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Marine Patrol officers issue seafood citations to local business

BILOXI, Miss. – Marine Patrol officers with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources on Tuesday issued two seafood citations to a seafood market in Biloxi.

Captain Ben's Seafood Market received two violations – one for possession of recreationally harvested finfish in a commercial establishment and one for possession of illegal oysters. The fines for each violation range between \$100 and \$500, plus court costs. This is the first time the market has been cited.



Seafood Technology inspectors with MDMR discovered the violations and notified Marine Patrol. Officers seized seven sheephead that they determined were caught by recreational fishermen. They also seized 12 trays of individually quick-frozen oysters because the business was unlicensed for this activity and did not have the required documentation.

Marine Patrol officers with MDMR on Tuesday seized seven sheephead and 12 trays of oysters from a seafood market in Biloxi.

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