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Shellfish growing waters closed

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The Alabama Department of Public Health has closed a portion of shellfish growing waters in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Area VI is closed. Area VI is defined as the waters in Mobile Bay north of the Fowl River Channel and south of the Theodore Industrial Channel, west of the Mobile Ship Channel.

The order by State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson closes harvesting as of 6 a.m. on Nov. 7, 2012. The order is issued as a result of possible bacteriological contamination of the oyster beds in this one area due to recent rainfall.

All other public oyster reefs will remain closed or open as needed by order of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division. ADPH will continue to monitor bay waters and the shellfish.

For additional information concerning the closure, contact Jeff McCool, Alabama Department of Public Health, in Mobile (251) 662-7511 or (251) 331-0617.