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Mississippi 2009-2010 Shrimp Season Opens June 25 in waters south of Intracoastal Waterway

BILOXI, Miss.—The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has set the opening date of the 2009-2010 shrimp season in **Mississippi territorial waters south of the Intracoastal Waterway (inclusive of the waterway) for 6 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2009.**

DMR will continue sampling to determine the opening date for waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway.

The legal minimum size for shrimp in Mississippi is 68 shrimp per pound. This minimum average size is used as a standard for determining the opening date. Certain areas may be closed to shrimping activity if sampling indicates that a large number of small shrimp have moved into a particular area.

All regulations set by the DMR are to be in full force and effect, and all boats engaged in catching or transporting shrimp in or from the waters of Mississippi must be legally licensed.

For the latest updates on the Mississippi shrimp fishery, call the toll-free Shrimp Information Hotline 1-866-We Trawl (866-938-7295).

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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