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## *Celebrate the Gulf Marine Education Festival to be held April 11*

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' (MDMR) annual Celebrate the Gulf Marine Education Festival, along with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Waterfest, will be held Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at War Memorial Park in Pass Christian. This free and educational event features activities for the whole family and includes hands-on exhibits that teach the benefits of a healthy Gulf of America.

Celebrate the Gulf will feature animal chats with the Mississippi Aquarium, the Raptor Bird Show, the Washed Up to Wow Marine Debris Trash-ion Show, hands-on activities, caricatures, face painting, a photobooth, signed festival poster, over 35 environmental exhibits, Student Science Showcase and the Student Art Exhibition, which is dedicated to showcasing the coast's young scientists and artists.

Celebrate the Gulf is held in conjunction with Art in the Pass, which will also take place at War Memorial Park April 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Sponsors for Celebrate the Gulf are the MDMR, MDEQ, the Secretary of State of Mississippi, Chevron and the Mississippi Litter Prevention Task Force.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at dmr.ms.gov.

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