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Shellfish growing waters closed

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The Alabama Department of Public Health has closed all shellfish growing waters in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Areas I, II, III, IV, V and VI are closed. This includes Cedar Point, Portersville Bay, Grand Bay, Heron Bay, Dauphin Island Bay and Bon Secour Bay.

The order by Acting State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Miller closed harvesting as of 6 a.m. on Nov. 16, 2015. The order is issued as a result of the presence of red tide cells (*Karenia brevis*) exceeding standards. The Alabama Department of Public Health will continue to monitor bay waters and the shellfish. Harvesting can be resumed as soon as areas meet acceptable standards.

For additional information concerning the closure, contact Greg Dunn, Alabama Department of Public Health, at (251) 662-7511 or (251) 331-0409.