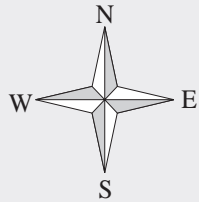






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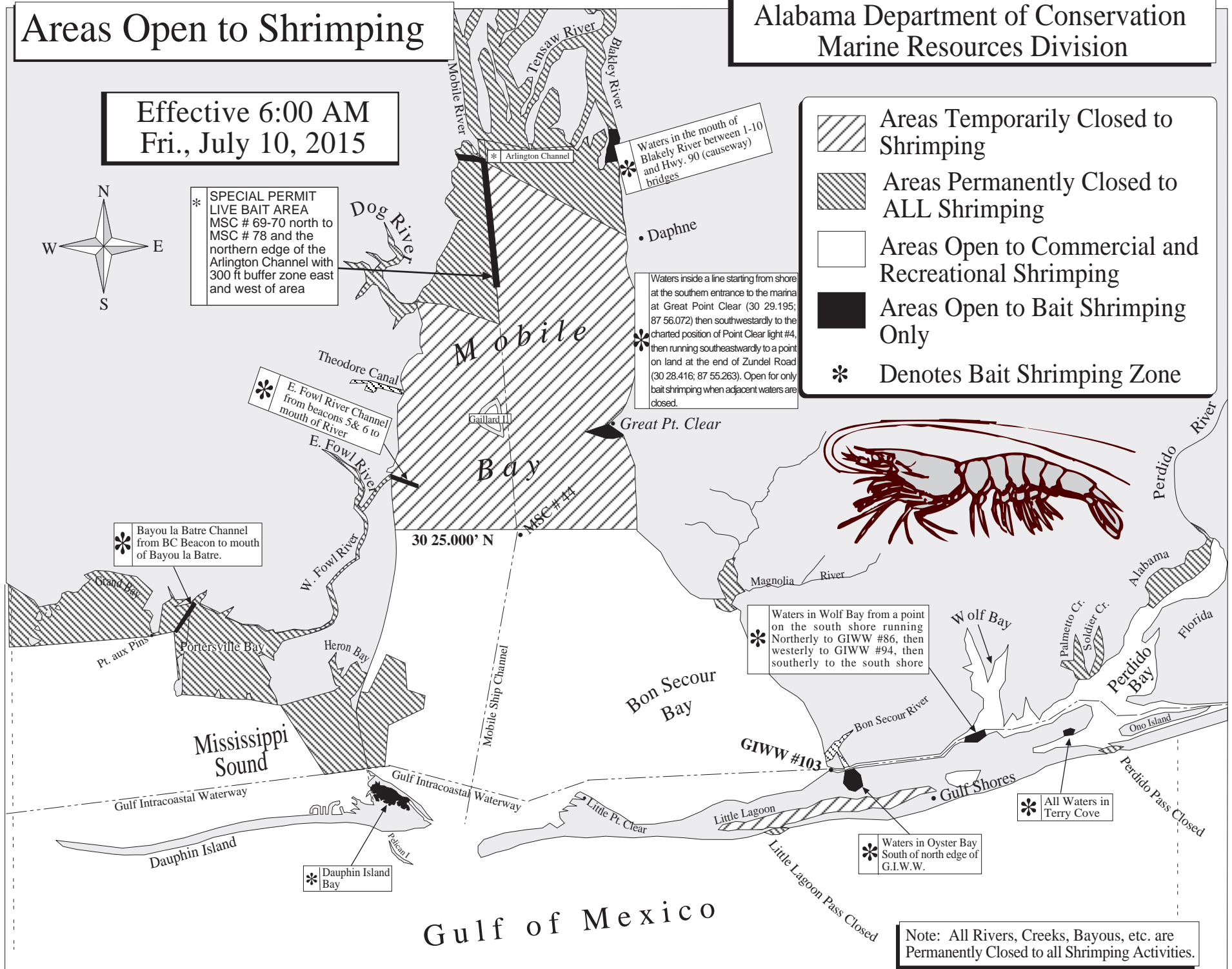
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Effective 6:00 AM
Fri., July 10, 2015



* SPECIAL PERMIT
LIVE BAIT AREA
MSC # 69-70 north to
MSC # 78 and the
northern edge of the
Arlington Channel with
300 ft buffer zone east
and west of area

-  Areas Temporarily Closed to Shrimping
-  Areas Permanently Closed to ALL Shrimping
-  Areas Open to Commercial and Recreational Shrimping
-  Areas Open to Bait Shrimping Only
- * Denotes Bait Shrimping Zone



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



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July 8, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE

Pursuant to Section 9-12-46, Code of Alabama as stated by Rule 220-3-.01 the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division announces that as of 6:00 am, **Friday, July 10, 2015** the following waters not permanently closed by law or regulation will **open** to shrimping:

- **All waters east of the charted position of GIWW Marker #103, including all waters of Wolf Bay, Perdido Bay, Arnica Bay, Bay La Launch, and Bayou St. John not permanently closed by law or regulation.**

The following waters, previously opened, will remain opened:

- **All waters in the Mississippi Sound not permanently closed by law or regulation.**
- **All waters in Mobile Bay and Bon Secour Bay south of N30 25.000' latitude not permanently closed by law or regulation.**

Licensed live bait dealers are reminded that the taking of live bait north of a line beginning at the northern shore of East Fowl River running along the northern edge of the Fowl River Channel to Marker #2 in the Fowl River Channel then southeasterly to Middle Bay Light and then northeasterly to Great Point Clear is prohibited at this time except by Permit holders in the Special Permit Area in the Mobile Ship Channel.

Fishermen should be aware that state biologists will continue to sample in the areas to be opened. This opening is in response to routine shrimp sampling that indicated the average size were larger than 68 head-on shrimp per pound within designated waters. Should sampling indicate a change in the average size of 68 head-on shrimp per pound, additional announcements will be provided to modify the original announcement.

Approved: Christopher M. Blankenship, Director
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