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Mississippi Shrimp Season to Open June 11

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) has set the opening date of the 2013-2014 shrimp season in Mississippi territorial waters for **6 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2013.**

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the MDMR 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 MDMR before beginning operations.

Recreational and commercial shrimp season will close at midnight, Dec. 31, 2013, north of the Intracoastal Waterway, and at midnight, April 30, 2014, south of the Intracoastal Waterway. Live-bait shrimping is open year round.

For specific information, call the Mississippi Shrimp Information Hotline at 866-938-7295, the MDMR at 228-374-5000, or write to the MDMR, 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 MDMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE
ORDER ESTABLISHING THE 2013-2014 SHRIMP SEASON

By virtue of the authority vested in the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, under the provisions of §49-15-15 (1) Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, after having conducted an extensive sampling program, does hereby declare and order that: **The 2013-2014 Mississippi Shrimp Season Shall Open at 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2013 in Mississippi Waters Described as:**

All waters south of a line beginning one-half mile offshore at the Mississippi-Alabama state line; thence westerly following the meandering of the shoreline one-half mile therefrom to Light "5" in the Bayou Casotte Channel; thence northerly to Light "7" in the Bayou Casotte Channel; thence westerly following the meandering of the shoreline one-half mile therefrom to the intersection with the Pascagoula Channel; thence northwesterly to Beacon "50" in the Pascagoula Channel; thence southwesterly to Beacon "49" in the Pascagoula Channel; thence to the northeast point of Singing River Island located south of Ingalls West Bank Shipyard; thence westerly along the north shoreline to the northwest point of the island; thence northwesterly in the most direct line to a point one-half mile due south of the mouth of Graveline Bayou; thence westerly following the meandering of the shoreline one-half mile therefrom to a point due east of Beacon "18" in the Biloxi Bay Channel; thence due west to said Beacon "18" in the Biloxi Bay Channel and thence southwesterly along the most direct line to the southernmost point on Deer Island; thence westerly following the north shore of Deer Island to the westernmost tip; thence westerly in the most direct line to Biloxi Beacon "8"; thence westerly following the meandering of the shoreline at a distance of one-half mile therefrom to a point on the centerline of the CSX Railroad Bridge over St. Louis Bay; thence westerly along the centerline of said bridge to a point one-half mile south of the western abutment of the CSX Railroad Bridge; thence southwesterly following the meandering of the shoreline at a distance of one-half mile therefrom to a point one-half mile east of the mouth of Bayou Caddy; thence westerly to the mouth of Bayou Caddy; thence southwesterly following the meandering of the shoreline to the Mississippi-Louisiana state line; and

All waters south of a line beginning at the southernmost point of the Mississippi shoreline on the east bank of the Pearl River, thence, following the meandering of the east bank of the Pearl River to a point where the Pearl River intersects the centerline of the Highway 90 bridge; thence running westerly along the center line of the Highway 90 bridge to a point that intersects the Mississippi - Louisiana state boundary.

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources are to 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 Commission before beginning operations.

Shrimp season shall close at midnight, December 31, 2013 except south of the Intracoastal Waterway. In addition, all state waters shall close to shrimping activities except live bait shrimping at midnight, April 30, 2014.

This order will take effect and be in force from and after 6:00 a.m. June 11, 2013. For further information contact the Department of Marine Resources at 228-374-5000, the Mississippi Shrimp Information Hotline at 866-938-7295, or write to the Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

Ordered this the 4th day of June 2013.

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