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Two additional oyster areas opening Friday, March 4

BILOXI, Miss. – Two additional oyster areas will reopen for harvesting at legal sunrise Friday, March 4, officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced Thursday.

The reefs have been closed since 4 p.m. Dec. 11 because of the red tide, the opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway and excessive rainfall.

The two conditionally approved areas that will open are:

Area II "A" – This includes northern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point reefs and Hornets Reef.

Area II "B" – This includes Waveland and St. Stanislaus reefs.

The daily sack limit is 15 for tonging and 25 for dredging. All other current rules and regulations remain in effect.

For more information, call the MDMR Oyster Hotline at 228-374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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