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Secretary of State presents Tidelands check to CMR

■ *More than \$5.45 million returned to Gulf Coast*

Mississippi Secretary of State Eric Clark presented the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources (CMR) with a check for \$5.45 million to be used for Fiscal Year 2003 projects at a ceremony held Nov. 1, 2002 in Biloxi.

The Tidelands Trust Fund Program consists of funds derived from the lease rentals of tidelands and submerged lands. Revenues are collected by the Office of Secretary of State, appropriated by the state legislature and administered by the DMR. All tidelands projects are reviewed and evaluated annually by the CMR, as mandated by Section 29-15-9 of the Mississippi Code.

The DMR will distribute the money to tidelands fund recipients for projects in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties. More than \$40 million in tidelands lease revenue has been turned over to the DMR for coastal projects over the past five years.



(From left: Secretary of State Eric Clark, CMR chairman Rickey J. Hemba, Commissioner Oliver Sahuque, DMR Executive Director William Walker and Commissioner Vernon Asper.) Secretary of State Eric Clark presents the CMR with the FY2003 Tidelands Trust Fund Check to be used for projects in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties.

Fiscal Year 2003 projects include:

Biloxi Port Commission: Schooner Pier Project; Lighthouse Fishing Dock and Bulkhead-Phase VI and Deer Island Restoration and Harbor Improvements

City of Gulfport: Courthouse Road Boat Launch Area-Phase II; Gulfport Lake Improvements and Cowen Road Boat Launch

City of Pass Christian: Harbor Improvements

City of Long Beach: Harbor Improvements

Hancock County Board of Supervisors: Bayou Caddy Marina, McCleod Park and Clermont Harbor Pier

City of Bay St. Louis: Ulman Avenue Pier

City of Ocean Springs: Fort Bayou Fishing Pier

Jackson County Board of Supervisors: Porteaux Bayou

City of Moss Point: Pelican Landing

City of Pascagoula: Phase I Pier and Launch Improvements

City of Waveland: Phase III Pier Expansion and Related Improvements

D'Iberville Port Commission: Fountain Beach Public Access and Habitat Learning Center

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Gov. Ronnie Musgrove visits DMR

(From left: Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and Commission on Marine Resources (CMR) members Oliver Sahuque, Vernon Asper and Rudy Lesso.) Gov. Ronnie Musgrove talks with members of the CMR during his visit to the DMR on November 25. During his visit, he addressed state issues and thanked DMR employees for their hard work.



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Director's Notes

Dr. William Walker



I am honored that Governor Musgrove and the Commissioners on Marine Resources have entrusted me with the responsibility of guiding the Department of Marine Resources in meeting the goals and objectives of its mission into the future. As an individual who has worked in the field of marine science education and research for most of my professional career, the challenge of marine resources management and stewardship is one that I welcome.

In the short time I have spent as the agency's head, it has become apparent that I am blessed with a staff of dedicated and talented professionals who will make my job all the easier. From the officers of the Marine Patrol to the wetlands ecologists and fisheries biologists of the Coastal Ecology and Marine Fisheries Offices and to the many other administrative and support services staff who help in getting the job done, the DMR is an organization in which you can entrust the future of your valuable coastal and marine resources.

The continued wise stewardship of those resources to the benefit of every citizen of the State of Mississippi is a pledge I can make on behalf of each and every member of our staff.

Executive Director

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City of Gautier: City Park Expansion

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum:

Biloxi Schooner Project

Beauvoir: Access to Oyster Bayou

Mississippi Sound Maritime Historical

Foundation: Mississippi Sound Maritime Museum

Mississippi Coast Audubon Society: Conservation of Least Terns, Harrison County Beaches

Boat and Water Safety Course Schedule (Jan.-March 2003)

- **Jan. 25**, Bolton Building Auditorium, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Jan. 27-28**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2326 Telephone Road, Pascagoula, 6-9 p.m.
- **Jan. 29-30**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 300 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, 6-9 p.m.
- **Feb. 1**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2992 W. Beach Blvd., Gulfport, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Feb. 3-4**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 300 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, 6-9 p.m.
- **Feb. 5-6**, Bolton Building Auditorium, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, 6-9 p.m.
- **Feb. 8**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2326 Telephone Road, Pascagoula, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Feb. 15**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 300 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Feb. 22**, Bolton Building Auditorium, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Feb. 24-25**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2326 Telephone Road, Pascagoula, 6-9 p.m.
- **Feb. 24-25**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2992 W. Beach Blvd., Gulfport, 6-9 p.m.
- **March 1**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 300 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **March 8**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2326 Telephone Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **March 11-12**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 300 Hwy. 90, 6-9 p.m.
- **March 15**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2992 W. Beach Blvd., Gulfport, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **March 17-18**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2992 W. Beach Blvd., Gulfport, 6-9 p.m.
- **March 19-20**, Bolton Building Auditorium, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, 6-9 p.m.
- **March 24-25**, Mississippi Power Co. Auditorium, 2326 Telephone Road, Pascagoula, 6-9 p.m.
- **March 29**, Bolton Building Auditorium, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

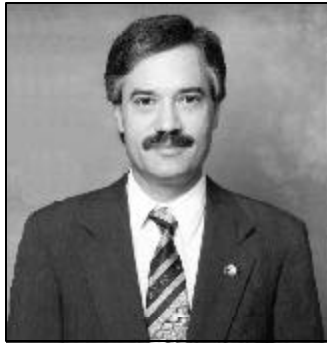
Call the DMR Boat and Water Safety Bureau at (228) 435-1332 for more details. All classes are free.

A very special thanks to the following employees who contributed to this issue of Coastal Markers: Linda Bullard, Kerwin Cuevas, Dorothy Daniel, Monica Fragello, Stanley Hamilton, Irvin Jackson, Ruth Posadas, Amy Taylor and Frank Wescovich.

Governor re-appoints Gusa, Asper to Commission on Marine Resources



Mikel C. Gusa



Dr. Vernon Asper

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove announced the following appointments to the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources on Dec. 9, 2002:

- Mikel C. Gusa of Gulfport, representing charter boat operators, has been appointed for the term ending June 30, 2006.
- Vernon Asper, Ph.D., of Diamondhead, representing non-profit environmental organizations, has been appointed for the term ending June 30, 2006.

The commission is composed of five members representing the following areas: commercial seafood processor, non-profit environmental organization, charter boat operator, recreational fisherman and commercial fisherman.

New saltwater fish poster!



Coast artist Marty Wilson (left) signs the DMR's new saltwater fish identification poster, which he illustrated, for one of the more than 300 people who came to the Nov. 7 poster signing at the DMR. Fifty-six saltwater sportfishing licenses were sold during the daylong event—the most ever sold in a single day at the DMR.

Everyone who stopped by the DMR and either purchased or showed his valid Mississippi recreational saltwater fishing license that day received the new poster, hand-signed by the artist. The new poster depicts more than 30 saltwater fish common to Mississippi waters.

The poster includes a brief description of each fish, including scientific name, peak season, habitat, average size and characteristics plus interesting facts about various species.

Seafood Marketing Program hits the road

The DMR's Seafood Marketing Program has been busy the past few months, promoting Mississippi seafood and recreational saltwater fishing.

Seafood Marketing Program staff attended the Biloxi Seafood Festival in September; the Jackson County Fair in October and the International West Coast Seafood Show in November.

More than 1,000 attendees of the annual Biloxi Seafood Festival picked up the DMR cookbook, the Mississippi seafood business directory, the Mississippi recreational fishing guide, seafood recipe cards and other DMR publications.

About 2,800 people at the Jackson County Fair visited the DMR's booth where the new Mississippi Gulf Coast Fishing Guide, the 2002-2003 saltwater fishing rules and regulations book and the new Mississippi saltwater fish posters were distributed. In conjunction with the Seafood Marketing Program's efforts to promote recreational fishing, the Seafood Technology Bureau conducted a survey on oysters and marketing at the fair.

In Los Angeles at the International West



Seafood Marketing Program staff member Linda Bullard (left) greets one of 1,200 visitors to the DMR booth at the International West Coast Seafood Show.

Coast Seafood Show, staff greeted about 1,200 visitors at the DMR booth, distributing cookbooks, potholders, seafood recipe cards and the Mississippi Seafood Business Directory. Other Mississippi seafood businesses exhibiting at this year's International West Coast Seafood Show included R.A. Lesso from Biloxi and Pascagoula Ice & Freezer Co. Inc. from Pascagoula.

Restoration underway in MS Coastal Preserves

Habitat restoration activities are currently ongoing at three Mississippi Coastal Preserves.

In the Hancock County Marsh Coastal Preserve, 70 acres of Loblolly Pine plantation along the lower Pearl River are being converted back to mixed pine hardwood and longleaf pine forests. Longleaf Pine seedlings will be planted early this year immediately after a prescribed burn.

In the Pascagoula River Coastal Preserve, 400 acres of mature pines and heavy underbrush are being converted to Longleaf Pine Savannah. Fifteen acres of Loblolly Pine were recently clear-cut and an additional 40 acres were selectively thinned.

On the Deer Island Coastal Preserve, 50 acres of marsh are being restored using dredge material from the Biloxi Channel. Once the dredge material is consolidated, the area will be planted with marsh vegetation.

Restoration work in the Coastal Preserves involves the work of many partners including local, state, and federal agencies, organizations and legislators.

Students celebrate GIS Day at DMR

More than 150 people learned the importance of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) on GIS Day at the DMR, held Nov. 20 in Biloxi. Students from D'Iberville and Pica-yune High schools attended the event, hosted by the DMR's Comprehensive Resource Management Plan (CRMP).

Held each year on the Wednesday of National Geographic Society's Geography Awareness Week, GIS Day is a global event that celebrates geographic information systems, a computer-based tool for mapping and analyzing objects and events.

GIS combines the power of a database with the visualization capabilities offered by maps. GIS takes information from a database about a place or feature, such as streets, buildings, water bodies, soils and terrain, and turns it into visual data layers. Seeing these layers enables planners and analysts to make informed decisions about their communities.

"GIS Day gave students the opportunity to learn more about this land-use tool and



D'Iberville High School students **Brittany Delgaicco (left)**, **Janet Lorenz (center)** and **Erika Ritter (right)** learn how to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) during GIS Day at the DMR, held Nov. 20 in Biloxi.

how it can be used for smart growth and community development," said DMR CRMP director Tina Shumate. "GIS was also introduced as a possible career option for these students to pursue."

CRMP is a special management program housed within DMR and focused on using GIS for developing a comprehensive strategy to guide economic growth and development impacts on the environment.

Sound Advice

Lt. Frank Wescovich



As I reflect back on the past year, I am reminded of the senseless tragedies that have occurred in our coastal boating community and can think of no better advice

than that which I offered in last year's column on winter boat operations.

Winter is upon us and has brought the usual cold and damp weather to the Coast, and with this cold weather comes a whole new realm of problems. Being out and about on the water this time of year can be significantly more dangerous than other times. If you don't prepare, you could find yourself in some serious difficulty. Please, for your own safety and the safety of others, try to work the following tips into your winter boating plans. They should make your winter outings much safer and more enjoyable.

1. First and foremost, wear your lifejacket.

Drowning remains the number one cause of death in boating accidents.

2. Dress for the anticipated weather.

Hypothermia will creep up on you before you realize what is happening.

3. Have your boat properly equipped.

Prudent boat operation in cold weather requires much more equipment than warm weather operation.

4. Keep abreast of the weather.

Winter weather doesn't usually change as fast as it does in the summer, but the changes are usually not for the better.

5. Know your boat and its capabilities and limitations.

A boat that was marginally suited for ventures to the offshore islands in the summer is definitely not a wise choice for the same trip in the winter.

6. Be sure to have some form of reliable communications onboard.

VHF radiotelephone or cellular phone would be a good choice.

7. File a float plan.

Tell a reliable friend, neighbor, or relative where you are going and when you plan to return. Don't deviate from your filed plan.

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Marine Patrol rescues two from sinking vessel

The DMR Marine Patrol responded to a distress call from two men on a vessel sinking about three miles south of Pass Christian on Dec. 5.



Tommy Jennings

DMR Marine Patrol Officer Tommy Jennings was patrolling oyster reefs when an emergency broadcast for assistance came across VHF channel 16 that a boat was sinking about 200 to 300 yards north of Pass Marianne Light. Officer Jennings arrived at the scene within two minutes.

The vessel was a 40-foot homemade steel hull boat. David McGill and William M. Beech, Jr. both of Kiln, were wearing lifejackets when Officer Jennings retrieved them and brought them ashore to the Pass Christian Harbor Oyster Check Station. Both men were wet and cold, but otherwise unharmed. The cause of the sinking is under investigation.

Marine Patrol Citation Totals

(October-December 2002)

Shrimp	6
Crab	9
Oyster	23
Commercial Net Fishing	19
Live Bait	0
Miscellaneous Seafood	1
Recreational Fishing	77
Boat and Water Safety	38
Marine Litter	2
Miscellaneous	10

Boat and Water Safety Statistics

(October-December 2002)

Classes held	12
Students certified	107
Outreach events	2
Presentations	0
Boating accidents	6
Fatalities	0

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www.dmr.state.ms.us

Coastal Cleanup nets 25 tons of marine debris

About 3,474 volunteers picked up more than 50,000 pounds—3,126 bags—of trash along 107 miles of coastal waterways in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties during the 14th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, held Sept. 21, 2002 in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is the state coordinator for the event.

Due to the approach of Tropical Storm Isidore into the Gulf of Mexico, the barrier islands portion of the cleanup including Cat, Ship, Horn and Petit Bois islands was canceled. Sixty determined volunteers still ventured out and cleaned up Cat, Horn, Petit Bois and East and West Ship islands. Despite the rainy weather, this year's coastal cleanup saw an increase of 600 volunteers over last year's event.

The mission of the international cleanup is to remove debris from shorelines, bayous, bays, rivers, waterways and beaches; collect valuable information on the amount and types of debris collected; educate people on the issue of marine debris; and use the data collected to affect positive change. Volunteers recorded collected debris on data cards, and the DMR sent the information to the Ocean Conservancy, organizer of the International Coastal Cleanup, for tabulation.

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is sponsored by the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force, which consists of representatives from 25 diverse Coast businesses and organizations in the public and private sectors.

For more info, visit the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Web site at masgc.org/cleanup.



Volunteers head to shore with debris collected on Horn Island. About 60 volunteers ventured out to the barrier islands, despite the threat of Tropical Storm Isidore in the Gulf.

Sponsors

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Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
Gulf Islands Conservancy
Gulf Islands National Seashore
Hancock County Chamber of Commerce
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Jackson County Solid Waste
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Naval Station Pascagoula
Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce
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Office of the Mississippi Secretary of State
Outback Steakhouse
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Co-sponsors

City of Biloxi, Club Caribbean Divers, Da Beach House, Dole Fresh Fruit, Family of Walter Anderson, Gulf Coast Medical Center, K99FM and Magic 93.7FM, Knight-Abbey Commercial Printing & Direct Mail, Lamar Advertising of South Mississippi, Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Soft Drink Association, PEPCO, Ship Island Excursions, The Ocean Conservancy, The Sun Herald, Triad Broadcasting Company and WLOX-TV 13.



A group of volunteers on Petit Bois Island show off their 2002 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup T-shirts, featuring the artwork of Ocean Springs artist, Walter Anderson. Each cleanup volunteer received a T-shirt compliments of Chevron Pascagoula Refinery.

2002 Cleanup Stats

Volunteers	3,474
Pounds of debris	50,090
Miles cleaned	107
Bags collected	3,126
Designated sites	54
Bird entanglements	12

Peculiar items found

injured seagull	artificial limb
broken windshield	treadmill
do not litter sign	computer
dress on a hanger	light fixture
Halloween pumpkin	car bumper
bean bag chair	kitchen sink

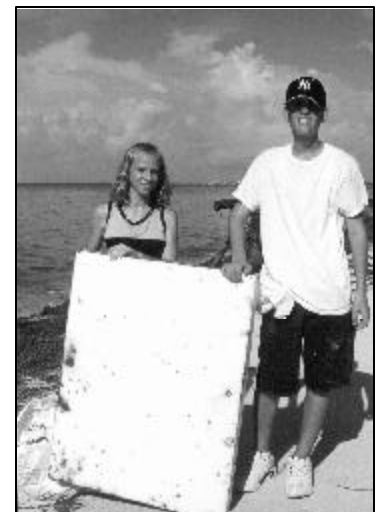
Highlights

Hats off to Outback Steakhouse in Gulfport for serving free lunch to 1,280 volunteers in a two-hour period!

In Bay St. Louis, the Office of Congressman Gene Taylor and Da Beach House had a cook-out for volunteers. And, Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve held a wiener roast at Shepard State Park in Gautier for volunteers.



Volunteers from Keesler Air Force Base remove debris along Biloxi's Back Bay.



About 45 volunteers picked up 77 bags of trash on Deer Island, the state's newest Coastal Preserve.



Seafood Safety Corner

Seafood processors have been busy this holiday season trying to fill orders for seafood. The Mississippi oyster season officially opened during the month of October, and the harvesting is in full gear as weather permits.



Ruth Posadas

We have also been involved with many technical assistance projects, such as assisting newly renovated facilities and new retail stores, visiting old and new facilities, conducting sanitation and advising on the building requirements for a processors, using Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point guidelines.

We are currently analyzing data from a product profile survey conducted in October and a sensory survey of the post-harvest treated oysters conducted in December. We conducted one survey here at the DMR in December, and other surveys were coordinated with the Chef School of the West Harrison County Vocational School of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Long Beach and with the Coastal Aquaculture Unit of the Mississippi State University Extension Service and Seafood Laboratory in Gulfport.

We have just completed the last quarter of routine and follow-up inspections for the year 2002. Staff members also conducted semi-annual water sampling in December. All the water sources of the seafood dealer's facilities were checked. The seafood officers collected water samples from each water source and delivered them to Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs for water quality analysis.

APCs deployed to enhance artificial reefs

The DMR and the Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks deployed more than 60 Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) onto artificial fishing reefs on November 19. The APCs were sunk at Fish Havens 1 and 2, both areas about 10 miles south of Horn Island.

"These APCs have been used on the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico and have

proven to be great habitat for reef fish species," said DMR marine fisheries biologist, Kerwin Cuevas. "We're very thankful to Gulf Stream Marine, Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks and the National Guard for working very hard to make this possible."

The Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks acquired 123 APCs through a donation from



Armored Personnel Carriers are deployed south of Horn Island to enhance artificial reef fishing in Mississippi.

the State of Mississippi. Several of the decommissioned armored vehicles were used by the National Guard to transport troops during Desert Storm. For more information, contact the DMR at (228) 374-5000 or visit the Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks Web site at www.mgfb.com.

NOTICE

Mississippi's first closed season for crab traps will take place Jan. 14 - 25, 2003, to allow for a derelict trap cleanup and data collection. Commercial and recreational fishermen must remove their traps from the water during the first seven days of the closure. Any trap remaining after 6 p.m. January 20 will be collected for proper disposal.

Record Breakers!

Conventional Tackle:

- **Ivan Strayham** of Biloxi set a new state record for **Ladyfish** September 11 weighing 3 pounds, 1.2 ounces.

Fly Fishing Tackle:

- **Nick Curcione** of Madison, Conn. set a new state record for **Blackfin Tuna** August 12 weighing 9 pounds, 14.4 ounces.

- **Scott Leon** of Maitland, Fla. set a new state record for **Rainbow Runner** August 13 weighing 3 pounds, 8.0 ounces.

- **Tee Portas** of Pascagoula broke the state record for **Ladyfish** September 5 weighing 1 pound, 10.6 ounces surpassing the previous record of 1 pound, 2.6 ounces set in 2002. Portas also set a new state record for **Blue Runner** September 5 weighing 1 pound, 2.9 ounces.

- **Richard Sheffield** of Biloxi broke a fly fishing saltwater sportfishing record for **Southern flounder** October 25, weighing 2-pounds 7.5-ounces.

SOUND ADVICE, continued from page 4

8. Let common sense rule.

Try to recall previous trips and any difficulties or problems you might have encountered. Try to correct these problems before you venture out.

Remember:

SAFE BOATING IS NO ACCIDENT!

Lt. Frank Wescovich oversees the DMR's Boat and Water Safety Program. He can be reached at (228) 432-2820 or (228) 435-1332.

DMR Capitol Day

The Department of Marine Resources encourages legislators and Capitol staffers to stop by the DMR's exhibit on Feb. 13, 2003.

Learn more about the DMR and its projects and programs and south Mississippi's coastal resources.



Take a Bow

Recognizing employees' commitment to excellence

DMR honors Marine Patrolmen



From left: Walter J. Chataginer Sr., DMR Executive Director William Walker, Jack Ewing Jr. and Kyle Wilkerson.

DMR Executive Director William Walker recognized three State Marine Patrol officers with awards for Outstanding Community Service at the October 24 meeting of the CMR.

The three officers: Walter J. Chataginer Sr., Kyle Wilkerson and Jack Ewing Jr. put themselves at considerable risk to secure a shrimp vessel that had been blown into power line towers near the old D'Iberville bridge on Biloxi's Back Bay during Tropical Storm Isidore, averting a disastrous situation that may have resulted in a power blackout throughout Biloxi.

Stover, Verges complete APCO training



Denise Stover



Jessy Verges

Marine Patrol Emergency Telecommunicators Denise Stover and Jessy Verges received training certification in the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO), Nov. 18-22 at the Police and Fire Academy in Hattiesburg.

Topics of training included call classification, roles and responsibilities of emergency telecommunicators, legal aspects of public safety communications, radio communications and telephone techniques, 9-1-1 terms, stress management and interpersonal communications.

Vyles recognized for 10 years of service

Marine Patrolman Charlie Vyles was recently acknowledged for 10 years of service to the State of Mississippi.

The Longevity Service Award program is administered by the Mississippi State Personnel Board, which issues eligible employees engraved certificates signed by the Governor and agency head.



Charlie Vyles

Oyster Taste Test



DMR Coastal Resource Management Specialist Annie Nguyen participates in a Sensory Evaluation Survey on Dec. 6 at the DMR. Each participant was asked to taste and rate oysters that had undergone post-harvest treatment. The Mississippi State University Seafood Laboratory conducted the survey in cooperation with the DMR Seafood Technology Bureau.

Happy Anniversary!

These anniversaries mark employees' years of service with the Department of Marine Resources and the state of Mississippi.

(1/1/90) Dale Diaz	(1/18/02) Jessy Verges
(1/1/91) Clay Boulet	(1/29/01) Wesley Devers
(1/1/95) Gerald Chatham	(1/29/01) Ruth Posadas
(1/1/95) Phyllis Davis	(2/1/76) Chester Van Devender
(1/1/95) Doug Drieling	(2/1/89) Steve Breland
(1/1/95) Rita Duvernay	(2/1/90) Tom Van Devender
(1/1/95) Kerry Endris	(2/1/99) Jeff Clark
(1/1/95) Olin Gunter	(2/25/02) Karen Carron
(1/1/95) Rocky Southern	(3/1/90) Rusty Pittman
(1/1/99) Rhonda Price	(3/1/98) Amy Taylor
(1/1/00) Melanie Lane	(3/1/02) Jeff Davis
(1/1/00) R.T. May	(3/1/02) Janet Morgan
(1/1/00) Jeffery Payne	(3/1/02) Jan Welker
(1/1/00) Andy Ryals	(3/12/01) Evelyn Thompson
(1/1/00) Bill Stover	(3/17/99) Leo Christie
(1/10/00) Diane Roth	(3/25/02) Debbie Belk
(1/15/98) Jan Boyd	(3/26/79) Terry Bakker
(1/16/85) Donnie Armes	(3/26/01) Jimmy Sanders
(1/18/02) Denise Stover	

We thank them for their dedicated service to the management of our marine resources.

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DMR Calendar

January 21

Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources meeting, Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, 9 a.m.

February 18

Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources meeting, Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, 9 a.m.

February 20

Comprehensive Resource Management Plan meeting, Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, 10 a.m.

March 18

Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources meeting, Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, 9 a.m.

April 15

Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources meeting, Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, 9 a.m.

April 17

Comprehensive Resource Management Plan meeting, Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, 10 a.m.

May 12-14

Coastal Development Strategies Conference, Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis. Call (228) 374-5000 for details.

May 20

Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources meeting, Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, 9 a.m.

Doc's Fishing Tips

Fred Deegen, Ph.D., Deputy Director

While bait-cast reels provide much greater sensitivity to strikes, spinning reels are less troublesome on windy days when backlash might be problematic on the conventional stuff.

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