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The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 1334 by Representative Lambert
Wildlife and Fisheries: Provides relative to fisheries management by the Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

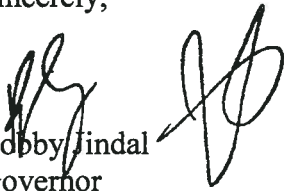
Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill 1334 by Representative Lambert would expand the authority of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to promulgate sustainability programs for both saltwater and freshwater fish resources. The bill also repeals the prohibition of the department enforcing certain federal laws which require the use of turtle excluder devices and fish excluder devices by commercial fishermen in Louisiana waters.

While the bill appears to be well intended, I am concerned that the stakeholders in the fishing communities and industry did not have sufficient time to give their input during the development of this bill due to the BP oil spill. Considering the overwhelming amount of challenges and issues currently facing our fishermen, it is my opinion that the stakeholders and the policy makers required more time to collaborate on sustainable legislation.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 1334 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,


Bobby Jindal
Governor

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