



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

Tate Reeves  
Governor

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Order of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources  
Reopening Area I "B" Conditionally Approved Waters  
To the Harvest of Oysters**

In accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Code Title 22, Part 1 and the "Order by the Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Opening the 2025 – 2026 Public Mississippi Oyster Season for the harvest of oysters in certain waters classified as approved and conditionally approved, and placing certain restrictions on oyster harvesting and handling activities," the MDMR hereby orders that the following areas will reopen to the harvest of oysters on Friday, December 19, 2025 at legal sunrise:

**Conditionally Approved Area I "B" - including St. Josephs or St. Joe Reef**

All other current rules and regulations will remain in effect.

Signed this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Spraggins" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Joe Spraggins  
Executive Director  
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources