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NOTICE OF CLOSURE

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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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L.D.W.F. SECRETARY ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PORTION OF TERRITORIAL SEAS TO SHRIMP HARVESTING

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BATON ROUGE - Today LDWF Secretary Robert Barham issued an emergency closure of shrimp harvesting in territorial seas from the south pass of the Mississippi River to the eastern shore of Four Bayous Pass, effective at 6PM, May 6, 2010. Latest projections from NOAA indicate that this area may be vulnerable to oil in the coming days.

"We are constantly monitoring and conducting field surveys to ensure all Louisiana's water that may be impacted by this oil are closed to harvesting. We are prepared and ready to do what it takes to protect Louisiana's fishermen and seafood consumers," said LDWF Secretary Barham.

Vessels fishing offshore will be allowed to pass through the closed area when returning to dock.

For more information related to the oil spill, visit 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 www.flickr.com/photos/lagohsep.