

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) does hereby give public notice that on February 24, 2015 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 7. Said Notice of Intent was filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office on February 26, 2015. A complete copy of Title 22 Part 7 and the proposed changes are available at www.dmr.ms.gov. Public comments on the proposed regulation changes will be accepted through April 20, 2015. 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 April 20, 2015.

TITLE 22 – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 7: Regulations to Provide Size Limits and Bag Limits on Certain Fish Species and to Prevent Sale of Seafood by Recreational Fishermen

101 A licensed for-hire vessel may obtain a two-day bag limit endorsement from the Department for a fee of \$100 per year. The endorsement allows the vessel to possess a two-day bag limit (whole or filleted) of spotted seatrout, red drum, and southern flounder under all of the following conditions:

- 101.01 The endorsement only applies while fishing in Mississippi territorial waters.
- 101.02 The trip must extend beyond 24 hours before returning to the mainland.
- 101.03 The harvest must comply with Mississippi's current size limits, regardless of the place of harvest.
- 101.04 The harvest must comply with Mississippi daily catch limits. This endorsement does not authorize any person to take more than one daily Mississippi bag limit during one calendar day.
- 101.05 The vessel must obtain a float plan from the Department prior to each trip.
- 101.06 The vessel may possess the two-day limit only during its final return to the mainland. During the final return, fishing is prohibited.

102 The vessel operator must file a float plan with the Department during regular office hours prior to disembarking. A copy of the float plan must be on board the vessel for the duration of the trip. The float plan must be submitted on forms provided by the Department and must contain the following:

- 102.01 Name of the applicant.
- 102.02 Owner of the vessel.
- 102.03 Name of the vessel captain.
- 102.04 Official vessel registration number.
- 102.05 Description of the vessel.
- 102.06 Date, time, and location of departure.
- 102.07 Passenger manifest.
- 102.08 Destinations.
- 102.09 Anticipated date, time, and location of return.
- 102.10 Signatures of the applicant and the Department official receiving the plan.

103 The vessel's captain and crew are prohibited from keeping a recreational bag limit of spotted seatrout, red drum, or southern flounder while exercising the endorsement. The presence of the captain and crew does not count towards the vessel's daily possession limit for the species listed above.

104 This Chapter expires one year after the date of adoption. The Commission must review the efficacy of this endorsement, and determine whether to extend this Chapter, during its regular meeting the month prior to expiration.