

CHAPTER 130

S.B. No. 664

AN ACT

relating to certain fishing apparatus anchored in the Trinity River near the Livingston Dam.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 61, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 61.201 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.201. LIVINGSTON DAM FISHING PLATFORM. (a) No person may permanently anchor a barge, boat, or other fishing platform on the Trinity River downstream from the Livingston Dam within the area between the restricted area boundary that is 1,000 feet from the dam and a point 1,500 feet downstream from the dam. A barge, boat, or other fishing platform is considered permanently anchored if it is anchored in the described area:

(1) for more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period without moving 100 feet or more during that time; or

(2) for five or more consecutive days, whether or not it has been moved.

(b) No person may leave a barge, boat, or other fishing platform unattended for any period of time if the barge, boat, or platform is within the area described in Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) A barge, boat, or other fishing platform that is left unattended for any period of time within the area described in Subsection (a) of this section may be impounded and may be reclaimed only by payment of both the fine imposed under this chapter and the cost of impoundment.

(d) Property impounded under this section that has not been claimed within the time period specified in Section 5.01(2), Chapter 741, Acts of the 67th Legislature, Regular Session, 1981 (Article 4477-9a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), for disposition of an aban-

done automobile is considered abandoned and may be disposed of in the same manner as an abandoned automobile in accordance with Article V of that Act.

(e) This section may be enforced by any peace officer listed in Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 6, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on April 30, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 11, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.