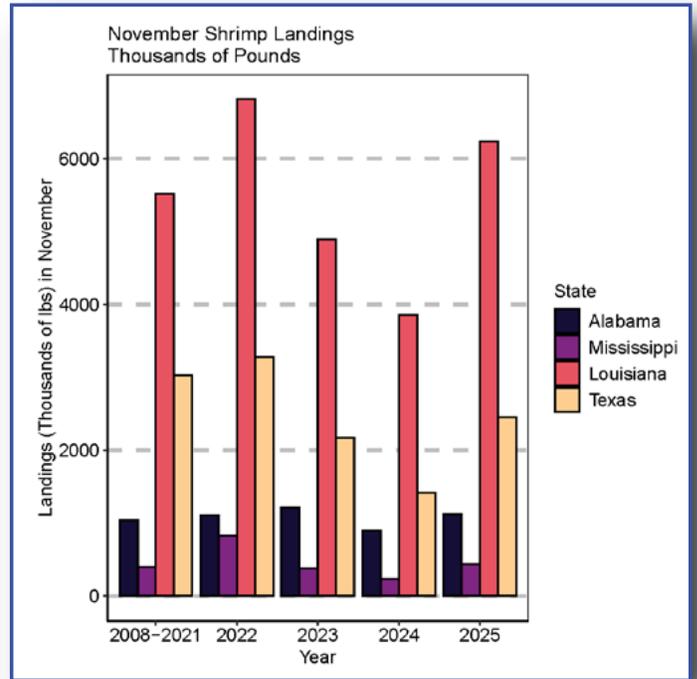
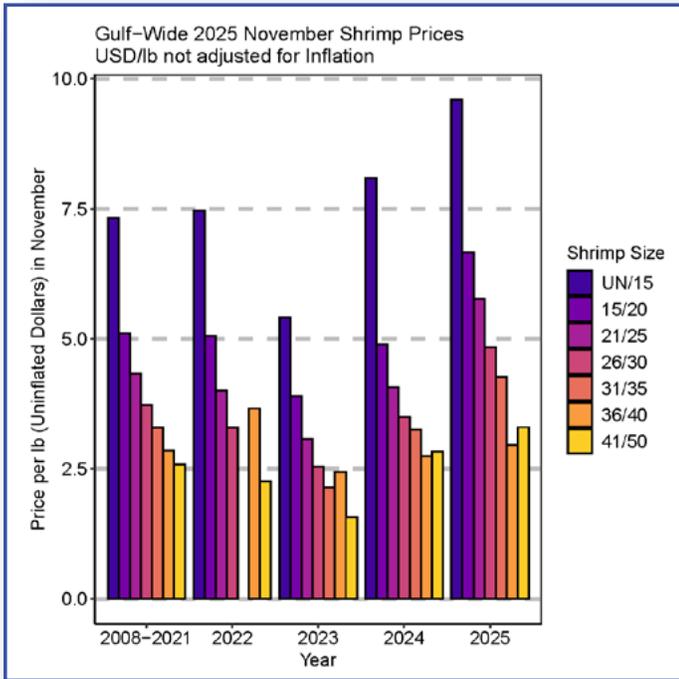
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The public is welcome to attend; however no public comment will be heard at this time.



# Louisiana Shrimp Watch

The shrimp watch data for the March issue includes data through November 2025. All landing data is based on trip ticket data provided by Gulf States Fisheries Commission and no estimations have been made.



# The Gumbo Pot

## Fried Fish Tostada Recipe with Crema, Salsa Verde and Slaw Recipes

*Recipe provided by Addie K. Martin, chef for Culicurious*

This fried fish tostada recipe also includes recipes for Red Cabbage Slaw, Salsa Verde and Sriracha Crema. It's a truly delicious treat!

Prep: 1 hour Cook: 20 min Total: 1 hour 20 min



### Ingredients:

#### **Purple Cabbage Slaw:**

- 4 cups of red cabbage, shredded
- 1 cup sliced green onions, top and bottoms mixed
- 1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped jalapeño
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons grape seed oil
- 1/2 teaspoon agave nectar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

#### **Salsa Verde:**

- 1-pound fresh hatch chiles, stems and seeds removed, rough chopped
- 1-pound tomatillos, husks removed and rough chopped
- 1/2 cup rough chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup rough chopped cilantro leaves
- 4 cloves of garlic, cut into hunks
- Juice of 2 limes
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

#### **Sriracha Crema:**

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon sriracha
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/8 teaspoon dried dill

#### **Tostadas:**

- 8 corn tortillas
- 1-1/2 cups grape seed oil
- Kosher salt, for sprinkling

#### **Fried Fish Nuggets:**

- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon chipotle powder
- 1-1/2 cups fish fry or finely ground corn meal
- 1-pound fresh flounder filets, cut into small pieces (substitute any other white flaky fish as needed)
- Reuse oil from frying tostadas
- Kosher salt, for sprinkling

#### **Sliced Avocado:**

- 2 avocados, halved, pitted and removed from skin

### Method:

#### **Purple Cabbage Slaw:**

1. Combine the cabbage, green onions, cilantro and jalapeño in a large mixing bowl.
2. In a separate container, combine the lime juice, oil, agave nectar and kosher salt. Whisk to combine.
3. Pour over the vegetable mixture and toss well to combine.
4. Refrigerate while you complete the rest of the preparations, about an hour.
5. Yield: 4 cups

#### **Salsa Verde:**

1. I highly suggest using rubber gloves to handle the hatch chiles. They have a decent capsaicin level and can burn hands.
2. Run the roughly chopped hatch chiles and tomatillos through a food processor to get them more finely chopped.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and use an immersion blender to puree until liquify. No large chunks should remain. Peppers and onions should be rather uniformly small.
4. Stick in refrigerator until ready to plate up.
5. Yield: 4 cups

#### **Sriracha Crema:**

1. Combine all ingredients in a small mixing bowl. Whisk until smooth.
2. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
3. Yield: 1/2 cup

#### **Tostadas:**

1. Heat the oil to about 350°F (proper frying temperature).
2. Cook the tortillas one at a time flipping them often. It should take about two minutes to cook each tortilla.
3. Use tongs to remove the tostadas from oil. Set on a plate lined with paper towels.
4. Salt lightly and allow to cool slightly.

#### **Fried Fish Nuggets:**

1. In a small mixing bowl, combine the egg, milk, mustard and chipotle powder. Use an immersion blender to combine.
2. Set up another mixing bowl with the fish fry or corn meal.
3. Working in small batches, add the fish to the liquid batter first then move to the fish fry bowl. Coat each piece of fish with fish fry and shake off any excess.
4. Place batter fish on a large plate or small platter.
5. Heat the oil to about 350°F (proper frying temperature). Working in small batches fry the fish, about a minute and a half per side. Use a slotted spoon or tongs to remove fish from oil.
6. Set on a plate lined with paper towels to drain the fish. Sprinkle with salt while fish is still hot.

#### **Sliced Avocado:**

1. Carefully slice the avocado lengthwise and use when assembling the tostadas.

### Assembling the Tostadas:

1. Start with a tostada shell on the bottom and top with a few avocado slices.
2. Next pile on a little slaw (about half a cup) and then top that with a few fried fish pieces.
3. Garnish with salsa and crema. Enjoy.
4. Two tostadas per person should make a meal. There will be extra salsa leftover

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