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CCA Host Free Fishing Rodeo

BILOXI, Miss. – As a special treat for our young fishers, the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Mississippi, in association with Celebrate the Gulf Marine Education Festival, will be hosting a **FREE** junior fishing rodeo on the western side of the Pass Christian Harbor on Saturday, April 6, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m for children 12 and under. Every child who fishes will win a prize. Prizes will be awarded at Celebrate the Gulf Marine Education Festival in Pass Christian’s War Memorial Park after the fishing rodeo.

For more information, call Jennifer Buchanan at 228-475-7047 or jen.buchanan@dmr.ms.gov .

The Grand Bay NERR is located near the community of Pecan 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 DMR 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 DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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