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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, **Sunday, May 1, 2016** the following waters will **close** to shrimping:

• All inside waters including all of Mobile Bay, Mississippi Sound, Bon Secour Bay, Perdido and Wolf Bay systems and Little Lagoon.

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 during this closure except by Permit holders in the Special Permit Area in the Mobile Ship Channel.

All inside waters not permanently closed by law or regulation will subsequently reopen to shrimp harvest at 6:00 am, Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

Approved:

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