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Commercial Speckled Trout season opens Wednesday, Feb. 1

BILOXI, Miss. – The commercial season for Speckled Trout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) will open at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, in Mississippi territorial waters, MDMR officials announced Tuesday.

The total allowable catch for the year is 50,000 pounds for commercial fishermen. The season will be divided into two periods: Feb. 1 through May 31 and June 1 through Oct. 31. The TAC will be 25,000 pounds in each time period.

If the commercial catch is not met or is exceeded between Feb. 1 and May 31, the pounds shall be added or subtracted to the second time period.

Speckled Trout season is closed to commercial fishermen in November, December and January of each year.

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