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February Adventure Quencher Event; NERR to Host Saltwater Fly Fishing Basics Workshop

BILOXI, Miss. – Join the staff of the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) and representatives of the Historic Ocean Springs Saltwater Fly fishing Club (HOSSFLY) to learn the basics of saltwater fly fishing. Saltwater fly fishing is both a relaxing and exciting recreational pass time that is becoming more popular with fishers of all ages. The guest instructors will introduce the art of saltwater fly fishing and demonstrate different types of suitable fly fishing gear. Participants will get a chance to try their hand at casting on land and, if time permits, down by the bayou. Fly tying techniques will also be demonstrated. Participants are encouraged to bring their own gear if they have it.

This free workshop will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at the Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center from 9 a.m. until noon. The Coastal Resources Center is located at 6005 Bayou Heron Road, Moss Point, Miss. 39562. Check out the website www.grandbaynerr.org for directions to the site. For more information please call Jennifer Buchanan at 228.475.7047 or email her at jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov. The HOSSFLY website is www.hossfly.org.

The Grand Bay NERR is located in southeast Jackson County and includes wetlands and waterways from Bang's Lake to the Alabama state line. A major goal of the Reserve is to provide for research coordination and dissemination of scientific data to the community and local decision-makers to provide sound information on which to base management decisions.

The 18,000-acre reserve is home to several rare or endangered plant and animal species and serves as an essential nursery habitat for numerous important commercial and recreational fish species. The Reserve is managed through state-federal partnership between the MDMR and its local partners—Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mississippi State University and the Nature Conservancy—and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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