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## ***Commercial Red Drum season closing March 3, 2017***

BILOXI, Miss. – The commercial fishing season for Red Drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) will close in Mississippi territorial waters at 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 3, officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced Thursday.

The season will reopen on May 1, 2017, at 12:01 a.m.

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](http://dmr.ms.gov).

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