STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
Joe Spraggins, Executive Director

LEGAL NOTICE
Order of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Increasing the Commercial Oyster Sack Limits On Mississippi Public Reefs

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 commercial sack limits shall be in effect on Mississippi public reefs beginning at legal sunrise on Wednesday, October 21, 2026:

Mississippi Resident Commercial Oyster Tonging Vessel – daily limit increased from fifteen (15) sacks to twenty (20) sacks

Commercial Oyster Dredging Vessel – daily limit increased from twenty (20) sacks to twenty-five (25) sacks

Non-Resident Commercial Oyster Tonging Vessel – In an effort to conserve resource, all licensed non-resident commercial oyster tonging vessels will be held to the commercial sack limits for tonging oysters in their state, or the Mississippi resident commercial oyster tonging vessel daily limit of twenty (20) sacks, whichever is lower.

Recreational sack limits and commercial personal use allowances remain unchanged, and personal use sacks shall continue to count towards the daily commercial sack limit for that boat or vessel.

All other current rules and regulations will remain in effect.

Signed on the 20th day of October 2026

Joe Spraggins
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources