

4-627. COMPLIANCE WITH SUBTITLE AND REGULATIONS.

A PERSON MAY NOT CATCH OR POSSESS ANY GAME AND FRESHWATER FISH EXCEPT DURING THE PERIOD AND IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, UNLESS CHANGED BY RULE OR REGULATION THE DEPARTMENT PROMULGATES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 206 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

SUBTITLE 7. LICENSING, REGULATION, AND SUPERVISION OF FISHING AND FISHERIES IN TIDAL WATERS.

[[4-701. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS. - NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE SECRETARY AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE COMMITTEE OF WATERMEN AND SEAFOOD DEALERS OR PROCESSORS CREATED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO CATCHING, POSSESSING, SELLING, PURCHASING, TRANSPORTING, OR EXPORTING ANY FISH IN THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE. THE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, PROVISIONS TO ENLARGE, EXTEND, RESTRICT, OR PROHIBIT THE CATCHING, POSSESSING, SELLING, PURCHASING, TRANSPORTING, OR EXPORTING OF ANY FISH IN THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE. ANY RULE OR REGULATION PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION BECOME NULL AND VOID ON JULY 1, 1973.

(B) COMMITTEE OF WATERMEN AND SEAFOOD DEALERS OR PROCESSORS CREATED AND CONTINUED. - THE COMMITTEE OF WATERMEN AND SEAFOOD DEALERS OR PROCESSORS IS CREATED AND CONTINUED. IT IS COMPOSED OF A PERSON FROM EACH COUNTY WHO HOLDS A COMMERCIAL LICENSE TO CATCH FISH, AND 13 SEAFOOD DEALERS OR PROCESSORS.

(C) ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS; WHO MAY VOTE. - THE SEAFOOD DEALERS OR PROCESSORS SHALL BE ELECTED ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES THE SECRETARY ADOPTS AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS OF SEAFOOD DEALERS AND PROCESSORS IN THE STATE. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM EACH COUNTY SHALL BE ELECTED BY SECRET BALLOT ACCORDING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS THE SECRETARY ADOPTS. ONLY THE HOLDER OF A COMMERCIAL LICENSE TO CATCH FISH MAY VOTE IN THE ELECTION.

(D) COMMITTEE MEETINGS. - THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET WITH THE SECRETARY AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR TO