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S.B. No. 1790

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting the use of certain live bait in saltwater fishing; providing a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 66, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 66.207 to read as follows:

Sec. 66.207. CROAKER AS LIVE BAIT. (a) A person may not engage in fishing using for bait croaker that is less than 10 inches in length. A person who violates this section is subject to the penalty provided in Section 66.218.

(b) In this section, "croaker" means a fish of the Sciaenidae family and includes Atlantic croaker (Micropogonias undulatus), American stardrum (Stellifer lanceolatus), spot croaker (Leiostomus xanthurus), and sand weakfish (Cynoscion arenarius).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.