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Recreational Gag season closing; commercial fishing seasons opening, closing

BILOXI, Miss. – Officials with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced this week that recreational fishing season for Gag (*Mycteroperca microlepis*) will close in Mississippi territorial waters Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

The commercial season for sharks (aggregated large coastal, hammerheads, black tips and small coastals) will open in Mississippi territorial waters on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. The state season will run concurrent with the federal shark season in the Western Gulf of Mexico Sub-region.

Commercial harvest of Flounder (*Paralichthys sp.*), Gray Triggerfish (*Balistes capricus*), Greater Amberjack (*Seriola dumerilii*) and Red Drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) will close in Mississippi territorial waters on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. and reopen on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.

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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