



# 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.

**LDWF NEWS- OPENING OF SPRING SHRIMP SEASON**

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## NEWS FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

### LDWF ANNOUNCES OPENING OF SPRING SHRIMP SEASON IN LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN, LAKE BORGNE AND MISSISSIPPI SOUND

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Secretary Robert Barham announced the opening of the spring shrimp season in portions of Zone 1 east of the Mississippi River effective 6 am, May 31, 2010.

Spring Inshore Shrimp Season Opening:

- Pass Manchac east of the railway bridge
- Lake Pontchartrain
- Rigoletes Pass
- Chef Menteur Pass
- Lake Borgne
- Mississippi Sound: the portion of Mississippi Sound north of the Biloxi Marsh and west of 89 degrees 11 minutes 15.5 seconds west longitude at Isle au Pitre

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On May 6, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission granted authority to the secretary to open the spring shrimp season in both inside and outside state waters within Shrimp Management Zone 1, based on biological data and the latest oil-spill trajectory. Field reports indicate that 50 percent or more of the brown shrimp crop in these waters will average larger than 100 count per pound.

To date, there have been no confirmed reports of oil in these areas

All other closures issued by LDWF remain in place.

To view a map detailing these closures click here: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/pdfs/news/FISHING-CLOSURE.jpg>.

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