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#### **Portions of Mobile Bay opened to oyster harvesting**

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State Health Officer Dr. Donald E. Williamson announced the reopening of portions of Areas I, II and III of Mobile Bay that were temporarily closed to the harvesting of oysters on March 23. This includes Portersville Bay, Grand Bay and Heron Bay. The order will become effective at 6 a.m. April 17.

All public oyster reefs remain closed by order of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division.

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, Alabama Department of Public Health, in Mobile at (251) 432-7618 or (251) 331-0617.

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