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Commercial Red Drum harvest to open May 1, 2020

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced that the commercial harvest for Red Drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) will open at 12:01 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2020, in Mississippi territorial waters.

The commercial total allowable catch (TAC) for the fishing season shall be divided into three four-month periods as follows: 20,000 pounds January 1 – April 30; 20,000 pounds May 1 – August 31; and 20,000 pounds September 1 – December 31. In the event the commercial TAC is not met or exceeded in any time period, the pounds shall be added or subtracted to the following time period.

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.

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