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Public hearing on basket dredging set for May 28th

BILOXI, Miss. – The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 28th, regarding the prohibition of basket dredges for oyster harvesting.

The public hearing will be held in the first-floor auditorium of the Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Ave. in Biloxi.

The written comment period for basket dredges has been extended until 5 p.m. Monday, June 15th. Anyone wishing to make comments on this issue can mail them to 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, MS, 39530, attention: Joe Jewell. Comments also can be emailed to joe.jewell@dmr.ms.gov.

At the June 16th meeting, the Commission on Marine Resources will consider prohibiting basket dredges. A basket dredge is a type of oyster dredge, also known as a “self-dumping dredge,” that uses a rigid framed basket, instead of a flexible bag made out of rope or chain, to retain the harvested oysters.

The CMR also will consider reducing the maximum weight limit for a dredge from 140 pounds to 115 pounds at the June meeting.

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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