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MS red snapper season closed, MDMR reminds anglers to report catch

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) are reminding fishermen to participate in the agency's voluntary red snapper reporting program for the July weekend recreational fishing season for red snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*), which closed in Mississippi territorial waters on July 27, 2014, at 11:59 p.m.

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

Anglers can report their catch on the MDMR website, www.dmr.ms.gov, or fill out an information card that is available at local bait shops. Those with iPhones can download a red snapper app on iTunes. A report should be filed for each trip that targets red snapper, even if no snapper were landed. Only one report is required for each trip, and captains are asked to answer the following questions: Vessel owner/captain's name, vessel owner/captain's email, vessel registration number, date of trip, number of anglers, duration of trip (hours), number of red snapper landed and public or private access (public or private marina or dock).

Catch cards can be filled out and mailed to Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Attn: Matt Hill, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530. Comments or information may be emailed to snapper@dmr.ms.gov.

The red snapper reporting program is a result of ideas submitted at the MDMR Red Snapper Summit on May 6. The data obtained from the form will help MDMR obtain accurate data regarding red snapper.

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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