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Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates November 21, 2023

Employment Updates

New-Hires:

- Thomas Butera – ENRS I – November 16, 2023 – Office of Coastal Resources Management – Wetlands Bureau
- Anthony Stringfellow – ENRS II – November 16, 2023 – Office of Marine Fisheries – Shellfish Bureau

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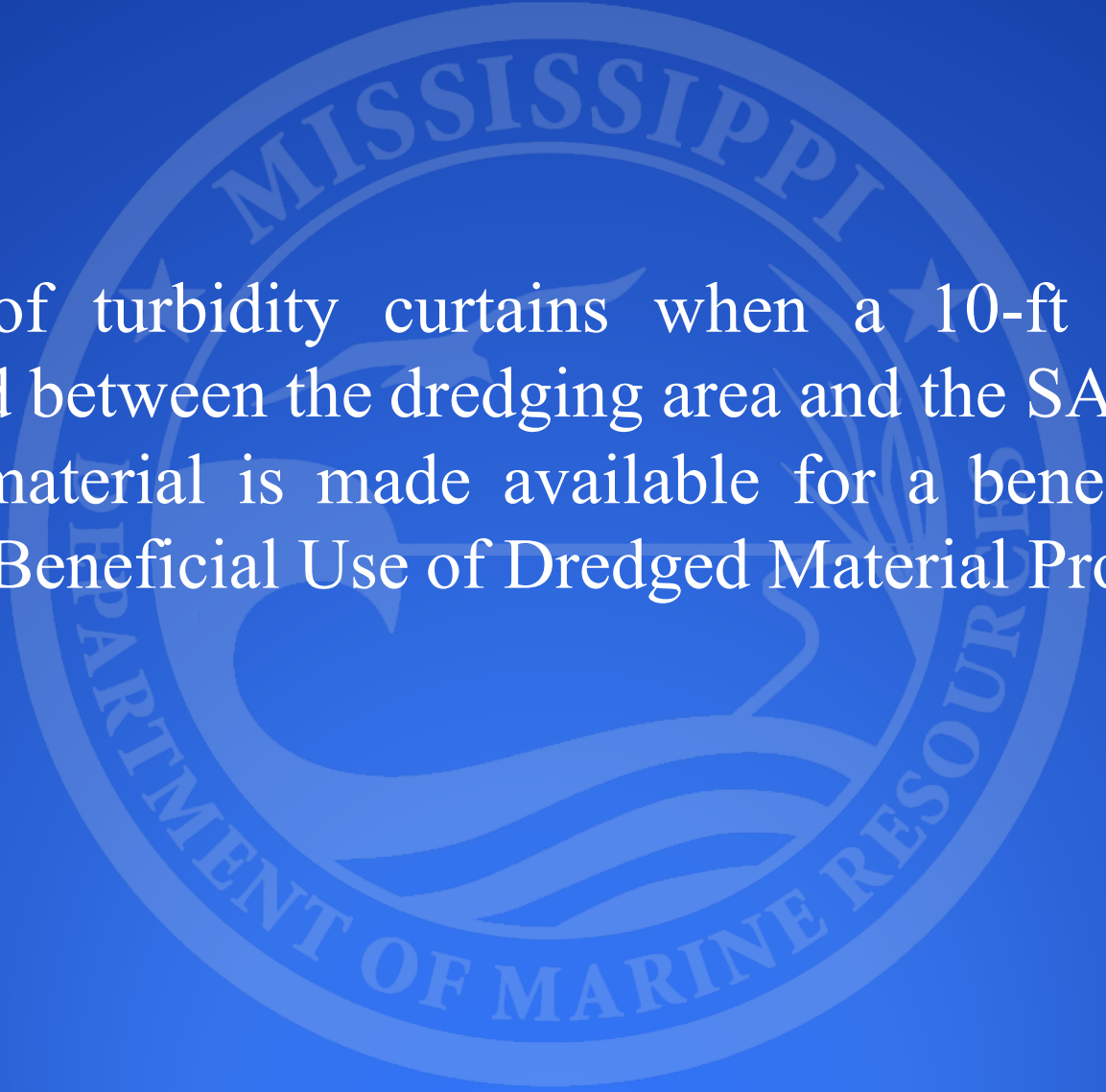


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Actions Update for November 21, 2023 Commission Meeting

Discussed at the October 2023 meeting:

- The Commission recommended and the Director approved the following motions:
- Motion to recommend approval of variance and permit:
 - 1) The Jackson County Board of Supervisors' request for variance and permit requesting authorization to dredge an unnamed tributary to Bayou Porteaux near Solano Circle in Jackson County, Mississippi.
Approval of the permit is contingent upon:

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- The seal of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a fish, likely a largemouth bass, swimming in stylized waves. The word "MISSISSIPPI" is arched across the top, and "DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES" is arched across the bottom. Two stars are positioned on either side of the fish.
- The use of turbidity curtains when a 10-ft buffer cannot be maintained between the dredging area and the SAV.
 - Dredged material is made available for a beneficial use through MDMR's Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program.

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Agency Financial Results
as of October 31, 2023

Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of \$3.7M
- Agency Revenue of \$17.3M
- State Net Income of \$1.6M
- Agency Net Income of \$8.9M

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2024

As of October 31, 2023

	Federal : GOMESA PHII: NFWF:		Operating		
	State	Non-Federal:	Subtotal	Tidelands	Total DMR
Revenue:					
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	-	3,050,000
Federal/NonFederal Grants	21,130	688,866	709,995	-	709,995
Sales Revenue	419,555	-	419,555	-	419,555
Indirect Cost Recovery	213,483	-	213,483	-	213,483
Other Revenue	86,877	1,193,959	1,280,835	11,684,636	12,965,471
Current Budget Year Revenue:	3,791,044	1,882,824	5,673,868	11,684,636	17,358,504
Expenditures:					
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	1,823,068	1,099,378	2,922,447	336,924	3,259,370
Travel	13,075	10,133	23,208	8,088	31,295
Contractual Services	96,278	331,517	427,794	212,814	640,609
Commodities	96,511	945,947	1,042,457	53,833	1,096,291
Other than Equipment	-	4,850	4,850	-	4,850
Equipment	111,161	35,319	146,481	8,874	155,355
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	653	2,296,480	2,297,133	903,375	3,200,508
Current Budget Year Expenditures:	2,140,746	4,723,624	6,864,370	1,523,908	8,388,278
Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss):	\$ 1,650,298	\$ (2,840,799)	\$ (1,190,502)	\$ 10,160,728	\$ 8,970,227

Financial Budget Comparison

- After four months of Fiscal Year 2024:

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES									
2024 Budget Comparison									
As of October 31, 2023									
	Actual Year to Date Expenditures			Budget Year Totals			Percent Remaining		
	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total
Expenditures:									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	\$ 2,922,447	\$ 336,924	\$ 3,259,370	\$ 15,093,165	\$ 1,304,662	\$ 16,397,827	80.6%	74.2%	80.1%
Travel	23,208	8,088	31,295	213,093	25,000	238,093	89.1%	67.6%	86.9%
Contractual Services	427,794	212,814	640,609	13,643,311	1,651,000	15,294,311	96.9%	87.1%	95.8%
Commodities	1,042,457	53,833	1,096,291	3,923,349	360,000	4,283,349	73.4%	85.0%	74.4%
Other than Equipment	4,850	-	4,850	100,000	20,000	120,000	95.2%	100.0%	96.0%
Equipment	146,481	8,874	155,355	988,317	280,000	1,268,317	85.2%	96.8%	87.8%
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	-	100.0%	100.0%
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	6,250	-	6,250	100.0%	-	100.0%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	2,297,133	903,375	3,200,508	165,690,342	8,664,585	174,354,927	98.6%	89.6%	98.2%
Total Expenditures:	\$ 6,864,370	\$ 1,523,908	\$ 8,388,278	\$ 199,657,827	\$ 12,455,247	\$ 212,113,074	96.6%	87.8%	96.0%

- Operating Funds have 96.6% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 87.8% of Budget remaining



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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

FY2025 Tidelands Trust Fund

Legislative Forum



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Tidelands Trust Fund

FY2025 Proposal Results

86 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
\$36,751,193.49

46 Public Access
\$28,060,354.97

25 Submitted by Cities
\$15,920,085.47

14 Submitted by Counties
\$9,785,787.50

7 Miscellaneous
\$2,354,482.00

40 TIDELANDS MANAGEMENT
\$8,690,838.52

22 Submitted by MDMR
\$5,382,689.00

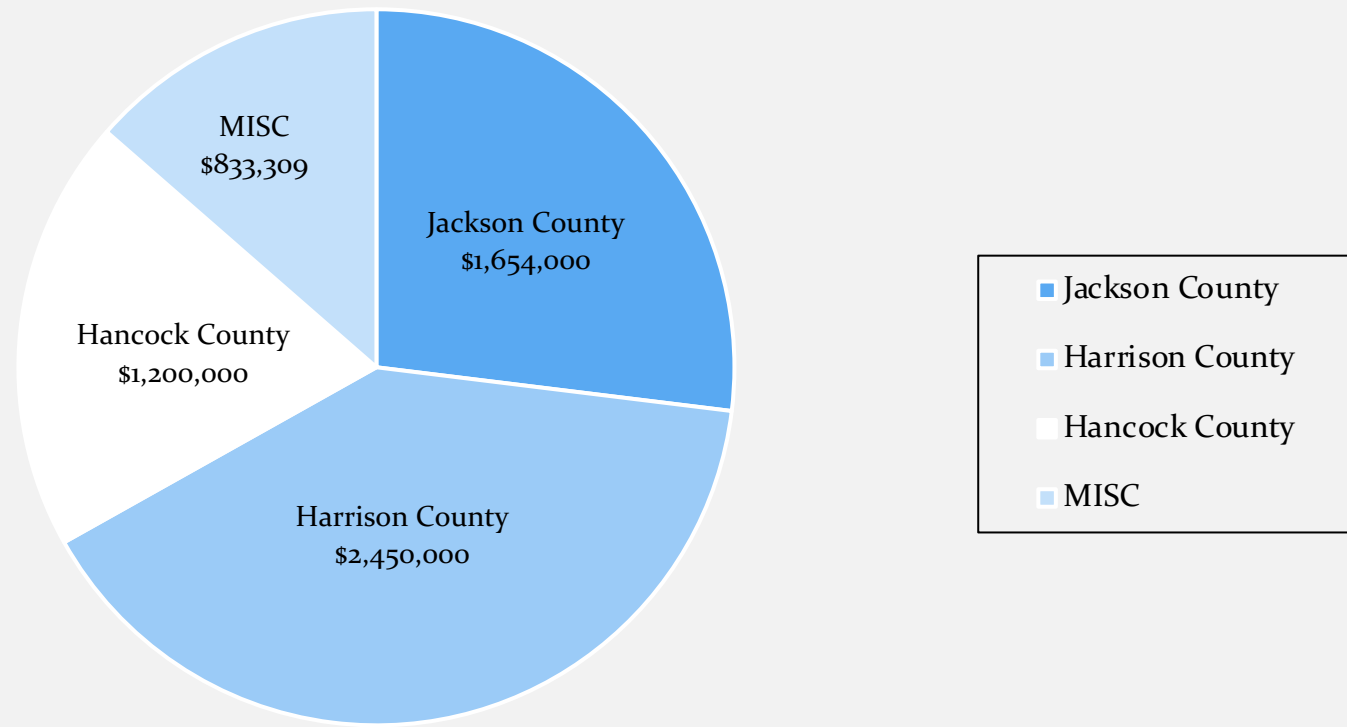
13 Submitted by Universities
\$3,003,499.52

5 Miscellaneous
\$304,650.00

Appropriated for FY2024: \$11,455,247.00

FY24 Public Access Awarded \$6,128,309

Public Access Awards

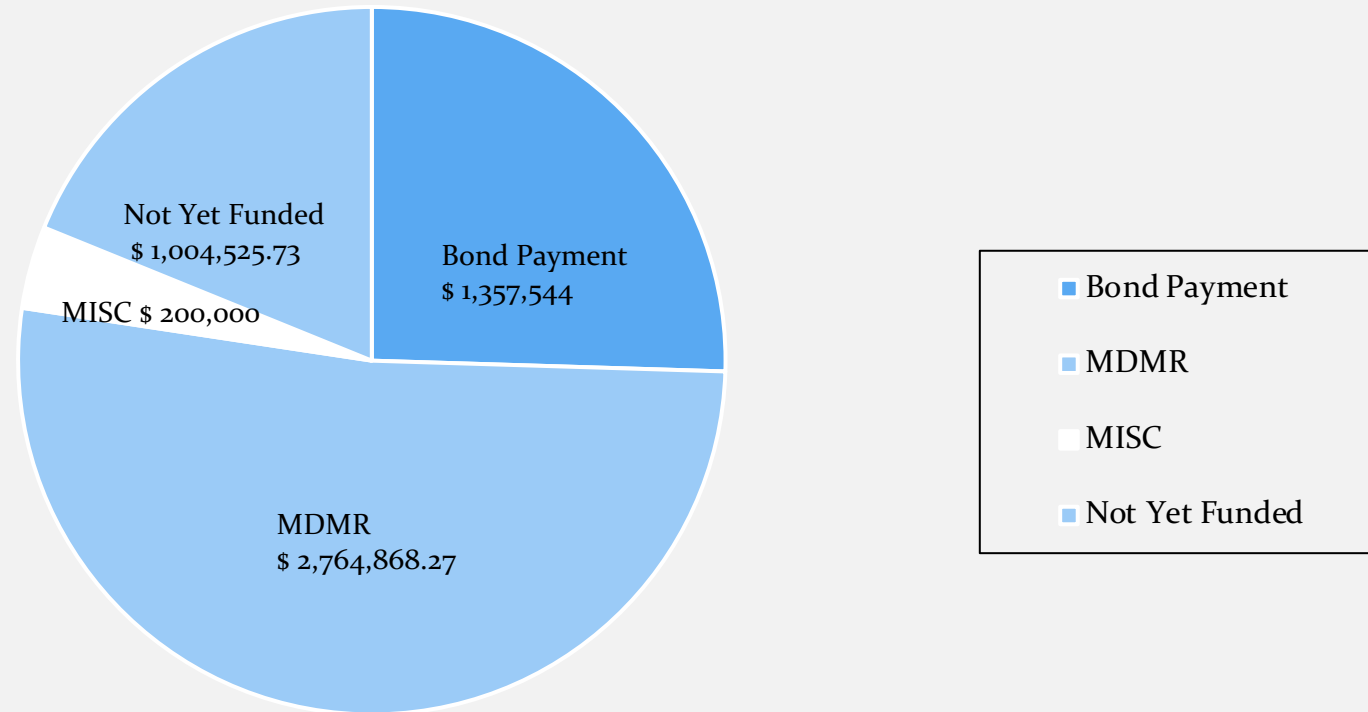


FY24 Managed Projects and Bond Payment Awarded

\$ 3,969,394.00 Managed Projects

\$ 1,357,544 Bond Payment

FY24 Awards





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Tidelands FY2026 Schedule

Date	Description
May 31, 2024	Request for Proposals
July 1, 2024	Deadline for Proposals
July - Aug 2024	Compliance Review
September - October 2024	Merit Review
November 2024	Recommendations and CMR Approval of Ranked Proposals
December 2024	Legislative Forum
January 2025	Projects/Report to Legislature
April 2025	FY2026 Appropriations
November 2025	Check from SOS Office
November - December 2025	Projects Awarded



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2024 Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program

Jason Saucier
November 21, 2023

Previous MDMR Derelict Trap Removal and Recycling Efforts



CLEAN UP YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAPS
1999-2002	2,447
2003*	1,818
2004*	856
2007*	11,150
2008*	1,259
2009	438
2010*	431
2011	108
2012	122
2013*	281
2014	14
2015	78
2016*	2,542
2017	145
2018	42
2019*	267
2020	8
2021*	347
2022	18
2023	38
Total	22,409

* Volunteer clean up event occurred

Previous Closure Area



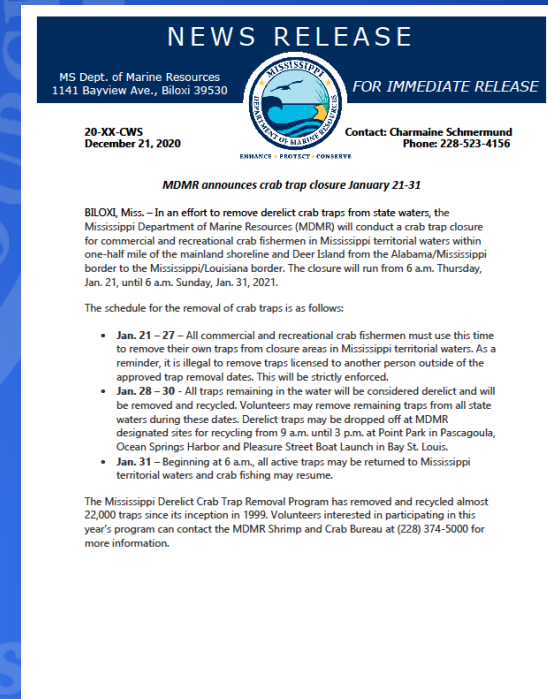
Historical Crab Trap Closure Dates

- §49-15-84.1 Closed season for use of crab traps; removal of abandoned traps.
 - Closure must be no less than 10 days and no more than 30 days
 - Any trap remaining after 7th day of closure considered abandoned
- Closure dates will be selected based on:
 - Stakeholder feedback
 - Improving volunteer participation
 - Tidal cycle

Year	closure dates
2003	January 14-25
2004	March 14-21 (Hancock) March 22-27 (Harrison) March 28 - April 3 (Jackson)
2007	June 6-12
2008	March 9-21
2010	January 21-30
2013	February 14-23
2016	April 5-14
2019	February 7-16
2021	January 21-30

Proposed Closure Dates and Clean-up Logistics

- Proposed crab trap closure for all territorial waters within one-half mile of the mainland shoreline for 10 days between January 1st and March 31st
- Crab fishermen would have first seven days of closure to remove their own traps from the closed waters
- Derelict trap removal would be allowed by volunteers during the last 3 days of the 10-day closure
- All licensed crab fishermen will be notified ahead of closure by postcard mail-outs, legal notice, press release and social media posts
- Trap drop-off sites will be located at Bayou Caddy, Ocean Springs Harbor, and Pascagoula Point Park
- All recovered traps will be recycled



Staff recommendation:

For the Executive Director to establish a crab trap closure in public waters for the purpose of conducting a derelict crab trap clean-up for 10 days in 2024. Closure area and dates will be based on stakeholder feedback.



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Regulatory Changes to Title 22 Part 09 – Offshore Landing Permit

Trevor Moncrief
November 21, 2023

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Background

- Current MRIP FES design
 - Address based
 - Multiple limitations
- Management need
 - Removals are of utmost importance to understand regulatory effectiveness, angler success, and trends in fisheries over time
 - Recreational harvest estimates scale productivity in assessments
- Primary goal
 - Create a universe of offshore anglers to aid in the estimation of effort and harvest of offshore/federally managed species pertinent to Mississippi
- States currently employing similar efforts
 - LA, AL, FL

Direct Use of Offshore Landing Permit

- Implementation of pilot recreational survey – MS Creel
 - Modeled after LA Creel
 - Effort estimates derived from call-outs and emails to license frame
 - Pilot begins January 2024
 - Full implementation potentially 2025
- Important next steps
 - Stakeholder engagement/awareness
 - Planned comparisons and analyses
 - Transitioning all recreational time series

Title 22 Part 9 Chapter 8 Recreational Reporting Requirements

Rule 8.4 Recreational Offshore Landing Permit. Any person, except those persons currently exempt from purchasing a recreational fishing license, possessing any one of the below fish species or species groups on board a vessel taken from within or outside of Mississippi territorial waters shall be required to have obtained and have in their immediate possession a recreational offshore landing permit. Any person on a trip aboard a charter vessel, who pays a fee for that trip, is not required to have this permit, but the permit is required for owner of the licensed charter vessel. Permits may be obtained at no cost from the Department, or authorized method, by persons who hold any valid license authorizing the taking and possessing of saltwater species of fish. Permits shall be valid for the duration of the calendar year in which they were purchased, regardless of the duration of the valid recreational fishing license. Required species are as listed:

A. Reef fish species:

1. any species of snapper, excluding Mangrove Snapper harvested within a line formed by the Intercoastal Waterway;
2. Any species of amberjack;
3. Any species of grouper or hind;
4. Gray triggerfish;

B. Coastal pelagics:

1. Cobia

Action Needed-

Motion to recommend Notice of
Intent for regulatory changes to
Title 22 Part 09



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State Saltwater Fishing Record

Trevor Moncrief

November 21, 2023

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Conventional Tackle

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Conventional Tackle Fishing Record

Florida Pompano
Trachinotus carolinus

Old Record: 4 lbs. 15.7 oz.

New Record: 5 lbs. 0.64 oz.

Angler: Stefanson Smith

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Conventional Tackle Fishing Record

Irish Pompano

Diapterus auratus

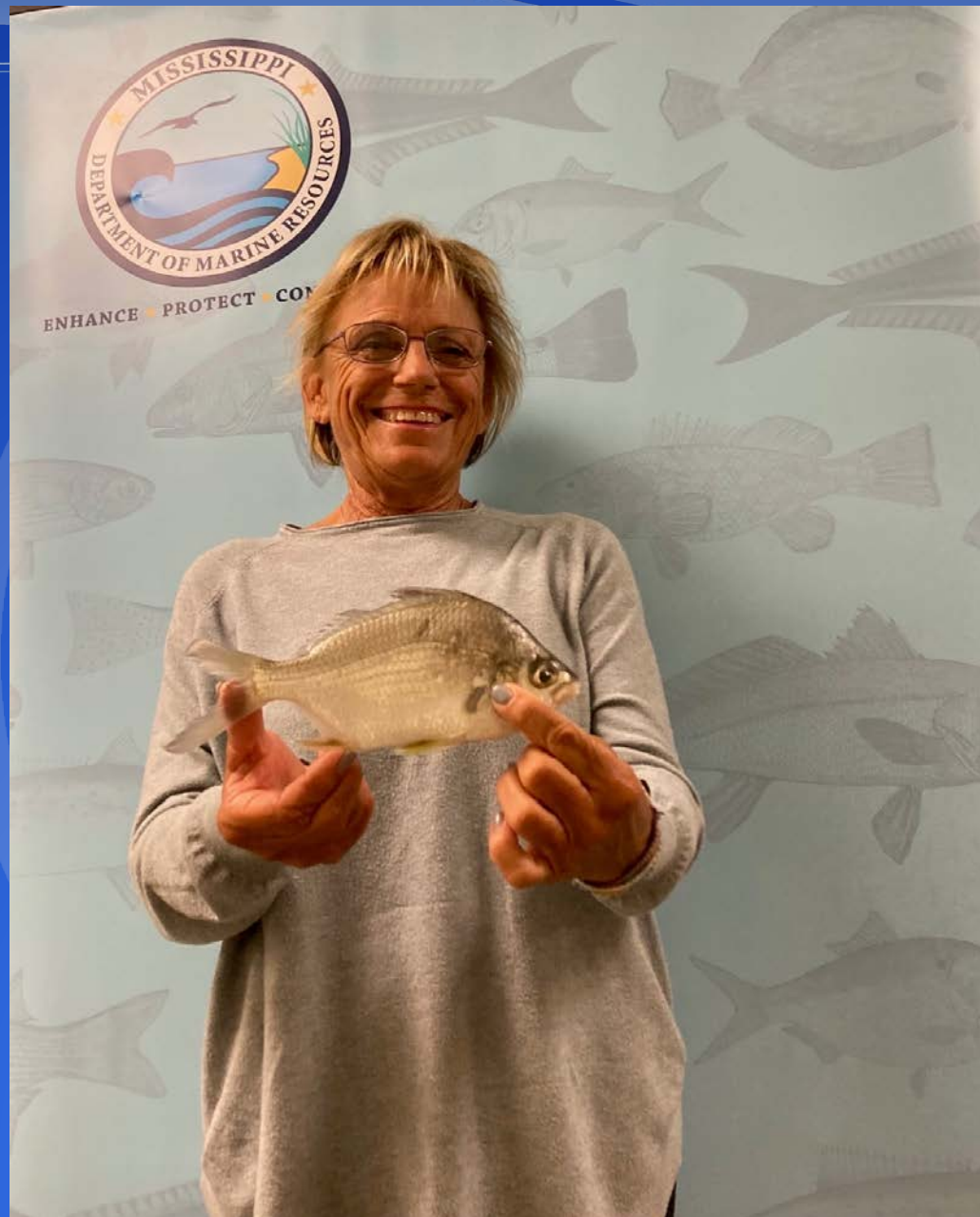
New Record: 5.9 oz.

Angler: Cecily O'Brien

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Required: Motion to Adopt New State Records

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Grand Bay NERR

Invites you to our Star Party!



Hayrides! Star Gazing! Crafts! Owl Walks! Cookies! Soup! Santa! Oh my!!



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You are invited to join the Grand Bay NERR for our annual

Star Party



Grand Bay
National Estuarine
Research Reserve

Saturday
December 9, 2023

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm



Free. Family. Fun!



Witness one of the largest meteor showers of the year, the **Geminids Meteor Shower**! We will also have an amazing night of free family fun!



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