



The Shrimp e-Advocate

The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is a non-profit alliance of members of the U.S. shrimp industry in eight states committed to preventing the continued deterioration of America's shrimp industry and to ensuring the industry's future viability. SSA serves as the national voice for the shrimp fishermen and processors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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NEWS FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Please note the effective date for the season is May 24, 2010.

LDWF Re-opens State Territorial Seas south of Marsh Island to Recreational and Commercial Fishing

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Secretary Robert Barham announced the following re-opening to recreational and commercial fishing activities in portions of the state territorial seas south of Marsh Island in Iberia and Vermilion parishes **effective immediately, today, May 24, 2010.**

This area was originally closed on May 18, 2010 due to a confirmed report of oil on a small section of the southern shoreline of Marsh Island. Since that time, no additional oil has been reported from the area.

Territorial Seas Opening

All state outside waters extending seaward of the inside/outside shrimp line from South Point of Marsh Island at 91 degrees 45 minutes 48 seconds west longitude westward to the eastern shore of Freshwater Bayou at 92 degrees 18 minutes 27 seconds west longitude.

Precautionary closures of recreational and commercial

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fishing have been implemented based on the best information the Secretary of the Department receives from field biologists, staff and trajectory models from NOAA.

Once reports of oil are received, LDWF initiates a field survey and immediate seafood testing in the suspected areas. Closures are subsequently made with the intent to be as safe as possible, while not closing any fishing areas unnecessarily. As test results come back clearing the area, effected waters are then reopened.

LDWF continues to work closely with DHH in an effort to assess all opportunities to resume normal fishing activities on Louisiana's coast and guarantee the safety of Louisiana's seafood.

All other closures remain in place.

To view a map detailing these closures click here: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/pdfs/news/FISHING-CLOSURE.jpg>

For more information related to the oil spill, visit <http://www.emergency.louisiana.gov>. Connect with us on www.facebook.com/GOHSEP and on Twitter @GOHSEP. View photos in from the state's response efforts at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/lagohsep>.