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## ***MDMR to hold public hearing on basket dredge regulation***

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, on the proposed banning of basket dredges for oyster harvesting.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi.

At its April meeting, the Commission on Marine Resources voted to begin the process of changing the regulation and ban basket dredges. Commissioner Jolynne Trapani asked for the change, saying that these types of dredges could damage oyster reefs.

MDMR received public comments, and some people asked for a hearing on the issue.

After the hearing, the CMR can decide if it wants to move forward with the change.

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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