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MDMR to open oyster reefs at sunrise Friday

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced Monday that a limited oyster season will open at legal sunrise Friday, Nov. 14, 2014.

Reefs in Areas II “A” and II “F” conditionally approved waters will be open for tonging only. The Telegraph and St. Joe reefs will be open for dredging and tonging. Maps showing the details of areas opening, as well as copies of the limited oyster season will be available at the Biloxi office of the MDMR, at the oyster check stations in the Pass Christian Harbor and at Bayou Caddy and online at dmr.ms.gov.

Area II “A” includes northern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point reefs and Hornets Reef. Area II “F” includes the southern portions of the Pass Christian Reef.

All other areas will remain closed to the harvest of oysters, and all rules and regulations related to oyster harvesting remain in effect.

The limit for recreational fishermen will be three sacks per licensed individual in a seven-day period. The limit for commercial fishermen will be seven sacks per day for tongers and 10 sacks per day for dredgers.

All Mississippi waters and public or private reefs will be closed on Sundays, as well as Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

For updates on open and closed areas, call the 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at 228-374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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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