

Governor to decide net rules:

Area fishing report/2C

If a proposal from the Florida Marine Fisheries Commission is approved Tuesday by Gov. Bob Martinez, mesh sizes for commercial mullet nets will remain the same this year but commercial fishermen will still be prohibited



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from harvesting mullet in state waters on weekends during the roe season.

The Fisheries Commission also has proposed the use of haul seines in Lake Okeechobee only and prohibit the use of spotter planes to har-

vest mullet.

The commission also has recommended to the governor that the Gulf-Atlantic king mackerel fishery be divided into two regions at Dade County. Half the commercial quota will be allotted to each area.

WARPED RECORD: The 41-pound red snapper caught in July by Jamee Lowery of Greenville, Ala., about 42 miles south of Orange Beach has been disqualified as a new Alabama record.

Although the fish officially beat the old record of 37 1/4 pounds set in 1982, the application for the record was rejected because Lowery was not listed as the angler who caught the fish, said Hugh Swingle of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Instead, charter boat captain Allen b a e listed himself as the angler.

"Mr. Lowery didn't want to apply for the record, but we thought the catch deserved recognition so we sent it in with my name on it," Kruse said. "I guess we'll just reapply with Mr. Lowery's name."

MILITARY WASTE: Linda Young, publisher of Pro Earth Times, a Pensacola-based environmental newspaper, joined other environmentalists this past week in Washington, D.C., at a Defense Department conference on hazardous waste problems on military bases.

Pensacola Naval Air Station, which has 37 potential hazardous waste sites listed on the federal government's hazardous waste Superfund list, is being re-evaluated as part of an on-going cleanup process.

"We're hoping that the remedial investigation and design of the first site is done and cleanup is starting on it within the next two years," Navy spokesman Harry White said.

Details of the proposed cleanup strategy are available at the West Florida Regional Library.

ARTIFICIAL REEFS: The Florida Department of Natural Resources will have a public hearing Monday in Panama City on artificial reef rule changes. The hearing begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall on Harrison Avenue. Call 488-6058 for more information.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: Environmental officials from 13 states that import hazardous wastes will meet Tuesday at the Perdido Beach Hilton in Orange Beach, Ala. Topics include hazardous waste in Alabama. Call (205) 271-7709 for more information.

WETLANDS: Hunters and environmentalists have until Sept. 28 to tell the federal government how and why wetlands should be preserved. To let your opinion be heard, call or write: Wetlands Coordination Team, Room 5138, Main Interior Building, 1849 C St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, or call (202) 208-4148.

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