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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 “A” Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, **effective immediately**, due to the Pearl River exceeding the water quality management plan criteria for this area.

- **Area II “A” Conditionally Approved Waters (closing)** – includes northern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Points reefs and Hornets Reef.

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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