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Mississippi oyster season to begin Nov. 6

BILOXI, Miss. – Oyster season in the western portion of the Mississippi Sound will begin Monday, Nov. 6, at legal sunrise, officials with the state Department of Marine Resources announced Monday.

The Commission on Marine Resources originally set the start date on Monday, Nov. 13. However, oyster seasons in Louisiana and Texas are scheduled to begin that day, and MDMR officials believe that by opening earlier, local fishermen will make more money per sack.

At the September meeting, commissioners approved a 30 percent quota limit for these reefs in order to help rebuild them, which remains in effect. The daily limit for tonging is 15 sacks, and the limit for dredging is 20 sacks.

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

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