



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 2026 - 2027 Mississippi Public 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 area will reopen to the harvest of oysters at legal sunrise on Friday, October 16, 2026:

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

All other current rules and regulations will remain in effect.

Signed on the 15th day of October 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Spraggins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "J" and "S".

Joe Spraggins
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources