



LOUISIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

"... conserving our natural resources and your right to enjoy them."



SUBJECT: COLLECTING FISHERY DEPENDENT INFORMATION

WHEREAS, Louisiana's fisheries are both socially and economically important to the State and its people, and the Nation, and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Louisiana's fisheries be managed using the best available scientific data, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has implemented a Trip Ticket Program to gather more comprehensive and accurate commercial fisheries statistics, and

WHEREAS, LDWF is conducting several recreational SURVEYS designed to gather information from recreational fishers, including the Marine Recreational Fishing Survey, the Davis Pond Creel Survey and, in cooperation of the National Marine Fisheries Service, a charterboat and headboat survey to provide more comprehensive and accurate recreational fisheries statistics.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation continues to support the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Trip Ticket Program for commercial fisheries (excluding the price per pound, name and owner of vessel) and its recreational fishing SURVEYS, and encourages all commercial fishers and seafood dealers to cooperate in providing the information required by the Trip Ticket Program and further encourages all recreational fishers and charterboat and headboat operators to cooperate in providing information about their fishing experience to LDWF employees when approached at boat landings and other points of fishing access.

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