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Mississippi Oyster Reef Area to Close

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has announced the closing of Area II “C” Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, **effective 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011**, due to the Pearl River exceeding the water quality management plan criteria for this area.

- **Area II “C” Conditionally Approved Waters (closing)** – and its subdivisions of II “E” (including Square Handkerchief Reef and southern portions of Henderson Point Reef), II “F” (including southern portions of the Pass Christian Reef) and II “G” (including northern portions of the Pass Marianne and Telegraph reefs).

This area may reopen for harvest when water sample results meet the management plan criteria for reopening.

For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR’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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