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CMR Sets New Shrimping Trawl Door Size for Mississippi

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources (CMR) passed a new trawl door size regulation for Mississippi territorial waters that will take **effect on May 20, 2011**. The previous 6-foot-by-34-inch trawl door requirement has been increased to accommodate larger doors. **The new size allows up to 8 feet by 43 inch doors**, which is consistent with Louisiana requirements. This allows fishermen to cross state lines without changing doors, which can be labor intensive. It will also relieve the monetary burden of needing two sets of doors to cross state lines.

For current openings and closings of Mississippi's shrimping grounds, call the toll-free 24-hour Mississippi Shrimp Information Hotline at 1-866-We Trawl (1-866-938-7295).

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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