MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

LEGAL NOTICE
ORDER ESTABLISHING THE 2004 SHRIMP SEASON

By virtue of the authority vested in the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, under the provisions of §49-15-15 (1) Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, after having conducted an extensive sampling program, does hereby declare and order that: **The 2004 Mississippi Shrimp Season Shall Open at 6:00 a.m. Wednesday June 9, 2004 in Mississippi Waters Described as:**

All waters south of a line beginning one-half mile offshore at the Mississippi-Alabama state line; thence westerly following the meandering of the shoreline one-half mile therefrom to Light "5" in the Bayou Casotte Channel; thence northerly to Light "7" in the Bayou Casotte Channel; thence westerly following the meandering of the shoreline one-half mile therefrom to the intersection with the Pascagoula Channel; thence northwesterly to Beacon "44" in the Pascagoula Channel; thence southwesterly to Beacon "43" in the Pascagoula Channel; thence to the northeast point of Singing River Island located south of Ingalls West Bank Shipyard; thence westerly along the north shoreline to the northwest point of the island; thence northwesterly in the most direct line to a point one-half mile due south of the mouth of Graveline Bayou; thence westerly following the meandering of the shoreline one-half mile therefrom to a point due east of Beacon "18" in the Biloxi Bay Channel; thence due west to said Beacon "18" in the Biloxi Bay Channel and thence southwesterly along the most direct line to the southernmost point on Deer Island; thence westerly following the north shore of Deer Island to the westernmost tip; thence westerly in the most direct line to Biloxi Beacon "8"; thence westerly following the meandering of the shoreline at a distance of one-half mile therefrom to a point on the centerline of the CSX Railroad Bridge over St. Louis Bay; thence westerly along the centerline of said bridge to a point one-half mile south of the western abutment of the CSX Railroad Bridge; thence southwesterly following the meandering of the shoreline at a distance of one-half mile therefrom to a point one-half mile east of the mouth of Bayou Caddy; thence westerly to the mouth of Bayou Caddy; thence southwesterly following the meandering of the shoreline to the Mississippi-Louisiana state line; and

All waters south of a line beginning at the southernmost point of the Mississippi shoreline on the east bank of the Pearl River, thence, following the meandering of the east bank of the Pearl River to a point where the Pearl River intersects the centerline of the Highway 90 bridge; thence running westerly along the center line of the Highway 90 bridge to a point that intersects the Mississippi - Louisiana state boundary.

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources are to be in full force and effect and all boats engaged in catching or transporting shrimp from the waters of the state of Mississippi must be licensed or permitted by the Commission before beginning operations.

Shrimp season shall close at midnight, December 31, 2004 except south of the Intracoastal Waterway. In addition, all state waters shall close to shrimping activities except live bait shrimping at midnight, April 30, 2005.

This order will take effect and be in force from and after 6:00 a.m. June 9, 2004. For further information contact the Department of Marine Resources at 228-374-5000, or write to the Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

Ordered this the 1st day of June 2004.

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