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Mississippi Oyster Reefs to Re-open

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced the opening of Areas I “B”, II “A” and II “C” Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, **effective Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at legal sunrise.**

- **Area I “B” Conditionally Approved Waters** including St. Joseph’s or St. Joe’s Reef.
- **Area II “A” Conditionally Approved Waters** including tonging areas of the northern portions of the Pass Christian and Henderson Point reefs and Hornets reef.
- **Area II “C” Conditionally Approved Waters** and its subdivisions of II “E” (including Square Handkerchief reef and southern portions of Henderson Point reef), II “F” (including southern portions of the Pass Christian reef) and II “G” (including northern portions of the Pass Marianne and Telegraph reefs).

All other rules and regulations will remain in effect. Please be advised that all areas, waters and check stations will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR’s 24-hour Oyster Information Hot Line at (228) 374-5167 or (800) 385-5902.

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 www.dmr.ms.gov.

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