



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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Governor

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

LEGAL NOTICE

**Order of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
Reopening Area II "B" and Area II "E" 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 areas will reopen to the harvest of oysters at legal sunrise on Monday, October 19, 2026:

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

Conditionally Approved Area II "E" – including Henderson Point Reef

Harvesters may launch from and return to the Washington Street Launch and Pier in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Harvesters using the Washington Street Launch and Pier must indicate it on their hail out notification and must return to the Washington Street Launch and Pier for check-out and tagging prior to unloading any oysters.

All other current rules and regulations will remain in effect.

Signed on the 19th day of October 2026

A blue ink signature of Joe Spraggins, written over a horizontal line.

Joe Spraggins
Executive Director
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