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ADPH reopens areas to oyster harvesting

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State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson announced today the opening of portions of Area VI of Mobile Bay that have been temporarily closed to the harvesting of oysters. This includes the area east and north of the mouth of East Fowl River. The order will become effective at 6 a.m. on Oct. 22.

All other public oyster reefs remain closed for harvest 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) 662-7511 or (251) 331-0617.

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