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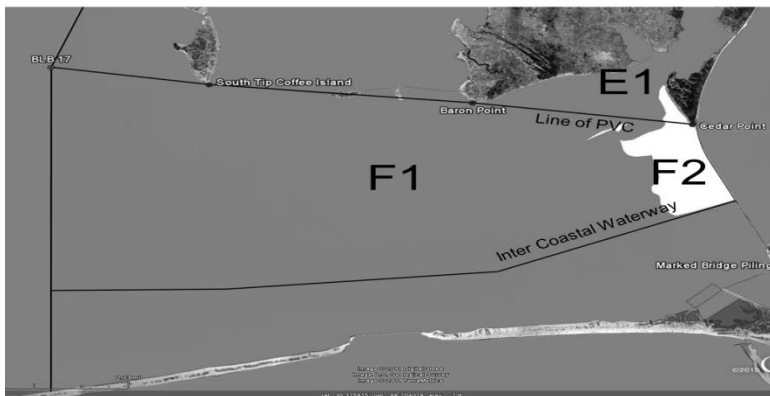
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Oyster Management Station and Zone Opening:

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division (AMRD) has completed the annual assessment of the oyster resources on the public reefs of Alabama. On September 21, 2016 AMRD also met with oyster fishermen at the Coden Response Center to share the results of the 2016 Alabama Oyster Assessment and to receive input on the proposed oyster season. After consideration of the available harvestable oyster resources of Alabama and input from the oyster fisherman and oyster processors, AMRD announces that the following Oyster Management Zones will be opened to the harvest of oysters beginning at 7:00 am on November 1, 2016.

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| <u>Harvest Zone(s) Open:</u> | All of Zone E (Heron Bay) and All of Zone F (including Cedar Point West) |
| <u>Date/Time Open:</u> | Tuesday, November 1, 2016/ 7:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| <u>Sack Limit:</u> | <u>6 sacks per person/vessel per day</u> regardless of how many licensed harvesters aboard |
| <u>Gear Restrictions:</u> | <u>Tong Only</u> |
| <u>Draft Restrictions:</u> | Vessel May Not Contact Reef Bottoms |
| <u>Management Station Location:</u> | Cedar Point Cutoff – Across from Jemison’s Bait Shop |
| <u>Management Station Hours:</u> | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday |
| <u>Management Station Contact:</u> | Oyster Management Station (251-331-1190), Dauphin Island Marine Resources Office (251-861-2882) |

Zone E and F



E1-General Heron Bay
F1-General (Excl. F2)
F2-Cedar Point West

This announcement is made pursuant to Section 9-12-28, Code of Alabama 1975 as stated by Rule 220-3-.02. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama’s natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.