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***Reminder regarding state law prohibiting catch or possession
of female sponge crabs***

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources would like to remind fishermen of the laws prohibiting the catch or possession of female sponge crabs, or egg-bearing crabs.

By state statute and CMR regulation, it is unlawful to catch, hold or have in possession any female sponge crab or any female crab bearing visible eggs at any time. It is not unlawful to catch those crabs unintentionally, if the crabs are immediately returned to the water.

Photo courtesy USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory

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