



## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

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# NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ***Additional Mississippi Shrimping Waters to Open August 26***

BILOXI, Miss. – In addition to waters previously opened to shrimping, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) will open waters in the Biloxi Bay Channel between Beacon 18 and Beacon 26, at **6 a.m., Friday, Aug. 26, 2011**. The area will be closed, however, if during routine sampling it is found that undersize shrimp have moved into the vicinity.

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.

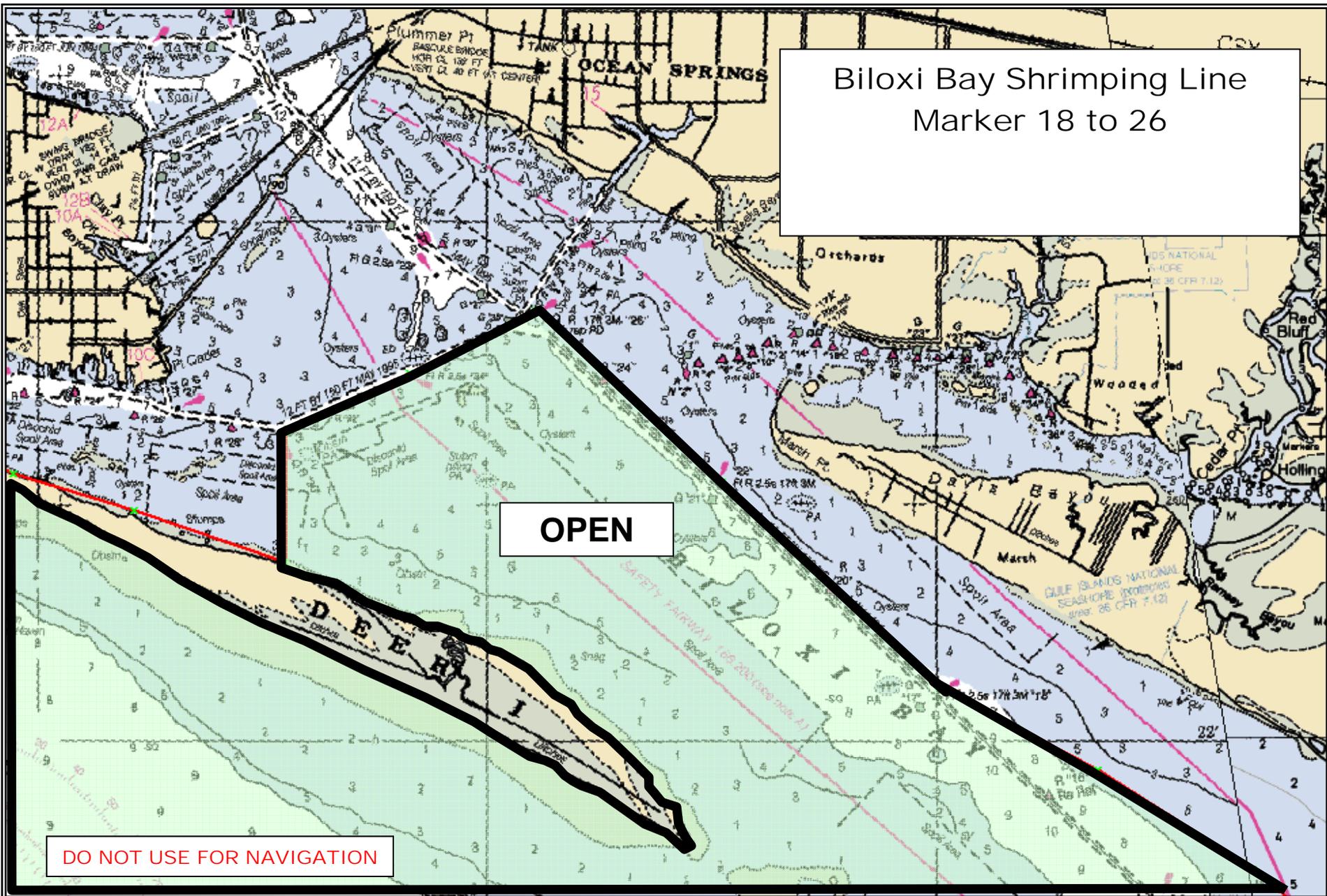
Recreational and commercial shrimp season will close at midnight, Dec. 31, 2011, north of the Intracoastal Waterway, and at midnight, April 30, 2012, south of the Intracoastal Waterway. Live-bait shrimping is open year round.

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 DMR online at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

**ATTACHED:** Map and legal notice.

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Biloxi Bay Shrimping Line  
Marker 18 to 26

**OPEN**

DO NOT USE FOR NAVIGATION



**MISSISSIPPI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDER OPENING CERTAIN WATERS TO COMMERCIAL AND  
RECREATIONAL SHRIMPING AND TO RE-ESTABLISH THE SHRIMPING LINE**

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 sampling, does hereby declare and order that:

In addition to waters previously opened May 25, 2011 to shrimping by order of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, all waters south and west of a line beginning at Beacon "18" in the Biloxi Bay Channel, and thence running northwesterly to Beacon "22" in the Biloxi Bay Channel, thence northwesterly to Beacon "26" in the Biloxi Bay Channel, thence westerly to Beacon "34", exclusive of the Biloxi Channel itself, thence westerly to Beacon "30" in the Biloxi Channel, exclusive of the Biloxi Channel itself, and thence due south to a point on Deer Island are hereby declared and ordered opened at 6 a.m., Friday, August 26, 2011 for shrimping as provided by law and the regulations of this Commission.

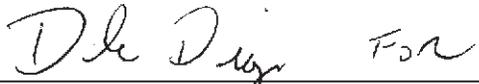
Shrimp season shall close at midnight, December 31, 2011 except south of the Intracoastal Waterway. In addition, all state waters shall close to shrimping activities except live bait shrimping at midnight, April 30, 2012.

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 in or from the waters of the State of Mississippi must be licensed by the Commission before beginning operations.

This order will take effect and be in force from and after 6 a.m. on August 26, 2011. For further information contact the Department of Marine Resources at 228-374-5000, or write to the Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave. Biloxi, MS 39530.

Ordered this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2011.

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