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#### **Shellfish waters reopen**

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State Health Officer Dr. Donald E. Williamson announced today the reopening of portions of Areas I, II and III of Mobile Bay that were temporarily closed to the harvesting of oysters on Feb. 12, 2004. This includes Cedar Point, Portersville Bay, Grand Bay, Heron Bay, Dauphin Island Bay and Bon Secour Bay. The order will become effective at 6 a.m., March 9, 2004.

The Alabama Department of Public Health will continue to monitor bay waters to ensure bacteriological safety.

For additional information concerning the opening, contact Dr. Lewis A. Byrd, Alabama Department of Public Health, in Mobile at (251) 432-7618.

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