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## ***Portion of oyster reef in Pass Christian to open Thursday, Feb. 9***

BILOXI, Miss. – A portion of an oyster reef in Pass Christian will open Thursday, Feb. 9, for tonging, officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced Wednesday.

Conditionally Approved Area II "F" will open at legal sunrise Thursday. It is part of the Pass Christian Reef and is known as the "Tonging Box."

All applicable rules and regulations shall remain in effect, and all other waters and reefs shall remain closed to the harvest of oysters.

For more information, harvesters may call the Oyster Hotline at 228-374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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