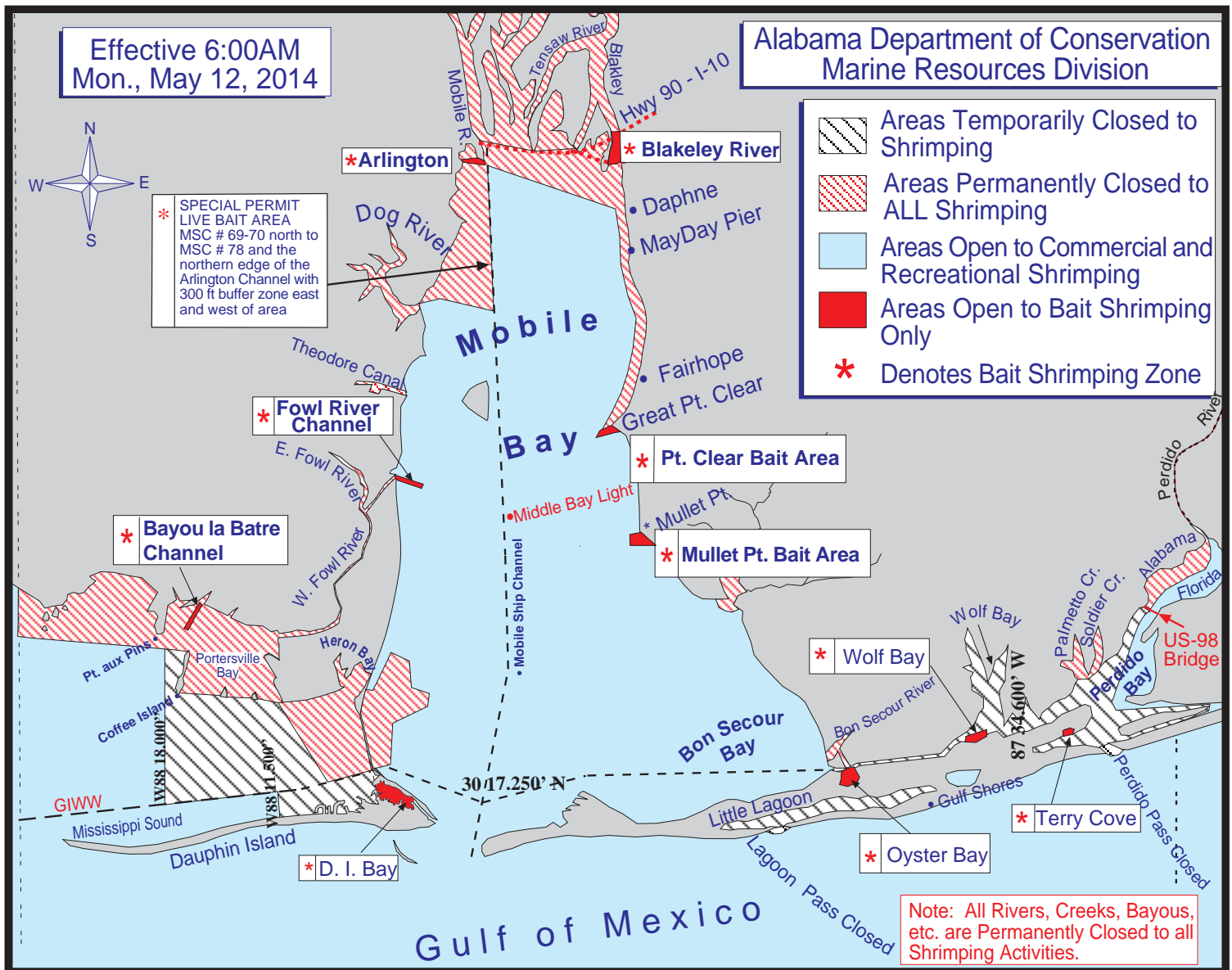




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Waters Closing to Commercial and Recreational Shrimping Effective 6AM, Monday, May 12, 2014

The map below depicts Alabama's waters opening to commercial and recreational shrimping. Please review the map and info for specifics. If you need more info or clarification, call one of our offices.





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FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE

May 9, 2014

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, **Monday, May 12, 2014** the following waters will **temporarily close** to shrimping:

- **All waters in the Mississippi Sound east of W88 18.000" longitude, north of the southern edge of the charted position of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) in the Mississippi Sound, and east of W88 11.500" longitude.**
- **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.**
- **All waters in 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.

Fishermen should be aware that state biologists will continue to sample in the areas to be opened. This temporary closure is in response to routine shrimp sampling that indicated the average size were smaller than 68 head-on shrimp per pound. This is an annual occurrence, mandated by law, to allow shrimp to grow to harvestable size. Additional announcements will be provided to modify the original announcement.


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