



## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

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# NEWS RELEASE

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### ***MDMR Marine Patrol Seizes 1,310 Feet of Illegal Gill Nets, More Than 300 Pounds of Illegal Red Drum in Hancock County***

BILOXI, Miss. —The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) Marine Patrol seized 11 gill nets--totaling 1,310 feet--and 333.3 pounds of illegal red drum (valued at \$749.93) from Herman William Rieux, who was removing fish from his nets off east Gulf Street in the Ansley community in Hancock County at 3 a.m. today.

Rieux was cited 11 counts of possession of non-biodegradable gill nets, 11 counts of possession of untagged gill nets, two counts of possession of commercially taken undersized red drum, one count for not having a commercial gill net license and one count of possession of bull red drum exceeding the daily bag limit. Each count is punishable by a fine of \$100-\$500.

Marine Patrol received a tip from a reliable source on Jan. 21 that Rieux was engaged in illegal netting activity. This morning, Officer Tim Broder waited in a nearby marsh area on foot and then confronted Rieux while he was in the process of unloading his boat.

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 MDMR online at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

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**13-10-SLP (A):** More than 300 pounds of illegal red drum were seized from a Hancock County fisherman.



**13-10-SLP (B):** MDMR Marine Patrol seized more than 300 pounds of illegal red drum from the 11 gill nets confiscated.

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**13-10-SLP (C): MDMR Marine Patrol cited a Hancock County fisherman with 26 counts, including 11 counts of possession of non-biodegradable nets and 11 counts of possession of untagged gill nets. Officers confiscated 1,310 feet of net.**

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