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Oyster reefs to reopen Wednesday

BILOXI, Miss. – Several oyster reefs will reopen to the harvest of oysters at legal sunrise Wednesday, Dec. 18, officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources said.

They are:

Area II “A” Conditionally Approved Waters - This area includes northern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point reefs and Hornets reef.

Area II “B” Conditionally Approved Waters - This area includes the Waveland and St. Stanislaus reefs.

Area II “C” Conditionally Approved Waters - and its subdivisions of 2 “E,” 2 “F” and 2 “G,” which includes southern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point reefs, Square Handkerchief reef and northern portions of the Pass Marianne and Telegraph reefs.

Area II “D” Conditionally Approved Waters - This area includes the public reefs in St. Louis Bay between the U.S. 90 bridge and the CSX railroad bridge.

All other areas remain closed to the harvest of oysters. All other oyster harvest rules and regulations will remain in effect.

This order is in accordance with The Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources Title 22, Part 1 and the "Order Opening the 2013-2014 Limited Mississippi Oyster Season in Certain Waters Classified as Approved or Conditionally Approved by the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, and Placing Certain Restrictions on Oyster Harvesting Activities."

For more information on the open and closed areas, call the MDMR’s 24-hour Oyster Information Hot Line at 228-374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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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