NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A district supervisor of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission says Louisiana crawfish are smaller in size and number than usual for mid-February because of cold weather and high waters.

Cecil LaCaze of Opelousas said Friday the winter weather hit South Louisiana hard, causing the crawfish to remain dormant instead of getting out to feed.

In addition, he said, the Atchafalaya Basin—the source of much of the area’s supply—has been at a very high level due to unseasonably heavy rains to the north.

LaCaze said a few weeks of warm weather should help relieve the problem.

He said Louisiana produced an estimated 25 million pounds of crawfish last year, but he fears this season’s total will be significantly lower—no more than 15 million or 20 million pounds.