



**Press Release May 27, 2016**

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## **Alabama State Waters Opening for Shrimping**

Pursuant to Section 9-12-46, Code of Alabama 1975, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division announces that as of **6:00 am, Wednesday, June 1, 2016** all inside waters not permanently closed by law or regulation will open for shrimp harvesting. This includes Mobile Bay, Bon Secour Bay, Mississippi Sound, Perdido Bay, Arnica Bay, Wolf Bay and Little Lagoon.






In the 2015 Alabama Legislative session, the legislature passed SB 455 which changed the strategy in which Alabama manages the shrimp fishery. Traditionally, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources/Marine Resources Division managed the shrimp fishery with time/area closures based upon the distribution of 68 count shrimp. The 2015 legislation requires all Alabama inside waters to be closed at 6:00 am on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and all Alabama inside waters not permanently closed by law or regulation to be opened at 6:00 am on June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The 2016 shrimp season will be the first year that the new management dates will be utilized.

Licensed live bait dealers holding a permit for Special Live Bait Areas are reminded that an area beside the Battleship Alabama south of the Tensaw River Bridge, north of a line from the north point of Pinto Pass (N30 40.755 – W88 01.124) to the northwest edge of Goat Island (N30 40.124 – W88 00.784); and west of a line from the northwest edge of Goat Island to the eastern end of Tensaw River Bridge (N30 40.955 – W88 00.444) will be open from one hour before sunrise until sunset from June 1-December 31, 2016.



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## ALABAMA RESTRICTED WATERS TO THE SHRIMP FISHERY

-  Bait Shrimping Only
-  Shrimp Nursery Areas (closed to shrimping)
-  Restricted Shrimp Area
-  Special Live Saltwater Bait Areas
-  Live Saltwater Bait Areas open during times of Closed Shrimp Season

\* USS Alabama Bait Area from north point of Pinto Pass to NW edge of Goat Is. to the eastern edge of Tensaw Bridge

\* Blakely River between the Bridges of I-10 and Hwy 90

\* Arlington Channel

\* E. Fowl River Channel from the mouth of the river to beacons 5 & 6

\* Bayou la Batre Channel from the mouth of the bayou to the "BC" Beacon

\* Point Clear Area - From a point on land at the southern entrance to the marina at Great Point Clear (30-29.195N, 087-56.072W) then SW to the charted position of PoinSE to a point on land at the end of Zundel Road (30-28.416N, 087-55.263W).

\* Mullet Point - Beginning at Mullet Point Park ramp, herein defined as 30° 24.98'N and 87° 54.52'W, then running southwesterly to Tall Range '2', then southwardly to 30° 23.72'N and 87° 55.33'W, then running due east to terminate on shore.

\* Waters in Wolf Bay from a point on the south shoreline running north to GIWW #86, then west to GIWW #94, then south to the south shoreline of Wolf Bay

Mississippi Sound

Bon Secour Bay

Perdido Bay

\*DI Bay

\* Oyster Bay waters south of the north edge of the G.I.W.W.

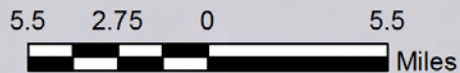
\* Terry Cove

Perdido Pass Closed

Little Lagoon Pass Closed

Little Lagoon is restricted to shrimp trawls that measure no more than 16 feet across the cork line or main top line.

\* Aloe Bay - from GIWW #19 to Tall Range D, to W edge of Heron Bayou on DI, W to DI Bridge south of the GIWW



Note: All Rivers, Creeks, Bayous, etc. are Permanently Closed to all Shrimping Activities.