



**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 II "E", Area II "F", and Area II "G" Conditionally Approved Waters and Area II "H" and  
Area II "I" 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 Monday, January 26, 2026 at 4:00 pm due to the river stage exceeding the management plan criteria and lack of resource:

**Conditional Approved Area II "E"** - Including Henderson Point Reef

**Conditional Approved Area II "F"** - Including Pass Christian Tonging Box

**Conditional Approved Area II "G"** – Including Pass Marianne Reef

**Approved Area "H"** - Including Telegraph Reef

**Approved Area "I"** - Including portions of Pass Marianne Reef and Pelican Reef

**Conditionally Approved Area I "B"** – including St. Josephs or St. Joe Reef will remain closed

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

**Conditionally Approved Area II "B"** - including the Waveland and St. Stanislaus Reefs will remain closed

All other current rules and regulations will remain in effect.

Signed this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026

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

Joe Spraggins

Executive Director

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources