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Biloxi Bay oyster reefs to reopen Wednesday, Nov. 16

BILOXI, Miss. – Oyster reefs in the Biloxi Bay will reopen at legal sunrise Wednesday, Nov. 16, officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources said Tuesday.

The reefs were closed Wednesday, Nov. 9, after excessive rainfall, but water samples taken by MDMR staff showed that the reefs could be reopened.

Oyster fishermen began tonging for oysters on the Biloxi Bay reefs on Nov. 1, something that had not happened since 1962.

At the Commission on Marine Resources meeting Nov. 15, commissioners voted to open reefs in the western portion of the Mississippi Sound from Thursday, Nov. 17, through Tuesday, Nov. 22.

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