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## News Release

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### ***Mississippi 2009-2010 Shrimp Season Opens July 7***

BILOXI, Miss.—The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has set the opening date of the 2009-2010 shrimp season in Mississippi waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway. The season will open at **6 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2009**. This is in addition to the waters south of the Intracoastal Waterway that already opened at 6 a.m., June 25, 2009. This action is being taken after conducting an extensive shrimp sampling program in Mississippi waters.

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.

Shrimp season shall close at midnight Dec. 31, 2009 except south of the Intracoastal Waterway. In addition, all state waters shall close to shrimping activities except live-bait shrimping at midnight, April 30, 2010.

**For the latest updates on the Mississippi shrimp fishery, call the toll-free Shrimp Information Hotline 1-866-We Trawl (866-938-7295).** For further information contact the DMR at (228) 374-5000, or write to the Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530.

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