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MDMR establishes email, phone line to provide information about Speckled Trout

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources on Thursday established a phone information line and an email address for fishermen to get information and provide comments about proposed changes to recreational Speckled Trout regulations.

The phone line is 1-844-SPECK16 (773-2516) and will provide updated information about regulations and upcoming dates for public meetings. Anyone who would like to comment on the proposed changes or ask questions can send an email to speckinfo@dmr.ms.gov.

At its Oct. 18 meeting, the Commission on Marine Resources approved two items regarding Speckled Trout. Members voted unanimously to change the minimum size limit to 15 inches for recreational fishermen. This vote also prohibits charter boat captains and crew members from keeping a daily bag limit.

In a separate vote, the Commission approved closing the recreational season from Jan. 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017.

MDMR officials will schedule a public hearing within the next few weeks. The Commission is scheduled to take final action on the minimum size change at its Nov. 15 meeting.

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 dmr.ms.gov.

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