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### **Area II of Mobile Bay opened for harvesting of oysters**

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State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson announced today the reopening of Area II, of Mobile Bay that was temporarily closed to the harvesting of oysters on August 30, 2010. This includes Portersville Bay and Grand Bay. The order will become effective at 6 a.m., Sept. 4, 2010.

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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