Press Release

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Alabama Oyster Community Meetings Oct. 12

The Alabama Marine Resources Division (AMRD) will host two oyster meetings on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at the South Bay Coastal Response Center in Coden (7385 Hwy 188, Coden, AL 36523).

Both meetings are open to the public.

Public Oyster Harvest Meeting:

The first meeting will be from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and will focus on updating the community about present AMRD activities related to management of Alabama's oyster fisheries and to receive public input.

AMRD representatives will discuss prospective public oyster reef openings for the fall harvest, provide information about where and how oyster management stations will be operated, answer any questions pertaining to oyster management zones, and discuss oyster related projects.

Oyster Aquaculture Meeting:

The second meeting will be from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. and will focus on providing information relevant to community members engaging in on-bottom and off-bottom oyster aquaculture activities.

If any accommodations are needed, please contact Jason Herrmann (<u>jason.herrmann@dcnr.alabama.gov</u>) or Scott Bannon (<u>scott.bannon@dcnr.alabama.gov</u>) at 251-861-2882. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least two days prior to the scheduled meeting.