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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management

Administration of the Fisherman's Gear
Compensation Fund (LAC 43:I.1509)

Under the authority of R.S. 49:214.21-49:214.42 and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:450 et seq., the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management proposes to amend LAC 43:I.1509 relative to the administration of the Fisherman's Gear Compensation Fund.

The Rule change better defines the required claim documentation and is a change to one of several claim denial criteria. The change of the denial criteria is in regards to proof of ownership documents of damaged equipment/gear and method of payment (i.e., cash paid receipts) and it removes the current practice of denying claims for equipment that was paid by cash since cash receipts from bona fide business will now be accepted as an eligibility component. This action is not required by federal regulation.

Title 43

NATURAL RESOURCES

Part I. Office of the Secretary

Subpart 1. General

§1509. Claims—General Form and Content

A. - A.5.a. ...

b. the amount claimed together with proof of ownership of the gear which was damaged or lost on the obstruction. Proof of ownership must include: paid receipts which are completely filled out including the date, full name, address and telephone of the seller along with the claimant's name and/or address together with proof of payment such as copies of money orders or bank cashier's checks for the gear; affidavits; or other evidence. No receipts paid by "cash" will be accepted for gear purchased after the effective date of this rule except for receipts from bona fide businesses in possession of a commercial or business permit/license, which was in effect at the time of the sale or repair, or a notarized affidavit from a business owner or chief executive officer of the business supporting the validity of the sale or repair. Claimants that made or repaired the damaged gear shall submit a notarized statement that he or she made his or her own gear along with paid receipts for the materials. If all damaged gear was original to the vessel when it was purchased or acquired, a copy of the bill of sale of the boat or subsequent notarized statement to the effect that all gear was original to the boat including date vessel was acquired, full name of seller, and sale price must be included;

A.5.c. - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:700.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Secretary, LR 6:515 (August 1980), amended LR 21:957 (September 1995), amended by the Office of Coastal Management, LR 41:

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:965.6, the Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management has conducted a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and found that the proposed amendment of this Rule will have negligible impact on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

1. The effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule has no effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service.

2. The total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule has no total direct and no total indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service.

3. The overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service. The proposed Rule has no overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comment

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation amendment. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by Administration of the Fisherman's Gear Compensation Fund. Such comments must be received no later than November 10, 2014, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Jessica Diez, Coastal Resource Scientist, Office of Coastal Management P.O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4487 or by email to jessica.diez@la.gov. Copies of this proposed regulation can be purchased by contacting OCM at (225) 342-7360, and are available for viewing and copying on the internet at: <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=85&ngid=5>.

Public Hearing

Requests for a public hearing must be received by 4:30 p.m. November 10, 2014. If determined a public hearing is warranted, the public hearing will be held on November 25, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Griffon Room of the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, so that interested persons may submit oral comments on the proposed amendments.

Keith Lovell

Assistant Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Administration of the Fisherman's Gear Compensation Fund

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule amendment will not increase expenses. The change, while allowing a previously excluded class of reimbursable claims, will not result in a measurable increase in overall claims paid and the percentage represented by the proposed change will be within the usual fluctuation of the percentage of rejected claims. The rule amendment better defines the required claim documentation and is a change to one of the several claim denial criteria. The proposed rule

amendment will not increase workload or paperwork as the claims will still be processed in the same manner as before. There is no anticipated direct material effect on local governmental expenditures as a result of the proposed rule change. The intent of the change is to remove programmatic discrimination against the use of legal U.S. currency in the course of doing business.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no measurable cost or benefit to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups. While a positive economic benefit may be realized by a statistically insignificant number of directly affected persons (claimants) through the payment of claims that were previously denied, the change will be absorbed within the usual fluctuation of claims paid, resulting in no net change. There were only nine (9) claims that were denied due to claimants attempting to use documentation that would be permitted with the proposed rule, and of those nine, at least five (5) would have been disallowed for various other reasons.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment as a result of this proposed rule change.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Return Address: P. O. BOX 44887 Rule Title: ADMINISTRATION OF THE FISHERMAN'S
BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-4487 GEAR COMPENSATION FUND
Date Rule Takes Effect: JANUARY, 2015 (anticipated)

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change may result in an increase in expenses in the statutorily dedicated Fisherman's Gear Compensation Fund. The change will allow a previously excluded class of reimbursable claims. However, the change is not expected to result in a measureable increase in overall claims paid since the percentage impacted by the proposed rule change will be within the usual fluctuation of the percentage of rejected claims. The rule change better defines the required claim documentation and is a change to one of several claim denial criteria. The proposed rule amendment will not increase workload or paperwork as the claims will still be processed in the same manner as before. There is no anticipated direct material effect on local governmental expenditures as a result of the proposed rule change. The proposed rule removes the current practice of denying claims for equipment that was paid by cash since cash receipts from bona fide business will now be accepted as an eligibility component.

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule amendment will better define the required claim documentation needed from claimants and is a change to one of the several claim denial criteria. The change of the denial criteria is in regards to proof of ownership documents of damaged equipment/gear and method of payment (i.e., cash paid receipts), removing programmatic discrimination against the use of legal U.S. currency in the course of doing business.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

The proposed rule amendment is part of an update of agency rules in order to better define the needs of the program. This action is not required by federal regulation.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No increase in expenditure of funds is anticipated as a result of the proposed rule amendment.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) x NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

The proposed rule amendment should be published, as it is intended to update agency rules in order to better define the needs of the program.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17
Personal Services	0	0	0
Operating Expenses	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0
Other Charges	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0
Major Repairs & Constr.	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

The proposed rule amendment will not increase expenses. The change, while allowing a previously excluded class of reimbursable claims, will not result in a measureable increase in overall claims paid as the percentage represented by the proposed change will be within the usual fluctuation of the percentage of rejected claims. The rule amendment better defines the required claim documentation and is a change to one of the several claim denial criteria. The proposed rule is not intended to increase workload or paperwork as the claims will still be processed in the same manner as before.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17
State General Fund	0	0	0
Agency Self-Generated	0	0	0
Dedicated	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other (Specify)	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes, sufficient funds are currently available to implement the proposed action. No increased costs associated with the implementation of the proposed rule amendment is anticipated.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule amendment will not impact local governmental units and will not cause any adjustments in workload or paperwork requirements.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

The proposed rule amendment will not impact local governmental units and therefore will not necessitate the need for adjustments in workload or paperwork requirements. Local governmental costs and savings will not be affected.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

<u>REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE</u>	<u>FY 14-15</u>	<u>FY 15-16</u>	<u>FY 16-17</u>
State General Fund	0	0	0
Agency Self-Generated	0	0	0
Dedicated Funds*	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

There is no anticipated increase or decrease in revenue as a result of the proposed rule amendment.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

There is no anticipated increase or decrease in revenue as a result of the proposed rule amendment.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed rule will have no measurable cost or benefit to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups. While a positive economic benefit may be realized by a statistically insignificant number of directly affected persons (claimants) through the payment of claims that were previously denied, the change will be absorbed within the usual fluctuation of claims paid, resulting in no net change. There were only nine (9) claims that were denied due to claimants attempting to use documentation that would be permitted with the proposed rule, and of those nine, at least five (5) would have been disallowed for various other reasons.

- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

There is no anticipated impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this proposed rule amendment.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed rule amendment is not anticipated to have any impact on competition and employment in the public and private sectors, since the proposed rule amendment is not a substantive change.