

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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Representative(s) Boyd offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 56, line 21,  
remove from the bill: all of said lines

and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 33. Effective upon becoming law, section 24 of chapter 97-164, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 24. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 370.093(3), Florida Statutes, there is ~~hereby~~ established a 5-year ~~3-year~~ pilot program that allows for participation by Saltwater Products License holders with purse seine endorsements during the years 1995 or 1996 located in the counties of Wakulla, Franklin, Gulf, Bay, Walton, and Okaloosa. Priority shall be given to such Saltwater Products License holders with landings in 1996 as recorded on Florida DEP trip tickets of one or more of the following baitfish species: Spanish sardines, cigar minnows, thread herring, chub mackerel, anchovy, little tunny, menhaden, blue runner, and ladyfish. No more than 7 such licenses shall be issued which

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1 allow for and shall be limited to the following:

2 (a) These licenses shall be issued only for the use of  
3 baitfish purse seines, not exceeding 600 yards in length, to  
4 be used in the nearshore and inshore waters, modified to  
5 employ solid tarpaulin material in conjunction with 500 square  
6 feet of traditional seine mesh netting in the State of Florida  
7 in and south of the counties of Wakulla, Franklin, Gulf, Bay,  
8 Walton, and Okaloosa. Only one purse seine per license shall  
9 be allowed.

10 (b) Each licensee shall post a bond of \$50,000 payable  
11 to the State of Florida as security to pay for any  
12 environmental damage or cleanup of material caused by this  
13 fishing gear of the licensee.

14 (2) The Marine Fisheries Commission shall establish  
15 limits on annual harvest levels for the area, for each of the  
16 baitfish species that are the subject of this section, based  
17 on maintaining healthy scientific and biological levels of  
18 stock abundance of those certain baitfish species by allowing  
19 annual harvest of the baitfish species in the program area  
20 limited by the Florida Marine Fisheries Commission not to  
21 exceed 50 percent of the annual average of reported landings  
22 which occurred over the 3 years prior to July 1, 1995.

23 Section 34. Section 42 of chapter 97-160, Laws of  
24 Florida, is repealed.

25 Section 35. Except as otherwise provided herein, this  
26 act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 5, lines 7 and 8,

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1 remove from the title of the bill: all of said lines  
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3 and insert in lieu thereof:  
4 shellfish processors; amending s. 24 of chapter  
5 97-164, Laws of Florida; extending the pilot  
6 program that allows a limited number of  
7 licenseholders to harvest certain baitfish  
8 species within specified counties; repealing s.  
9 42 of chapter 97-160, Laws of Florida, relating  
10 to duplicate provisions authorizing the pilot  
11 program; providing effective dates.

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