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MDMR to open additional waters to shrimping

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources will open additional waters for shrimping on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Beginning at 6 a.m., all waters south and west of a line beginning at Biloxi Bay Channel Beacon "18," running northwesterly to Biloxi Bay Channel Beacon "22" then northwesterly to Biloxi Bay Channel Beacon "26" then westerly to Beacon "34," exclusive of the Biloxi Channel itself, then westerly to Beacon "30" in the Biloxi Channel, exclusive of the Biloxi Channel itself and then due south to a point on Deer Island.

Recreational and commercial shrimp season will close at midnight Dec. 31, 2016, north of the Intracoastal Waterway and at midnight April 30, 2017, south of the Intracoastal Waterway. Live-bait shrimping is open year-round to licensed live bait vessels.

For specific information, call the Mississippi Shrimp Information Hotline at 866-938-7295 or the MDMR at 374-5000.

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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