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2018 shrimp season opens with more than 250 boats in the MS Sound

BILOXI, Miss. – More than 250 boats filled the Mississippi Sound early Wednesday for the start of the 2018 shrimp season.

Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources did an aerial survey and found 254 boats lowering their nets to haul in their first catch of the season.

“We talked to the fishermen, and early reports show moderate-to-low numbers of 40-50 count brown shrimp,” said Rick Burris, director of MDMR’s Shrimp and Crab Bureau. “The majority of the vessels were located north of Horn and Ship islands.”

MDMR announced last week that shrimp season would begin June 6. The season opens in Mississippi territorial waters when the agency’s sampling confirms shrimp have reached the required legal size of 68-count per pound.

The season north of the Intracoastal Waterway ends Dec. 31.

Photos courtesy Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

More than 250 boats filled the Mississippi Sound on Wednesday, June 6, for the start of the 2018 shrimp season.

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