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## ***Area 5 Approved growing waters closed for oyster harvest effective Feb. 20***

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced today that Area 5 Approved growing waters are closed to the harvest of oysters effective at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020.

Area 5 Approved growing waters includes the 80-acre off-bottom oyster park south of Deer Island.

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 [dmr.ms.gov](http://dmr.ms.gov).

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