



NEWS RELEASE

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

RSA Tower 201 Monroe Street, Suite 914 Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone 334-206-5300 Fax 334-206-5534

www.adph.org

Shellfish growing waters closed

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Lewis A. Byrd, Ph.D.

(251) 432-7618 Office

(251) 331-0511 Cellular

The Alabama Department of Public Health has closed all shellfish growing waters in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Areas I, II, III and IV are closed: this includes Cedar Point, Portersville Bay, Grand Bay, Heron Bay, Dauphin Island Bay and Bon Secour Bay.

The order by State Health Officer, Dr. Donald Williamson, closes harvesting as of 4 p.m. on July 10, 2005. The order is issued as a result of possible bacteriological contamination of the oyster beds due to expected heavy rainfall associated with Hurricane Dennis.

The Alabama Department of Public Health will continue to monitor bay waters and the shellfish. Harvesting can be resumed as soon as areas meet acceptable bacteriological criteria.

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

7/10/05