Commission on Marine Resources

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Extension of Commercial Licenses Expiration Date

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Background Information

- Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-15-29(2) all commercial licenses expire on April 30 following the date of issuance.

- On April 1, 2020 Governor Reeves issued Executive Order 1466 establishing a Shelter-In-Place order through April 20, 2020 for the State of Mississippi.
Relevant Authority

• Miss. Code Ann § 33-15-31(b) provides in pertinent part:

• . . . All existing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of the article, . . ., shall be suspended during the period of time and to the extent that such emergency exists.
Requested Motion

- In order to comply with Executive Order 1466, and acknowledging the processing time involved in issuing commercial licenses, the MCMR finds that the April 30 expiration date is inconsistent with the provisions in Executive Order 1466 and finds that it is necessary to suspend the April 30 expiration date of commercial licenses and extend the expiration date of commercial licenses to May 31, 2020.

- This will be reassessed as needed for the duration of the state of emergency.
• Applicants are reminded that they may continue to obtain commercial licenses by mailing their application to the MDMR.