Bill to halt dredging killed

An attempt to restrict shell dredging was killed last week by the House Natural Resources Committee (HNRC).

The Natural Resources Committee, according to one legislative assistant, “is the most vicious committee in the house...if you try to pass any environmental legislation you’ve got to expect to bleed a little.” In this case, Rep. Ted Haik of New Iberia was the representative under fire. Haik has faced the committee on other environmental matters and won, but he lost badly in this round. For example, Haik has a bill which is now in the Senate which

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Besides Radcliff Materials, there are only two other shell dredging companies currently operating in the state: Pontchartrain Materials and Louisiana Materials. State permits list all three companies under the same address, and one might assume that they are affiliated. But Lennox insists that each company is a separate entity and that one address is used for the convenience of state departments.

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