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## ***Two areas open Feb. 16 for oyster tonging***

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced Wednesday that two areas will open at legal sunrise Thursday, Feb. 16, for oyster tonging.

The areas are:

**Conditionally Approved Area II “A”** – This includes northern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point reefs and Hornets Reef inside the tonging line.

**Conditionally Approved Area II “B”** – This includes Waveland and St. Stanislaus reefs inside the tonging line.

The limit is 15 sacks per day. 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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