

House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Minutes of Meeting
2025 First Extraordinary Session
October 28, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Joseph A. Orgeron, vice chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Joseph A. Orgeron, vice chair
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant
Representative R. Dewith Carrier
Representative Kimberly Landry Coates
Representative Jason Brian DeWitt
Representative Jessica Domangue
Representative Timothy P. Kerner
Representative Shane Mack
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Neil Riser

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Brett F. Geymann, chair
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Jacob Jules Landry
Representative Lauren Ventrella
Representative Jerome Zeringue

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Stalder, attorney
Jennifer Winkler, legislative analyst
Brandy LADMIRault, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION**Oversight hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:966 on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries proposed administrative rules regarding Special Bait Dealer's Permits (LAC 76:VII.329)**

Tyler M. Bosworth, LDWF, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke for information only and introduced a Notice of Intent to address live bait sales during closed shrimping season via a special bait dealer's permit, stating that the original issue was the lack of provisions allowing sales of live bait from vessels, forcing cumbersome enforcement workarounds.

Clay Boudreaux, Bayou Log Cabins LLC., 200 West Kass Lane, Port Sulphur, LA 70083, spoke for information only, pointing out that a two-mile buffer would make his business unviable and suggested a half-mile buffer, arguing he avoids undercutting marinas and serves unmet bait demand. Mr. Boudreaux also emphasized the large investments required for both boats and marinas and pointed out that his operation helps meet demand when local marinas run out of live bait.

Michael Guidry, 198 West 157th Street, no city and state provided, spoke for information only, opposing the rule change entirely, citing concerns over tax reporting, enforcement, and the fairness to established marinas. Mr. Guidry insisted marinas do not run out of bait and argued that opening sales on the water introduces unfair competition and complicates regulatory tracking.

Representative Orgeron offered a motion to accept rule with two mile buffer added, to which Representative Braud objected. Representative Braud offered a substitute motion to accept the rule with a 3/4 mile buffer added. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Orgeron, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, Kerner, Mack, McCormick, and Riser voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals that did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee record.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Domangue offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Orgeron, Braud, Carrier, Coates, Dewitt, Domangue, Kerner, Mack, McCormick, and Riser voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Brett F. Geymann
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Date adopted: