



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 Closing
Area I "B", Area II "A", and Area II "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 close to the harvest of oysters on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 4:00pm due to the rainfall exceeding the management plan criteria:

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

Conditionally Approved Area II "A" – including portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point Reefs

Conditionally Approved Area II "B" - including the Waveland and St. Stanislaus

All other current rules and regulations will remain in effect.

Signed this the 25th day of January 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Spraggins".

Joe Spraggins
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources