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The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) requires the use of identification tags on all containers of oysters taken from Mississippi state waters. Whether taking home for personal use or selling for raw consumption, these tags give information that is necessary to protect public health, the harvester and dealer. Each color depicts the intended use of the oysters after harvest and is explained below.

MDMR Title 22 Rules and Regulations provides more information about the policies that govern tag use in Mississippi. Read these policies at dmr.ms.gov/regulations.

For more information, contact the Shellfish Bureau at (228) 374-5000 or oyster@dmr.ms.gov. Completed tags should be affixed to the container.

PURCHASE TAGS AT MDMR, BOLTON BUILDING, 1141 BAYVIEW AVENUE, BILOXI, MS.



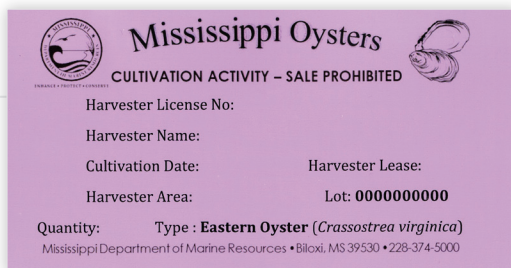
GREEN

Shellstock that is commercially harvested from growing areas classified as approved, conditionally approved or restricted in the open status and under conditions that allow for shucking by a certified dealer or post-harvest processing only as defined in the most current version of the NSSP Model Ordinance.



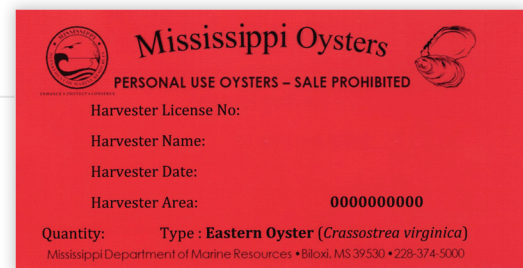
WHITE

Shellstock that is commercially harvested from growing areas classified as approved, conditionally approved, in the open status and under conditions that allow for direct marketing for raw consumption.



PURPLE

Shellstock that is being cultivated by a molluscan shellfish aquaculture harvester and will be returned to the harvester's sublease. Sale is prohibited.



RED

Shellstock harvested for personal use and sale is prohibited.