

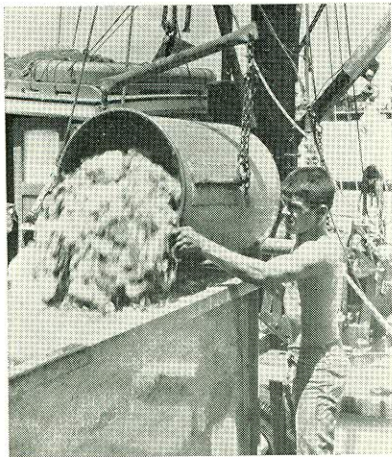
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# Conservation Pledge

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to save and faithfully to  
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and minerals, its  
forests, waters  
and wildlife

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Shrimp represent one of the most important items in Louisiana's commercial fisheries industry. In 1963 the State had an exceptional shrimp production with total catch in excess of 83 million pounds, heads-on weight. Production was equivalent to the best year for which there are records and exceeds the 20-year average from 1939 to 1956. Here, freshly caught and iced shrimp are loaded into refrigerated storage bins aboard a lugger and later will be unloaded at freezer or processing plants in the first step toward widespread national distribution.

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