Preserving and Enjoying Mississippi's Coastal Resources

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources 2020 Marine Information Calendar

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Fisherman casting for bait on Lake Yazoo in Pascagoula.

Photo by William Lee

New Moon · 1st Quarter · Full · Last Quarter

January 2020

The opening date of Mississippi's shrimp season is established each year by MDMR's Shrimp and Crab Bureau. Fisheries scientists conduct extensive sampling to determine when the majority of brown shrimp in the Mississippi Sound will reach the legal size requirement of 68-shrimp per pound. The Shrimp and Crab Bureau routinely monitors shrimp populations to protect the future of this valuable fishery. Call the Mississippi Shrimp Information Hotline at 1-866-WE-TRAWL (938-7295) for the latest on shrimp season.

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6:52am / 5:06pm		DECEMBER 2019 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	**1** New Year's Day ▲ 12:50 AM 1.1 ▼ 11:10 AM	**2** ▲ 12:35 AM 0.7 ▼ 10:44 AM ▲ 9:18 PM 0.4*	**3** ▲ 7:09 PM 0.5* ▼ 8:54 AM	**4** ▲ 6:40 PM 0.8 ▼ 5:10 AM
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Dragonfly resting on an alligator at Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Photo by Heather McKnight

New Moon · 1st Quarter · Full · Last Quarter

February 2020

Tidelands are lands that are covered and uncovered daily by water from the action of the tides, up to the mean line of the ordinary high tides. The Tidelands Trust Fund is comprised of funds derived from the lease of tidelands and submerged lands and is administered by MDMR as mandated by state law. The Secretary of State's Office presents the Tidelands check to MDMR officials and legislators each year.

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6:43am / 5:35pm	**2** Groundhog Day 4:52 PM 1.2 3:30 AM	**3** 5:34 PM 1.7 3:53 AM	**4** 6:25 PM 2.1 4:28 AM	**5** 7:20 PM 2.4 5:08 AM	**6** 8:16 PM 2.7 5:51 AM	**7** 9:12 PM 2.8 6:37 AM	**8** 10:08 PM 2.7 7:24 AM
6:37am / 5:41pm	**9** 11:03 PM 2.5 8:11 AM	**10** 2.0 8:55 AM	**11** 12:00 AM 1.7 9:31 AM	**12** 1:01 AM 1.0 9:40 AM	**13** 2:25 AM 0.2* 8:19 AM 2:50 PM 0.4* 11:18 PM	**14** Valentine's Day 2:53 PM 1.2	**15** 3:32 PM 1.5 1:47 AM
6:31am / 5:47pm	**16** 4:25 PM 2.0 2:55 AM	**17** Presidents Day 5:25 PM 2.3 3:50 AM	**18** Commission on Marine Resources Meeting 6:29 PM 2.4 4:41 AM	**19** 7:33 PM 2.4 5:28 AM	**20** 8:32 PM 2.2 6:10 AM	**21** 9:24 PM 2.1 6:48 AM	**22** 10:10 PM 1.8 7:20 AM
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Kayaking at sunset on Davis Bayou in Ocean Springs.
Photo by Kenneth Leggett

New Moon · 1st Quarter · Full · Last Quarter

March 2020

MDMR's Office of Coastal Restoration and Resiliency coordinates comprehensive restoration planning with all appropriate agencies, public and private. This office was established by the Mississippi Legislature, and the programs CRR oversees include the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area, Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Program and the Geographic Information Systems Unit.

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6:19am / 5:55pm	**1** ▲ 2:38 PM 1.3 ▼ 12:56 AM	**2** ▲ 3:27 PM 1.6 ▼ 2:00 AM	**3** World Wildlife Day ▲ 4:27 PM 1.9 ▼ 2:53 AM	**4** ▲ 5:37 PM 2.2 ▼ 3:43 AM	**5** ▲ 6:50 PM 2.4 ▼ 4:33 AM	**6** ▲ 8:03 PM 2.5 ▼ 5:22 AM	**7** ▲ 9:14 PM 2.4 ▼ 6:10 AM
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7:01am / 7:06pm	**15** ▲ 3:26 PM 2.2 ▼ 1:58 AM	**16** ▲ 4:27 PM 2.3 ▼ 3:11 AM	**17** Commission on Marine Resources Meeting St. Patrick's Day ▲ 5:35 PM 2.3 ▼ 4:13 AM	**18** ▲ 6:52 PM 2.1 ▼ 5:06 AM	**19** First Day of Spring ▲ 8:11 PM 1.9 ▼ 5:52 AM	**20** ▲ 9:23 PM 1.6 ▼ 6:30 AM	**21** ▲ 10:27 PM 1.3 ▼ 7:00 AM
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Aerial view of the marsh and tidal creeks at Grand Bay NERR.
Photo by Eric Sparks

New Moon · 1st Quarter · Full · Last Quarter

April 2020

The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) is located at one of the most biologically productive estuaries in the northern Gulf of Mexico region and provides essential nursery habitat for numerous important commercial and recreational fisheries species and absorption of storm surge. The NERR, located in southern Jackson County, Mississippi, is part of a national system of 29 research reserves established to provide opportunities for long-term research, stewardship, education and training.

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6:42am 7:15pm		MARCH 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	**1** ▲ 4:32 PM 2.2 2:58 AM ▼	**2** ▲ 5:50 PM 2.2 3:56 AM ▼	**3** ▲ 7:19 PM 2.1 4:49 AM ▼	**4** Celebrate the Gulf Marine Education Festival ▲ 8:55 PM 1.9 5:39 AM ▼
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An osprey lands on a piling in Back Bay Biloxi.
Photo by Charles Taylor

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May 2020

MDMR's Office of Marine Patrol operates and mans a 24-hour patrol of more than 1,000 square miles of marine waters in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson counties. Officers enforce state laws, conduct boat-and-water safety checks, respond to emergencies in marine waters, provide public assistance and enforce rules and regulations regarding the harvest, transportation, processing and retail and wholesale marketing of fish.

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6:01am 7:42pm	10 Mother's Day ▲ 12:39 PM 2.8 11:46 PM ▼	11 ▲ 1:24 PM 2.6	12 ▲ 2:08 PM 2.5 12:44 AM ▼	13 ▲ 2:50 PM 2.1 1:36 AM ▼	14 ☾ ▲ 3:27 PM 1.6 2:20 AM ▼	15 ▲ 3:46 PM 1.2 2:53 AM ▼	16 Armed Forces Day ▲ 1:59 PM 0.7 3:08 AM ▼
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An oysterman tonging along the Deer Island oyster reef.
Photo by Tim Lawton

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June 2020

MDMR has developed several programs to increase oyster production on Mississippi's reefs. In 2016, MDMR began an oyster aquaculture program, and the agency also conducts oyster relays in which oysters are moved to different reefs to foster growth. The Commission on Marine Resources sets oyster season each year, which begins in the fall.

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Beached sailboats sitting under a peaceful pink sky in Long Beach.
Photo by Margie Strickland

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July 2020

On May 24, 2002, Deer Island became a part of the Mississippi Coastal Preserves Program, which was developed in 1992 to acquire, protect and manage the state's remaining coastal wetland ecosystems. Coastal Preserves is a joint program of the Department of Marine Resources and the Secretary of State's Office, and its priority is protecting the state's coastal wetland habitats.

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Boaters returning from a morning fishing expedition in Pearl River.

Photo by Warren Gravois

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August 2020

MDMR's Office of Coastal Resources Management maintains healthy habitat and water quality through effective research, planning and monitoring. The office manages the coastal wetland permitting process for Mississippi, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations. CRM also oversees the state-owned coastal preserves in cooperation with other state and federal agencies.

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6:21am / 7:39pm	**9** Sportfish Restoration Act – 82nd Anniversary ▲ 5:38 AM 0.3* 7:25 PM ▼	**10** ▲ 4:55 AM 0.6 4:23 PM ▼	**11** ▲ 5:04 AM 1.1 4:13 PM ▼	**12** ▲ 5:35 AM 1.5 4:42 PM ▼	**13** ▲ 6:19 AM 1.9 5:18 PM ▼	**14** ▲ 7:10 AM 2.2 5:58 PM ▼	**15** ▲ 8:04 AM 2.4 6:40 PM ▼
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A heavenly sunrise from Fountain Pier in D'iberville.

Photo by Amanda Phillips

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September 2020

The MDMR's Office of Marine Fisheries manages the species in Mississippi's coastal waters, provides input on habitat restoration and conservation activities and diversifies habitat. The office also promotes quality and safety of Mississippi's seafood products. The programs within Marine Fisheries include Artificial Reef, Finfish, Shellfish, Shrimp and Crab and Seafood Technology.

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A blue crab on Washington Pier in Bay St. Louis.
Photo by Sara Hansen

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October 2020

Blue crabs have been harvested in Mississippi for hundreds of years. All along the Coast, fishermen seek out this seafood delicacy. Its genus name, Callinectes, is a combination of two Latin words meaning "beautiful swimmer." Its species name, sapidus, means "savory." Blue crabs spend a portion of their lives in the brackish water areas of the Mississippi Sound. MDMR manages the state's crab fishery through regulations and setting of seasons.

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7:02am / 6:17pm	**18** Clean Water Act – 48th Anniversary 11:54 PM 2.1 8:58 AM	**19** 2.5 10:21 AM	**20** Commission on Marine Resources Meeting 12:39 AM 2.6 11:41 AM	**21** 1:28 AM 2.7 12:56 PM	**22** 2:21 AM 2.6 2:05 PM	**23** 3:18 AM 2.3 3:05 PM	**24** 4:19 AM 1.9 3:54 PM
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A sailboat cruises at sunrise
east of the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor.
Photo by David Salters

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November 2020

MDMR's Seafood Marketing Program promotes the sale and use of Mississippi Gulf seafood through marketing efforts for commercial fishing industries, including processors, wholesalers, distributors, packagers and seafood market suppliers. Seafood Marketing also promotes the state's saltwater recreational fishing activities, as well as provides support to chefs across the state to help them market fresh Gulf seafood.

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One of many beautiful sections of Biloxi Beach.

Photo by Phyllis Milligan

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December 2020

MDMR constructs in- and off-shore artificial reefs to enhance fishing on the Coast. Currently, Mississippi has eight Rigs-to-Reef sites, 15 permitted off-shore artificial reef sites and 67 in-shore sites. The off-shore sites encompass about 16,000 acres of water bottom. These reefs range in size from 8 acres to 10,000 acres. Materials used for Mississippi offshore reefs include concrete rubble, steel hull vessels, Florida Limestone Pyramids, reef balls and oil rig crew quarters.

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6:36am 4:54pm	NOVEMBER 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	**1** 10:27 PM 2.4 8:14 AM	**2** 11:04 PM 2.4 8:58 AM	**3** 11:42 PM 2.5 9:44 AM	**4** 2.4 10:32 AM	**5** 12:23 AM 2.3 11:20 AM
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Mississippi Artificial Reef Coordinates*

Upon construction of new reefs, updates will be posted at dmr.ms.gov.

Inshore Reef Sites:

Hancock County:	Latitude	Longitude
American Legion Pier	30º 18.106' N	89º 19.605' W
American Legion Launch	30º 17.890' N	89º 19.800' W
Cedar Point	30º 20.210' N	89º 19.540' W
Jailhouse Key	30º 15.165' N	89º 23.126' W
Monroe St	30º 17.050' N	89º 21.470' W
Square Handkerchief Key	30º 16.345' N	89º 18.901' W
Waveland Pier	30º 16.838' N	89º 21.887' W
Waveland Rubble 2	30º 16.847' N	89º 21.882' W

Harrison County:		
Biloxi Harbor	30º 23.473' N	88º 52.979' W
Broadwater Harbor	30º 23.237' N	88º 58.221' W
BSL Train Bridge	30º 18.707' N	89º 18.009' W
Courthouse Rd. Pier	30º 22.397' N	89º 02.537' W
Deer Island North	30º 22.560' N	88º 49.924' W
D'Iberville Bridge	30º 25.353' N	88º 53.469' W
D'Iberville Marina	30º 25.386' N	88º 53.663' W
East Biloxi Channel	30º 23.162' N	88º 50.849' W
Emerald St.	30º 19.538' N	89º 11.707' W
Fournier Ave.	30º 21.173' N	89º 07.024' W
Goat Island	30º 25.347' N	88º 54.585' W
Hewes Ave.	30º 22.218' N	89º 03.583' W
Japonica Dr.	30º 19.373' N	89º 12.400' W
Jeff Davis Ave. Pier	30º 20.682' N	89º 08.849' W
Joe Thornton Hull	30º 23.205' N	88º 51.627' W
Katrina Key	30º 21.411' N	88º 50.369' W
Keesler Harbor	30º 25.223' N	88º 55.367' W
Keesler Rubble	30º 21.772' N	88º 52.906' W
Kelly Ave.	30º 22.090' N	89º 04.192' W
Kuhn St.	30º 23.476' N	88º 52.350' W
Lang Ave.	30º 19.068' N	89º 13.364' W
Legacy Towers	30º 22.998' N	89º 00.201' W
Libby Milner-Roland Pier	30º 21.585' N	89º 06.512' W
Long Beach East	30º 20.583' N	89º 07.915' W
Long Beach Harbor Jetty	30º 20.508' N	89º 08.551' W
Long Beach Harbor Pier	30º 20.572' N	89º 08.413' W
Mellini Point	30º 20.105' N	89º 17.244' W
Moses Pier	30º 21.564' N	89º 05.004' W
Naval Hospital	30º 22.831' N	89º 00.994' W
Old 90 Bridge West	30º 24.168' N	88º 51.070' W
Pass Harbor	30º 18.605' N	89º 14.973' W
Pass Key	30º 18.622' N	89º 13.560' W
South Deer Island Barge	30º 22.576' N	88º 52.255' W
Spoil Island South	30º 24.826' N	88º 51.577' W
Tegarden	30º 22.565' N	89º 02.132' W
Thornton Ave.	30º 21.980' N	89º 04.592' W
Urie Pier North	30º 21.559' N	89º 05.175' W
Urie Pier South	30º 21.519' N	89º 05.168' W
USM	30º 20.832' N	89º 08.019' W
VA Hospital	30º 22.298' N	89º 03.137' W
Walmart	30º 19.640' N	89º 11.264' W
Whitehouse	30º 22.872' N	88º 55.572' W

Jackson County:	Latitude	Longitude
Bellefontaine	30º 19.503' N	88º 43.072' W
Fort Bayou	30º 25.254' N	88º 51.569' W
Graveline	30º 20.834' N	88º 40.255' W
Gulf Park Estates	30º 21.529' N	88º 46.059' W
Gulf Park Estates Pier	30º 21.547' N	88º 45.874' W
Old 90 Bridge East	30º 24.482' N	88º 50.684' W
OS Community Pier	30º 24.322' N	88º 50.051' W
OS Harbor Pier	30º 24.139' N	88º 49.475' W
OS Pier	30º 24.231' N	88º 49.810' W
Pascagoula Front Beach	30º 20.045' N	88º 32.230' W
Pascagoula Municipal Pier	30º 20.435' N	88º 32.044' W
Pascagoula River Site 1	30º 22.812' N	88º 34.131' W
Pascagoula River Site 3	30º 24.480' N	88º 36.896' W
Pascagoula River Site 4	30º 24.166' N	88º 36.459' W
Pascagoula West River Mouth	30º 21.872' N	88º 35.993' W
Round Island Jetty	30º 17.385' N	88º 35.285' W
Spoil Island North	30º 25.118' N	88º 51.343' W

Offshore Fish Haven Sites:

Site	Latitude	Longitude	Material
FH-1	30º 03.275' N	88º 36.489' W	Ole Faithful
FH-2	30º 05.170' N	88º 34.434' W	Pyramids
FH-3	30º 09.936' N	88º 45.003' W	Chevron Vessel
FH-4	30º 10.154' N	88º 54.008' W	Ship Island Barge
FH-5	30º 10.670' N	88º 50.215' W	Colle Barge
FH-6	30º 01.769' N	88º 41.740' W	Reef Balls
FH-7	29º 37.472' N	88º 23.617' W	Von Rosenberg
FH-8	30º 16.061' N	88º 57.718' W	Culverts
FH-9/11	30º 15.384' N	88º 54.186' W	Bay Balls
FH-10	30º 15.971' N	88º 39.964' W	Bay Balls
FH-12	30º 01.517' N	88º 45.899' W	Matthews Barge
FH-13	30º 00.286' N	88º 29.713' W	Tiger Shark
FH-14	30º 12.402' N	88º 49.844' W	My Wife II
Cat Island	30º 12.185' N	89 04.895' W	Concrete Culverts
MP 138	29º 20.863' N	88º 47.598' W	MP 138-B Jacket
MP 132	29º 22.333' N	88º 40.118' W	MP 124 Jacket
MP 185	29º 33.234' N	88º 22.291' W	MP 185 "Rowan New Orleans"
MP 312	29º 10.808' N	88º 45.869' W	MP 312 Jacket
MP 290	29º 15.402' N	88º 27.059' W	MP 290 Jacket
MP 280	29º 16.471' N	88º 12.122' W	Ensco Legs (STB)
SP 62-A	29º 04.779' N	88º 44.625' W	SP 62-A Jacket
SP 62-B	29º 05.548' N	88º 43.290' W	SP 62-B Jacket

*** The latitude and longitude coordinates listed are the center points of these inshore reef sites.**

** Square Handkerchief Key extends into Hancock and Harrison counties

Saltwater Sportfishing in Mississippi Waters

Species	Minimum Size	Possession Limit
Sheepshead	14" TL	15
Cobia	33" FL	2
Flounder	12" TL	10
Red Drum*	18" TL to 30" TL	3
Spotted Seatrout	15" TL	15
King Mackerel	24" FL	3
Spanish Mackerel	12" FL	15
Tripletail	18" TL	3
Greater Amberjack	34" FL	1
Red & Yellowfin Groupers	20" TL	4 (in aggregate)**
Yellowmouth, Yellowedge, Misty & Snowy Groupers	No Limit	4 (in aggregate)**
Rock and Red Hind Groupers	No Limit	4 (in aggregate)**
Scamp	16" TL	4 (in aggregate)**
Black Grouper	24" TL	4 (in aggregate)**
Gag Grouper	24" TL	2/person (in aggregate)**
Warsaw & Speckled Hind Groupers	No Limit	1/vessel (in aggregate)**
Goliath & Nassau Groupers	No Take	No Take
Vermilion Snapper	10" TL	
Lane Snapper	8" TL	
Gray Triggerfish	15" FL	1 (in aggregate)**
Almaco Jack	No Limit	
Tilefish (any species)		20 (in aggregate)**
Goldface Tilefish		
Red Snapper	16" TL	2
Gray & Yellowtail Snapper	12" TL	10 (in aggregate)**
Mutton Snapper	16" TL	5 (in aggregate)**
Sharks (Small Coastals)	25" TL	4 (in aggregate)**
Sharks (Large Coastals & Pelagics)	37" TL	1/person (max. of 3/vessel)
Crabs (Hard Shells)	5"(spine to spine)	No Limit
Crabs (Soft Shells)	No Limit	No Limit
Lesser Amberjack Banded Rudderfish	14"-22" TL	5 (in aggregate)**
Tarpon	75" FL	1/vessel

*Recreational fishermen may retain only one Red Drum over 30 inches TL
**i.e., any combination in group
TL = Total Length FL = Fork Length

Fishing licenses

The saltwater sportfishing license is required for all recreational methods of finfish harvest in the coastal and marine waters of the state of Mississippi. (Section 49-15-313, Mississippi Code of 1972). Any person under the age of 16 and residents who are adjudged totally service-connected disabled by the VA or 100 percent disabled through Social Security are exempted from obtaining recreational fishing licenses. For more information, call the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources at 228-374-5000.

NOTE: Fishing seasons for some species may be closed by order of the Commission on Marine Resources. Advance notice of such closures will be given. Please be aware that size and possession limits are subject to change. Please contact the MDMR at 228-374-5000 for the most current limits. Not all fish species are listed.

Recreational fishermen not fishing in Mississippi waters may transport and land fish (except Red Snapper) that meet the minimum size and creel limits of the waters in which they were legally caught. They must possess a valid saltwater sportfishing license as may be required in the waters where the fish were caught.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to sell or offer for sale any seafood caught in or landed in the State of Mississippi.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to possess fish with heads, tails or flesh removed until delivered to the final destination; however, fish may be eviscerated, scaled or have gills removed. Charter and recreational boats, fishing in the Gulf of Mexico over 24 continuous hours, may possess filleted fish in Mississippi waters, if they have filed a float plan with the MDMR in advance. For the purpose of the float plan, Title 22 Part 7 says that any charter or recreational fishing boat fishing outside Mississippi waters in the Gulf of Mexico over 24 hours that has filed a float plan may possess filleted fish in Mississippi waters.

All private and for-hire vessels landing Red Snapper in Mississippi must use the Tails 'n Scales electronic reporting system regardless of harvest area (federal waters, Mississippi waters and adjacent states' waters. Go to tailsnscales.org for more information.

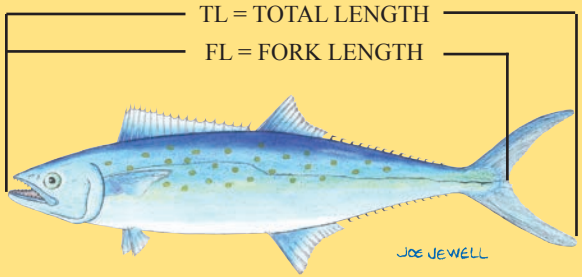
This is an abstract of the rules and regulations in effect at the time of printing. Fishermen are responsible for obeying fishing rules in full. Complete laws are available at the website or at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530.

For more information, call MDMR at 228-374-5000 or visit dmr.ms.gov.

Generally, the line dividing state and federal waters is 3 miles south of the barrier islands with the exception of reef fish (9 nautical miles), with federal waters being south of this line and state waters being north of this line.

Federal regulations may differ from state regulations. For federal regulations, contact the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at 1-888-833-1844 or www.gulfcouncil.org.

How to Measure Your Fish



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Mississippi Saltwater Sportfishing Records

See our website for the latest records at dmr.ms.gov.

The following fish records were among those approved in 2019 by the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources:

Tucker House of Saucier set a state record for Bonnethead *(Sphyrna tiburo)* with a shark weighing 15 pounds, 2.4 ounces caught August 31, 2019, using conventional tackle.

Julien Barr, 8, of Petal set the state youth division record for Sand Perch *(Diplectrum formosum)* with a fish that weighed 2.4 ounces. The fish was caught March 2, 2019, using conventional tackle.

Hudson Havard, 12, of Vancleave set the state youth record using conventional tackle for a Gray Snapper *(Lutjanus griseus)* he caught on May 24, 2019, weighing 11 pounds, 15.2 ounces.

Mississippi Sportfishing Record Rules

To qualify for *saltwater fishing record consideration anglers must submit a legible and complete official application that may be obtained from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) or the MDMR website:*

1. Below is a list of categories for which applicants must abide by for potential record consideration:
   a. **Conventional Records:** Fish must be caught and landed in a sporting manner and in accordance with MS and Federal fishing laws. Only fish caught using conventional fishing tackle (e.g. Rod, Reel and line or Pole and line) and hooked with any legal hook or lure will be considered.
      - MDMR does not recognize separate line classes

   b. **Fly Fishing Records:** Fish must be caught in accordance with the normal customs and generally accepted practices of fly fishing and by use of conventional fly fishing tackle. The fly must be a recognized type of artificial fly (e.g. Streamer, tube fly, wet fly, dry fly, emerger, nymph, terrestrial, popper, etc.). Treble hooks, lures designed to entangle, snagging, using any other lure or natural bait either singularly or attached to the fly is prohibited. The fly must be submitted with the application and becomes the property of the MDMR.

   c. **All Tackle Records:** Fish must be caught with a legal recreational method of take and will be approved by the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources (MCMR).

2. Two color photographs should be submitted with each application:
   a. One of angler and fish
   b. One showing a clear, close-up side view of the fish.
      - Photos become property of MDMR with publication rights.

3. Fish must be weighed on scales that have been certified annually for accuracy by state or federal government agencies or other qualified and accredited organizations, as approved by the MDMR. The weighing must take place within 7 days of the date of capture and in the presence of two witnesses other than the applicant, who must sign and date the application or a separate statement attesting that they witnessed the official weight. The actual weight of the fish at the time of the weighing will be the official weight (i.e. no provisions for weight loss will be allowed). Witnesses to the weight and catch shall not be the same persons. Official fishing rodeo and tournament weights on certified scales will be accepted. Proof of certification must be made available to MDMR upon request. Applications must be submitted within 30 days of the date of capture.

4. Length of the fish must be measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail and from the tip of the snout (or tip of the lower jaw for billfish) to the fork of the tail.

5. Girth of the fish will be measured around the thickest portion of the body (see diagram).

6. Species must be identified and verified by a Professional Fisheries Biologist (e.g. a biologist from the MDMR or Gulf Coast Research Laboratory).

7. If fishing from a vessel, only vessels leaving from and landing at a Mississippi (MS) port will be considered. Also, a vessel cannot enter any other state's port or harbor before landing in MS unless for refueling or emergencies.

8. A valid Mississippi fishing license is required for all state record applications. Passengers aboard licensed and certified For-Hire vessels are also eligible.

9. The MDMR State Record Review Committee reserves the right to further validate applications, authenticate fish identification, verify witnesses and to refuse any application that is deemed questionable. Decisions will be based on the letter and intent of our record rules and fishing regulations. It will be considered "Just Cause" for disqualification of current application and any previous records established by anyone who knowingly falsifies a Record Application. All rules will be strictly adhered to. The decision of the State Record Review Committee and the MCMR will be final.

Go to dmr.ms.gov/go-fishing to download the state record application.

If you land a great catch and think it might have broken a Mississippi record, please contact the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources at 228-374-5000.

dmr.ms.gov

Boating in Mississippi Waters

Boating Equipment Checklist*

	PWC**	Boat less than 16 ft.	Boat 16 ft. to less than 26 ft.
Boater Education Certificate	√ 1	√ 1	√ 1
Certificate of Number Onboard	√	√	√
Validation Decals Displayed	√	√	√
PFDs: Type I, II, III or V	√ 2	√ 3	√ 3
PFD: Type IV			√
Ignition Safety Switch	√ 4		
Type B-1 Fire Extinguisher	√	√	√
Backfire Flame Arrestor	√	√ 5	√ 5
Ventilation System	√	√	√
Muffler	√	√	√
Horn, Whistle or Bell	√	√	√
Visual Distress Signals	7	√ 6	√
Navigation Lights	7	√	√
Closed Trash Container	√ 4	√ 4	√ 4

*For boats 26 ft. in length and greater, call MDMR Boat and Water Safety at 228-523-4134
**Personal watercraft (PWC)

1. Applicable if operator is born after June 30, 1980.
2. Those on PWC or being towed by a PWC must wear a Type I, II or III personal flotation device (PFD) at all times.
3. Those under the age of 12 must wear a PFD at all times when underway in a vessel under 26 ft. in length.
4. If operating on marine waters–south of Interstate 10 (I-10).
5. Required on inboard and stern drives only.
6. When boating after sunset.
7. It is strongly recommended that PWC are not operated after dark. However, if a PWC is operated at night, it has the same requirements for visual distress signals and navigation lights as other vessels.

SOURCE: The Handbook of Mississippi Boating Laws and Responsibilities, 2002 Edition.

For boating emergencies or to report fishing violations:

Department of Mississippi Marine Patrol, 1-844-WE-R-MDMR (1-844-937-6367)
Marine Patrol Nationwide, 228-523-4134
Coast Guard Gulfport Station, 228-868-3743
Coast Guard Pascagoula Station, 228-769-5601

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, 1-800-BE SMART

Emergency Distress and Calling Frequency: Channel 16 VHF

Weather Reports: 162.40MHz

For marine mammal or sea turtle strandings:

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 228-374-5000

NOAA Fisheries Service, 228-762-4591 or 978-281-9351

The Stranding Network, 1-888-SOS-DOLPHIN (888-767-3657)

Filing a Float Plan

Before going out on a vessel it is always a good idea to leave a float plan with a local marina, relative or friend. A float plan should:

- Describe the vessel, its number, size, make, capacity, horsepower and type of engine.
- List where you are going, the route and your expected return time.
- Give the number of passengers, their names and addresses, and a contact in case of an emergency.

For more information, or to pre-register for a free boating safety class, call the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Marine Patrol at 228-523-4134.

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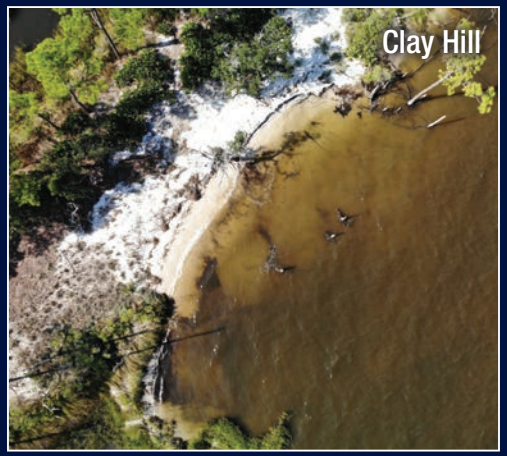
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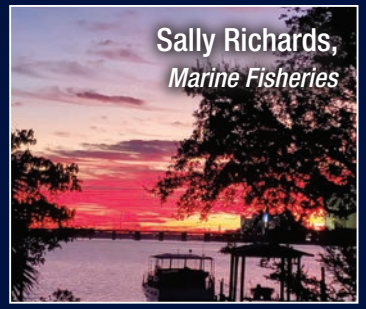

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About the Department of Marine Resources

The Gulf Coast is home to some of the nation's most productive shellfish and finfish waters and their supporting coastal wetlands. It also is rich in natural resources on which many generations have depended for their livelihoods. Our coastal resources have not only sustained a growing economy, but have contributed greatly to the culture and heritage that define the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR), created by the Legislature as a new state agency in 1994, manages our coastal resources with guidance from the Commission on Marine Resources. The MDMR is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving the marine interests of Mississippi for present and future generations. It manages all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas for the long-term recreational, educational, commercial and economic benefit of everyone.

The MDMR and the Commission on Marine Resources play an important role in administering Mississippi Seafood Laws, the Mississippi Coastal Wetlands Protection Act, the Public Trust Tidelands Act, the Boat and Water Safety Act, the Derelict Vessel Act, the Clean Water Act and the Non-Point Source Pollution Program, the Coastal Zone Management Act and the Mississippi Coastal Program, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the Wallop-Breaux Sport Fish Restoration Act, Marine Litter Act and other state and federal mandates.

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A Message From Our Executive Director

The 2020 Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Marine Information Calendar highlights the work of our agency through photographs. We have enjoyed holding our annual photo contest for the calendar, and the response continues to be overwhelming. These photographs show Coast residents how our marine resources are protected every day.

The calendar also includes a wealth of information, such as tidal ranges, sunrise/sunset times, moon phases and holidays, as well as reef locations, sportfishing records and boating safety tips.

We hope residents and tourists of the Mississippi Gulf Coast enjoy the calendar and use it daily as a reminder of the beauty of this area and the many marine resources we are so fortunate to have.

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