

SUBJECT: Allowing sale of freshwater fish from portion of Colorado River

COMMITTEE: State Recreational Resources — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 7 ayes — Kuempel, Siebert, Hightower, Horn, Oakley, B. Turner
 0 nays
 2 absent — Black, Rabuck

WITNESSES: For — Lawrence Adamalik, Ex-Commercial Fishermen Group
 Against — None
 On — Philip P. Durocher, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

BACKGROUND: Parks and Wildlife Code sec. 66.111 prohibits sale of fish taken from the public fresh water of the state. The statute specifies several exceptions, including channel or blue catfish more than 14 inches long taken in certain counties or portions of certain rivers.

DIGEST: CSHB 1384 would add to the exception from the freshwater fish sale prohibition channel or blue catfish taken from the public fresh water of the Colorado River in Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette, Matagorda or Wharton County. The bill would take effect September 1, 1995.

NOTES: The original version of the bill would have exempted channel and blue catfish caught in public fresh water in Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette, Matagorda or Wharton counties. The committee substitute would limit the exemption to catfish caught in the Colorado River in the listed counties.