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MDMR announces opening of commercial Red Drum season and closing of state Red Snapper season

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced that the commercial fishing season for Red Drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) will open in Mississippi territorial waters at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1.

The annual total allowable catch for commercial Red Drum is 60,000 pounds. The total allowable catch for Sept. 1 through Dec. 31 will be 20,000 pounds. If the 20,000-pound limit is reached before Dec. 31, the season will be closed until Jan. 1, 2017.

MDMR officials also remind recreational fishermen that the state season for Red Snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) will close in Mississippi territorial waters at 11:59 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at dmr.ms.gov.

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