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## ***Commercial Spotted Seatrout Season to Open Feb. 1***

BILOXI, Miss. – The commercial fishing season for spotted seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) will open in Mississippi territorial waters on Feb. 1, 2013 at 12:01 a.m. The commercial fishing season for spotted seatrout will remain open for the months of February, March, April and May or until 25,000 pounds of the quota has been met; whichever occurs first. The commercial season will then remain closed until June 1, 2013, on which day the second half of the season will open. The second half of the season will be open for the months of June, July and August and will close on Sept. 30, 2013, unless the full 50,000-pound quota has been reached prior to this date.

The opening of this season is issued under the authority of Section 49-15-15 (1) (a) (2009), of the Mississippi Code.

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).

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