

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

March 6, 2024

Re: Tidelands Proposals

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) is currently requesting proposals for Fiscal Year 2026 Tidelands Trust Funds. You may find an electronic version of the application on the MDMR website at <a href="www.dmr.state.ms.us">www.dmr.state.ms.us</a>. Those seeking to qualify for Tidelands Funds for Fiscal Year 2026 must submit a proposal to the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) for consideration. Requests for funding should be submitted online through the MDMR website or may be received at the MDMR office located at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2024. Submitted proposals will be reviewed and prioritized according to established criteria. The Department of Marine Resources will then forward proposals to the Mississippi Legislature when it reconvenes in January 2025.

Applicants are reminded of the legislative intent of the Public Trust Tidelands Funds for "new and extra programs of tidelands management, such as conservation, reclamation, preservation, acquisition, education or the enhancement of public access to tidelands or public improvement projects as they relate to those lands."

Thank you again for your help in making the Mississippi Gulf Coast a better place to live and work. Please feel free to contact me any time if the Department of Marine Resources can be of service to you. You may call me at (228) 523-4011 or email me at <a href="mailto:Joe.Spraggins@dmr.ms.gov">Joe.Spraggins@dmr.ms.gov</a>. You may also contact Sonja Slater at (228) 523-4138 with questions regarding your proposal.

In Appreciation,

Joe Spraggins (Mar & 2024 15:43 CST

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