



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.

Updates in the Gulf

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External Affairs

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Updates in the Gulf - NOAA Reopens Northern Gulf to Fishing

Dear NOAA Fisheries Constituents and Stakeholders,

Today NOAA reopened commercial and recreational fishing in 5,130 square miles of Gulf waters, stretching from the far eastern coast of Louisiana, through Mississippi, Alabama, and the western Florida panhandle. The reopening also included the area currently open to finfish only, which will now be open for both finfish and shrimp. The reopening was announced under a re-opening protocol agreed to by NOAA, the FDA, and the Gulf States. A map, press release and all associated materials are posted to NOAA Fisheries Southeast Region website. This modification to the closure area will go into effect at 6PM Eastern time this evening.

To keep apprised of changes to the closed area, NOAA has a number of communication tools available to keep you informed. Please share this information with those who are interested but may be not be aware of these options.

- Southeast Fishery Bulletins by email - SERO.Communications.Comments@noaa.gov



Get the facts.

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- Recordings of current coordinates in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish 1-800-627-NOAA
- NOAA Weather Radio announcements about closure area
- Receive text messages on you cell phone - text to **fishing@gulf** to 84469 (for more [information](#))
- Follow on Twitter: @usnoaagov to get a tweet when the closed area changes.

Regards,

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