

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

MISDEMEANOR

BILL OF INFORMATION FOR LACEY ACT VIOLATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.

19-247

v.

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SECTION:

SECT. EMAG. 3

INDIAN RIDGE SEAFOOD, LLC

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VIOLATIONS: 16 U.S.C. § 3372(a)(2)(A)

16 U.S.C. § 3373(d)(1)(B)

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18 U.S.C. § 2

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The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL MATERIAL TIMES HEREIN:

1. The defendant, **INDIAN RIDGE SEAFOOD, LLC** ("INDIAN RIDGE SEAFOOD"), was a company based in Terrebonne Parish, in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

2. W.G. was the owner of **INDIAN RIDGE SEAFOOD**.

3. From January of 2015, to the present, **INDIAN RIDGE SEAFOOD** had a license from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to operate as a wholesaler and retailer of seafood.

4. Licensees were required to abide by state laws, rules, and regulations and to keep informed of updates and changes to those laws, rules, and regulations, including Title 56, Louisiana Revised Statute 56, et seq, which included a requirement that wholesalers/retailers maintain proper records and submit monthly submissions to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on or before the tenth day of each month, all commercial receipt forms representing actual transactions with every commercial fisherman (i.e. Trip Tickets) from the preceding month.

B. THE OFFENSE:

From on or about January 1, 2017, through March 19, 2019, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, **INDIAN RIDGE SEAFOOD** did knowingly sell and transport oysters in interstate commerce when, in the exercise of due care, **INDIAN RIDGE SEAFOOD** should have known that said oysters were acquired and possessed in violation of and in a manner unlawful under the laws of the State of Louisiana, specifically Louisiana Revised Statutes, 56:306.4, 56:306.5, and 56:306.6.

All in violation of Title 16, United States Code, Sections 3372(a)(2)(A) and 3373(d)(1)(B), and Title 18, United States Code, Section § 2.

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