



The Shrimp e-Advocate

The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is a non-profit alliance of members of the U.S. shrimp industry in eight states committed to preventing the continued deterioration of America's shrimp industry and to ensuring the industry's future viability. SSA serves as the national voice for the shrimp fishermen and processors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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LDWF NEWS

NEWS FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Modifies Closures in Portion of Territorial Seas West of Caminada Pass to Recreational and Commercial Fishing

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Secretary Robert Barham announced the following additional closure of a portion of the territorial seas, in lower Lafourche and Jefferson parishes, from the western shore of Caminada Pass to Belle Pass to recreational and commercial fishing activities effective immediately, May 20, 2010. Oil has been documented in the area, including the presence of tar balls on Fourchon Beach.

Territorial Seas Closure

The state's territorial seas seaward of the inside-

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outside shrimp line from the western shore of Caminada Pass at 90 degrees 02 minutes 46.597 seconds west longitude westward to the western shore of Belle Pass at 90 degrees 13 minutes 36 seconds west longitude.

LDWF continues to work closely with DHH in an effort to assess all opportunities to resume normal fishing activities on Louisiana's coast and guarantee the safety of Louisiana's seafood.

Precautionary closures of recreational and commercial fishing have been implemented based on the best information the Secretary of the Department receives from field biologists, staff and trajectory models from NOAA.

Once reports are received, LDWF initiates a field survey and immediate seafood testing in the suspected areas. Closures are subsequently made with the intent to be as safe as possible, while not closing any fishing areas unnecessarily. As test results come back clearing the area, effected waters are then reopened.

All other closures remain in place.

For more information related to the oil spill, visit <http://www.emergency.louisiana.gov>. Connect with us at www.facebook.com/GOHSEP and on Twitter as @GOHSEP. View photos from the state's response efforts at www.flickr.com/photos/lagohsep.

To see current fishing map click here: www.wlf.louisiana.gov/pdfs/news/fishing-closure.jpg.

