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ADPH reopens one area to oyster harvesting

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State Health Officer Dr. Donald E. Williamson announced Tuesday the reopening of portions of Area III of Mobile Bay that were temporarily closed to the harvesting of oysters on Oct. 23, 2007. This includes Bon Secour Bay. The order will become effective at 6 a.m., Feb. 20, 2008.

Only Area III was closed during this time; areas I and II had not been 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 Jeff McCool,

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