

NEWS RELEASE

MS Dept. of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi 39530



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

17-22-MMS
April 28, 2017

Contact: Melissa Scallan
Phone: 228-523-4124

ENHANCE ★ PROTECT ★ CONSERVE

***Shrimp season closes west of Gulfport Ship Channel;
Additional waters south of Intracoastal Waterway remain open***

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced Friday, April 28, that beginning May 1, all waters south of the Intracoastal Waterway and west of the Gulfport Ship Channel are closed to shrimping.

The closure takes effect at 6:01 a.m.

Mississippi territorial waters south of the ICW and east of the Gulfport Ship Channel will remain open to shrimping.

A map of these areas is attached.

For more information, call MDMR at 228-374-5000 or the Shrimp Information Hotline at 866-938-7295.

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.

—END—