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Mississippi Shrimp Season to Open May 30

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) has set the opening date of the 2012-2013 shrimp season in Mississippi territorial waters for **6 a.m., Wednesday, May 30, 2012.**

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the MDMR will be in full force and effect and all boats engaged in catching or transporting shrimp from the waters of the State of Mississippi must be licensed or permitted by the MDMR before beginning operations.

Please be advised that the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources will be closed Monday, May 28, 2012, in observance of Memorial Day, therefore, shrimp fishermen will not be able to purchase appropriate licenses on this day.

Recreational and commercial shrimp season will close at midnight, Dec. 31, 2012, north of the Intracoastal Waterway, and at midnight, April 30, 2013, south of the Intracoastal Waterway. Live-bait shrimping is open year round.

For specific information, call the Mississippi Shrimp Information Hotline at 866-938-7295, the MDMR at 228-374-5000, or write to the MDMR, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

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 MDMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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