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Mississippi Shrimp Season Opens May 25

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has set the opening date of the 2011-2012 shrimp season in Mississippi territorial waters for **6 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2011.**

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the DMR will be in full force and effect and all boats engaged in catching or transporting shrimp from the waters of the state of Mississippi must be licensed or permitted by the DMR before beginning operations.

Shrimp season will close at midnight, December 31, 2011, except south of the Intracoastal Waterway. In addition, all state waters shall close to shrimping activities, except live bait shrimping, at midnight, April 30, 2012.

For specific information, call the Mississippi Shrimp Information Hotline at 866-938-7295, the DMR at 228-374-5000, or write to the DMR, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

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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