



**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" and Area II "G" 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 Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 12:00 pm:

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

**Conditional Approved Area II "G"** - including Pass Marianne Reef. Pass Dredging Reef will remain closed.

All other current rules and regulations will remain in effect.

Signed this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

  
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Joe Spraggins  
Executive Director  
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