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Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates March 18, 2025

Employment Updates

Promotions:

- Kat Glover – Promoted March 1, 2025 – Environmental/Natural Resources Specialist III – Office of Marine Fisheries

Welcome back:

- Kristina Broussard – Returned March 11, 2025 – Compliance Inspector Supervisor – Office of Marine Fisheries

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Actions Update for March 18, 2025 Commission Meeting

Discussed at the February 2025 meeting:

The Commission recommended and the Director approved:

- Motion that the Commission recommend and the Executive Director:

Approve the staff recommendation to establish a No Wake Zone for the proposed Wolf River bridge and boat launch at Menge Avenue based on normal operation and vessel speed in relation to the public access areas in which people fish, boat and socialize.

- The Commission recommended and the Director approved:

A permit requested by the MDMR for the filling of coastal wetlands for the construction of a submerged artificial reef located approximately two miles north of Petit Bois Island, including:

- a. The requested variance; and
- b. Conditioned on the MDMR coordinating with US Coast Guard for necessary navigational aids at the project location



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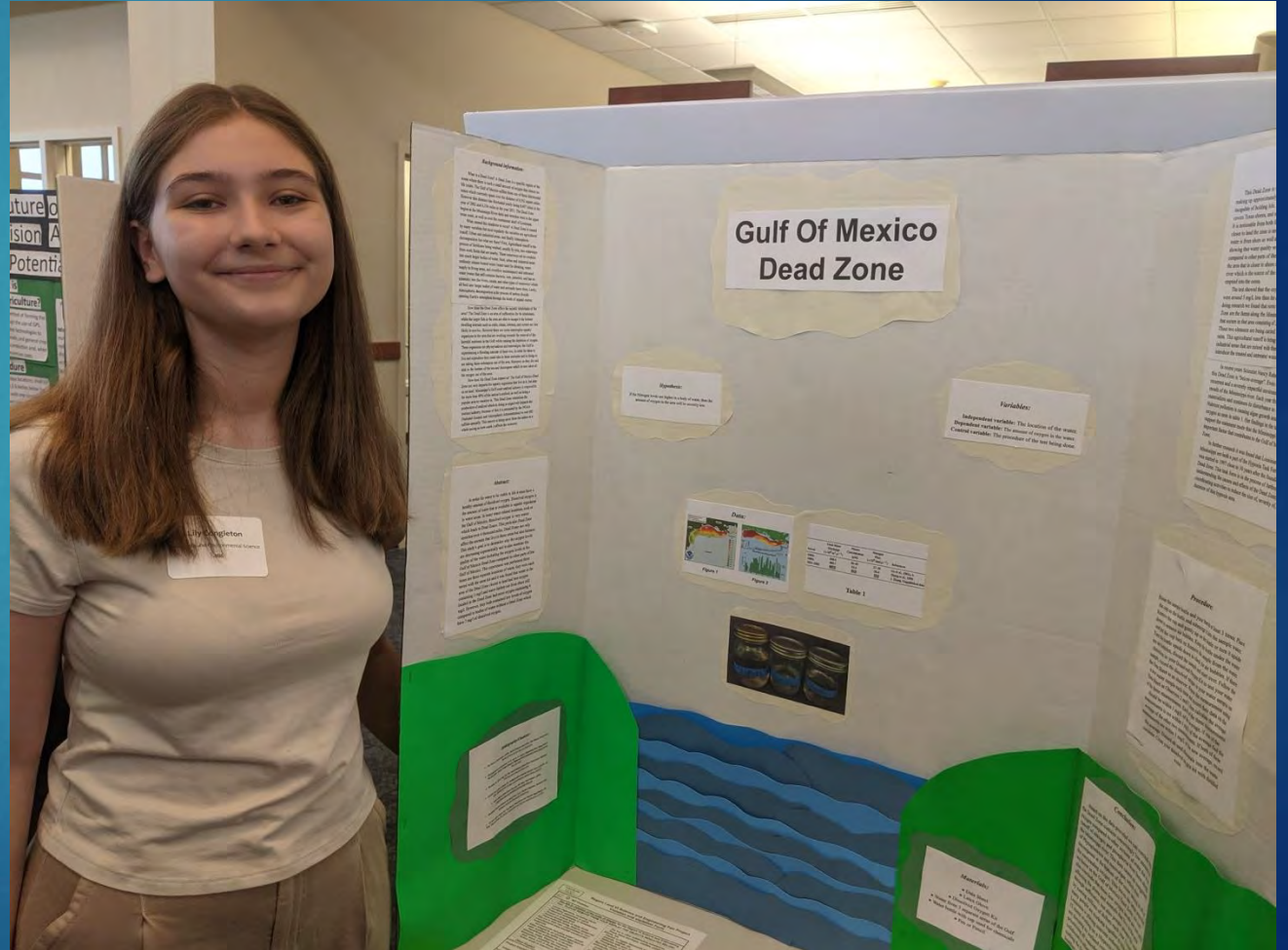
Career Day at Gautier Elementary School



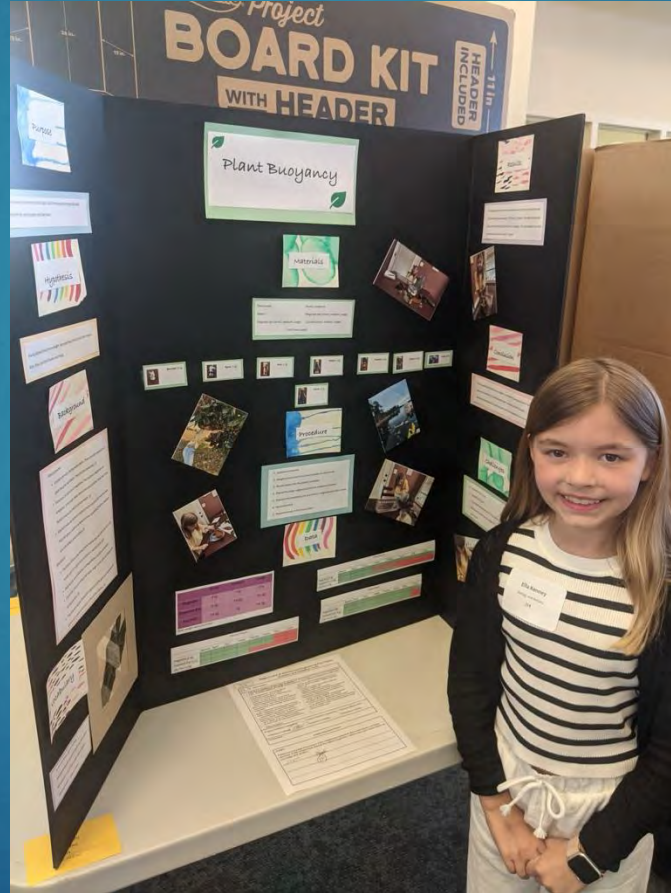
STEMFest & STrEaMin' the Coast



MDMR Excellence in Marine Science Awards



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St. Jude Bass Tournament





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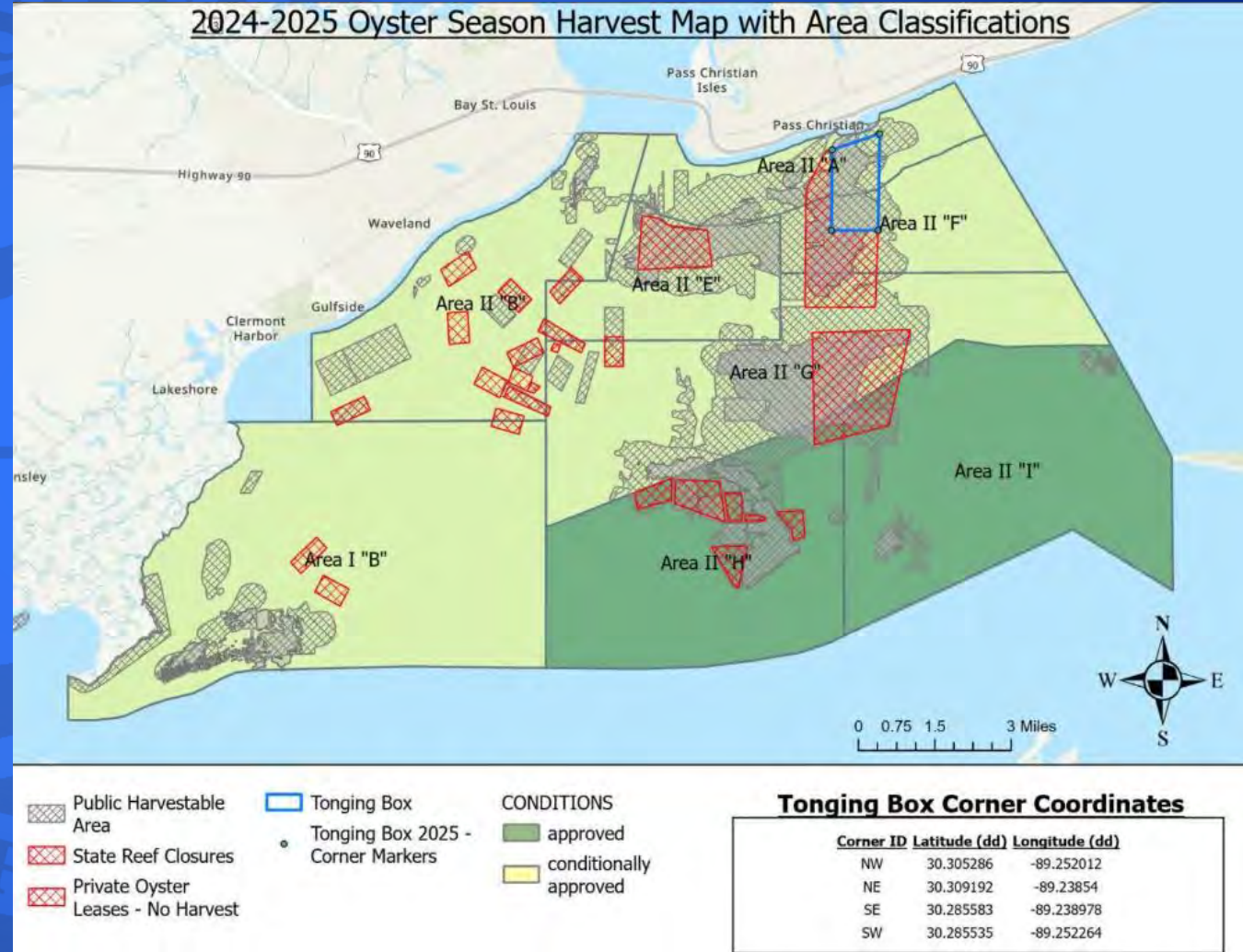
2024 - 2025 Oyster Season Update

Ellen Coffin
Shellfish Bureau: ENRS Team Lead

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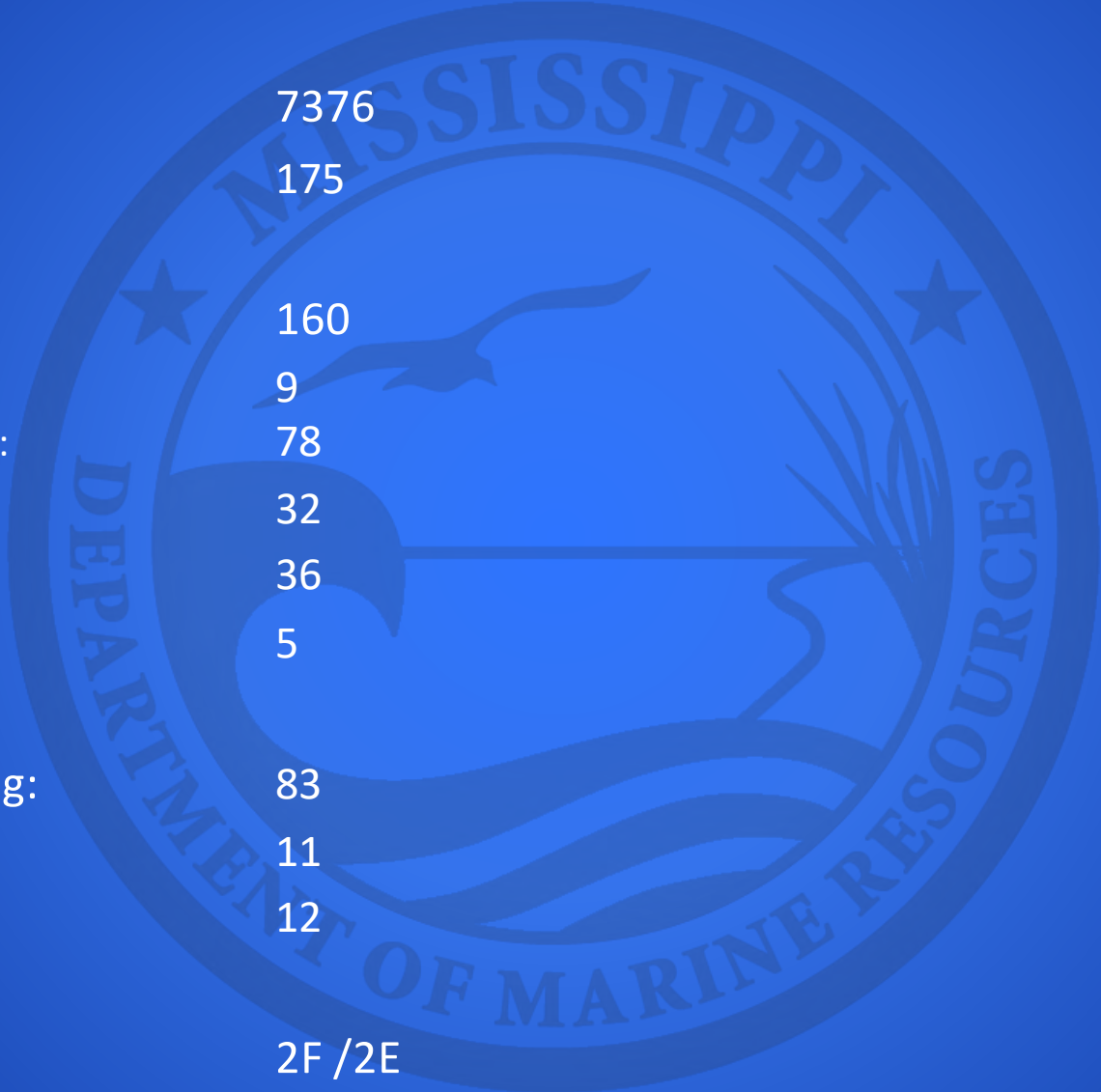
2024 – 2025 Season

- **Season Dates**
 - Reopened February 14, 2025
 - Closed February 16, 2025 (River Stages)
- **Location**
 - Western Reefs
 - All Permitted Areas in the Western MS Sound
- **Gear Type**
 - Tongs
 - Dredges
- **Daily Harvest Quota:**
 - Tongs 15 sacks per boat/per day
 - Dredge 20 sacks per boat/per day



● **Total Number of Sack Harvested: 7,376**

2024 – 2025 Summary



- Season Sack Harvested: 7376
- Average Sacks per Day: 175

- Total Licenses sold to date: 160
 - Recreational 9
 - In State Commercial Dredge: 78
 - In State Commercial Tong: 32
 - Out of State Tong: 36
 - Out of State Dredge: 5

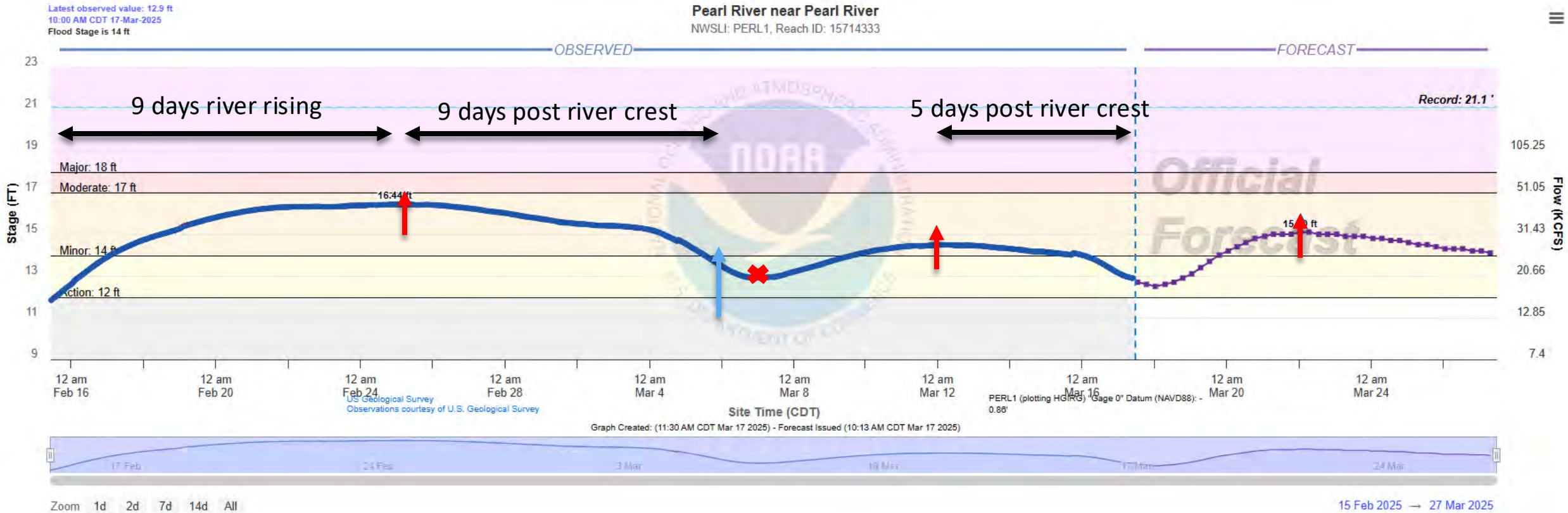
- Number of Licenses harvesting: 83
 - Approx Tongers per Day: 11
 - Approx Dredgers per Day: 12

- Main Area Fished: 2F /2E

Pearl River Gauge

<https://water.noaa.gov/gauges/perl1>

Gauge ID: PERL1



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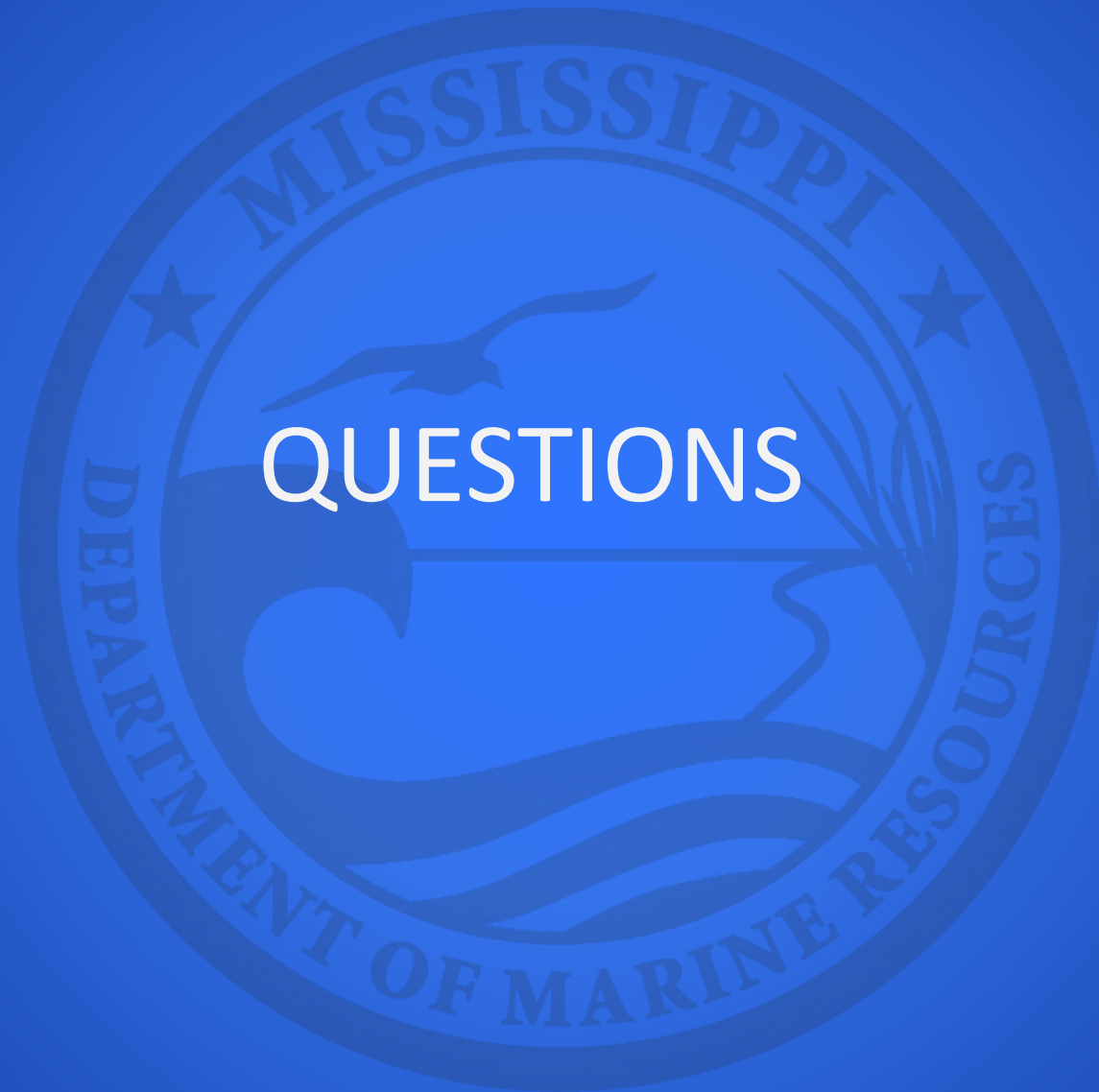
MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH GROWING WATERS MANAGEMENT PLAN

2 E, F, G Conditionally Approved Most Recent

River 11.0 ft / Rainfall 2.0"

| Station | # of Samples | Geometric Mean | %>43 | Max |
|---------|--------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| 2-9 | 146 | 2.89 | 7.53% | 540 |
| 2-10 | 149 | 3.83 | 7.38% | 350 |
| 2-12 | 145 | 2.37 | 2.07% | 220 |
| 2-13 | 148 | 2.77 | 1.35% | 540 |
| 2-30 | 106 | 1.46 | 0.94% | 79 |
| 2-32 | 97 | 1.53 | 1.03% | 49 |
| 2-14 | 140 | 2.30 | 2.14% | 170 |
| 2-33 | 81 | 1.27 | 1.23% | 46 |
| 2-35 | 103 | 1.32 | 1.94% | 49 |

The dataset was reviewed in October 2024. Fecal Coliform data collected during adverse pollution months of October through April 2007-2024.



QUESTIONS

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SPEND A DAY OF FREE FAMILY FUN IN THE PASS!

Saturday, April 5 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

War Memorial Park in Pass Christian

(Held in conjunction with Art in the Pass.)

Free signed poster by contest winner.

- Live animals
- Over 35 coastal resources exhibits
- Caricature artists
- Teacher resources
- Student Science Showcase
- Snaparazzi photobooth

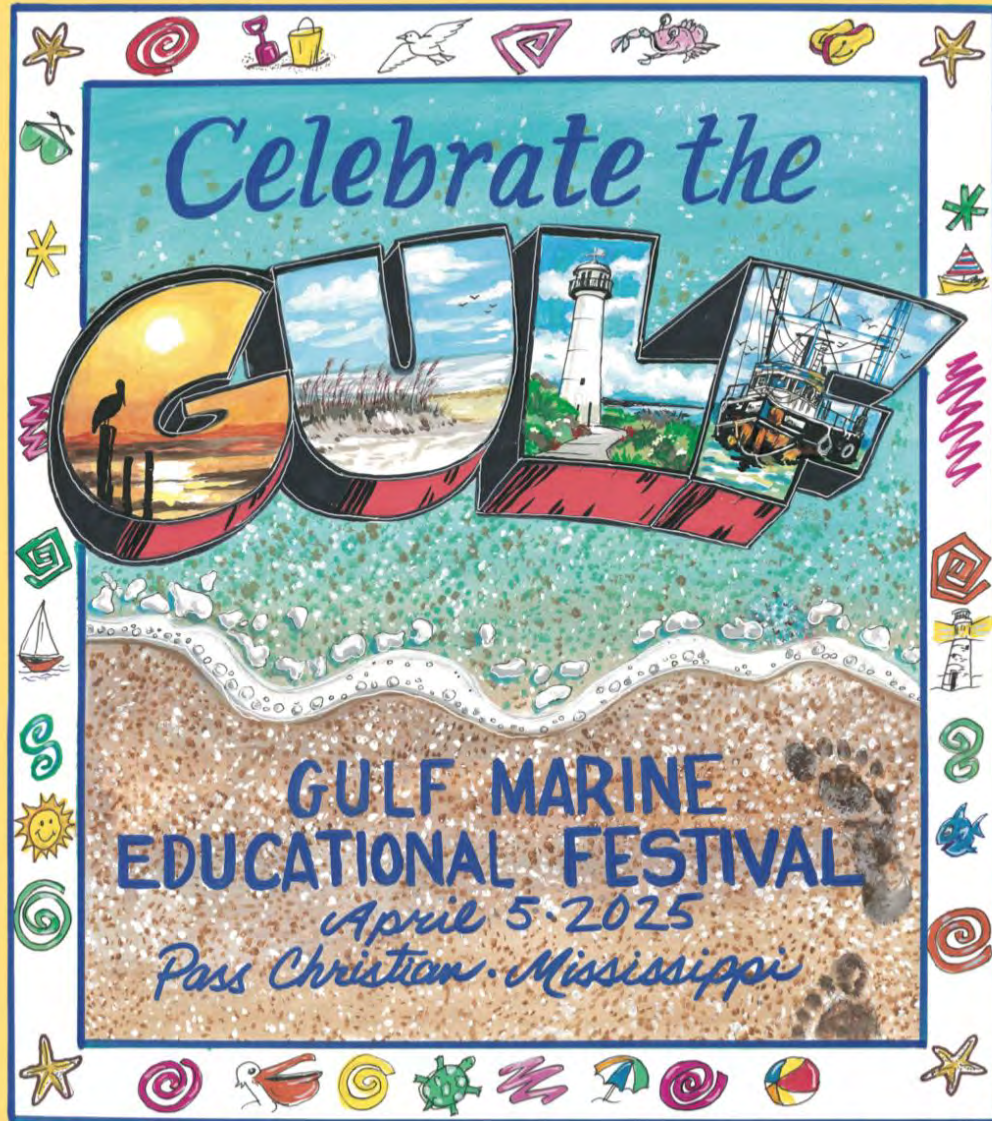
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