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### ***CMR Sets Limits for 2012-2013 Commercial Oyster License Sales, Month of April Reserved for Commercial Oyster License Renewals Only***

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources (CMR) voted during its Feb. 14, 2012 meeting, to restrict 2012-2013 oyster license sales to the number and type of license sold during the current 2011-2012 license year. **Oyster harvest licenses for the 2012-2013 season will go on sale Monday, April 2, 2012.**

During the month of April 2012, commercial oyster license sales for the license year will be limited to renewals only of current 2011-2012 commercial oyster harvest license holders, of the same number and type of license. For renewals it is recommended that you bring in a copy of your valid 2011-2012 oyster harvest license.

If during the 2011-2012 license year, the license holder surrendered a commercial oyster dredging license to purchase a commercial tonging license, the license holder may select which license they desire to renew.

After April 2012, the remaining allocation of commercial oyster harvest licenses per license type will be made available to any interested party on a first-come, first-served basis, until the total number of licenses allocated for that category has been exhausted.

The CMR has taken similar actions to restrict license sales over the past several seasons.

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

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