

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Closure of Spring Inshore Shrimp Season in State Inside
Waters
June 25, 2025

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been notified that the occurrence of small, juvenile white shrimp collected in biological samples within inside state waters has rapidly increased. Closing these waters is necessary to protect developing white shrimp.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:962 of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons, and R.S. 56:497, which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all or part of inside waters, and declaration of emergency adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on May 1, 2025, which authorized the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2025 spring inshore shrimp season in any portion of Louisiana's inside waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, the secretary hereby declares:

The 2025 Louisiana spring inshore shrimp season shall close on Monday, June 30, 2025, at official sunset in all Louisiana inside waters from the Mississippi/Louisiana state line westward to the Louisiana/Texas state line.

The open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as bounded by the double-rig line described in R.S. 56:495.1(A)2 and all state outside waters seaward of the Inside/Outside Shrimp Line as described in LAC 76:VII.370, shall remain open to shrimping until further notice.

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Secretary

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