

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) does hereby give public notice that on June 20, 2017 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on Marine Resources, the Commission approved a Notice of Intent to update, modify and change below listed sections of Title 22 Part 1. Said Notice of Intent was filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office on June 20, 2017. A complete copy of Title 22 Part 1 and the proposed changes are available at www.dmr.ms.gov. Public comments on the proposed regulation changes will be accepted through July 17, 2017. All comments should be mailed to the MDMR, Attn: Joe Jewell, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530 or emailed to: Joe Jewell at joe.jewell@dmr.ms.gov and delivered by 5:00 PM on July 17, 2017.

Complete description of proposed changes:

TITLE 22 – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 1: Rules and Regulations for Shellfish Harvesting, Tagging, Landing, Unloading, Transporting, Relaying, Management, Area Classification, and Other Shellfish Related Activities in the State, and the Leasing of Territorial Waters under the Jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi.

Complete description of proposed changes:

TITLE 22 – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 1 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SHELLFISH HARVESTING, TAGGING, LANDING, UNLOADING, TRANSPORTING, RELAYING, MANAGEMENT, AREA CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER SHELLFISH RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE, AND THE LEASING OF TERRITORIAL WATERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Chapter 17 Management Plan for Shellfish Growing Waters

103.01.05.04 Area V "A" **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED WATERS** – When ~~one (1)~~ half (1/2) an inch or more inches of rainfall occurs in any 24 consecutive hours as measured at the Keesler Air Force Base gauge.

104.07.03 AREA V "A" **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED WATERS** – The microbiological analysis of the seawater samples indicate that the seawater is again acceptable and the shellfish have gone through a sufficient time interval to permit natural biological cleansing.

Chapter 18 Classification and Description of Shellfish Growing Areas Waters

102.03.01 All waters of Biloxi Bay and Davis Bayou, and its' tributaries except, for those waters classified as **PROHIBITED-or, CONDITIONALLY APPROVED, or APPROVED.**

102.03.02 Area V "B" enclosed by the following described line:

102.03.03 Starting at a point on the northernmost boundary of the Biloxi East Access Channel (Latitude 30.402386 Longitude -88.842264); thence running northeasterly along the most direct line to a point 750 feet from the Ocean Springs front beach shoreline (Latitude 30.406441 Longitude -88.838109); thence southeasterly, following the meanderings of the shoreline, 750 feet therefrom, to a point 750 feet from the shoreline at a point (Latitude 30.3929 Longitude -88.8114); thence running southerly in the most direct line to the northern most point on the shoreline at Marsh Point; thence following the meandering shoreline around Marsh Point in a southeasterly direction to a point adjacent to the southern shoreline of Marsh Point (Latitude 30.374581 Longitude -88.842264); thence southwesterly in the most direct line to a point (Latitude 30.369903 Longitude

-88.7999863) Channel Marker 18 in Biloxi East Access Channel; thence running northwesterly along the northernmost boundary of the Biloxi East Access Channel (Latitude 30.402386 Longitude -88.842264), said the POINT OF THE BEGINNING. This area includes the public reef known as Shearwater Reef.

103.02.05.01 Starting at a point 750 feet east of the eastern most point of shoreline at Point Cadet Marina; thence running north easterly along the most direct line ~~through point (Latitude 30.406117 Longitude -88.838433)~~ ~~thence continuing through said point in the most direct line to a point 750 feet from the Ocean Springs front beach shoreline;~~ thence southeasterly, following the meanderings of the shoreline, 750 feet therefrom, to a point 750 feet from the shoreline at a point Latitude 30.3929 Longitude -88.8114; thence running southerly in the most direct line to the northern most point on the shoreline at Marsh Point; thence following the meandering shoreline around Marsh Point in a southeasterly direction to a point on a line drawn from the southernmost tip of Deer Island through Channel Marker 18 in Biloxi Bay East Channel; thence running southwest through Channel Marker 18 to the southernmost tip of the Deer Island shoreline; to a point (Latitude 30.402081 Longitude -88.842577) thence running southeasterly along the southernmost boundary of the Biloxi East Access Channel, to a point (Latitude 30.368859 Longitude -88.801177) Channel Marker 17; thence southwesterly to the southernmost tip of Deer Island; thence following the northern shoreline of Deer Island, to a point due south of the beginning point 750 feet east of the eastern most shoreline at Point Cadet in Biloxi Bay; thence running due north to said point, the point of beginning. This area includes the public reef(s) known as Biloxi Bay Reef.