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#### **Shellfish growing waters open**

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State Health Officer Dr. Donald E. Williamson announced today the reopening of portions of Areas I and III of Mobile Bay that were temporarily closed to the harvesting of oysters on Jan. 30, 2006. This includes Cedar Point, Heron Bay, Dauphin Island Bay and Bon Secour Bay. The order will become effective at 6 a.m., Feb. 6, 2006.

Area II remains closed. The Alabama Department of Public Health will continue to monitor bay waters and shellfish 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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