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Commercial Deep-Water Grouper Season to Close June 27

BILOXI, Miss. – By order of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, the commercial fishing season for deep-water grouper (misty, snowy, yellowedge, Warsaw and speckled hind) in Mississippi territorial waters **will close effective Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 12:01 a.m.** This coincides with the closing of commercial deep-water grouper season in federal waters.

NOAA Fisheries has determined the annual commercial quota for deep-water grouper has been harvested. The season will reopen at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2010.

The closing of the commercial deep-water grouper season is issued under the authority of Section 49-15-15 1 (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

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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