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Red tide information available on MDMR website

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has information for the public about harmful algal blooms, or red tide, on its website, dmr.ms.gov.

There are some FAQs on the site, as well as phone numbers for questions about specific subjects, such as beach closures, fish kills and birds.

"This harmful algal bloom is a unique occurrence for this area," said Jamie M. Miller, executive director of MDMR. "A red tide is unusual for this time of year, and this red tide stretches from Florida to Louisiana.

"We want the public to have the most up-to-date information, and we also want to answer their questions about the red tide and its effects," he said.

A link to the FAQs can be found on the front page of the MDMR website under "Red Tide information" or by going to the following link:

<http://www.dmr.ms.gov/index.php/marine-fisheries/seafood-technology/867-habs>.

Editor's note: A copy of the FAQ also is attached.

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 dmr.ms.gov.

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