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### **Areas reopened to oyster harvesting**

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State Health Officer Dr. Thomas M. Miller announced today the reopening of portions of Mobile Bay that were temporarily closed to the harvesting of oysters on April 6, 2016. This includes Portersville Bay, Grand Bay and Heron Bay. The order will become effective at 8 a.m., April 13, 2016.

All public oyster reefs are managed by Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Marine Resources Division (MRD) for harvest. Catchers are reminded to check with MRD for information regarding areas open for harvest.

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 Ron Dawsey, Alabama Department of Public Health, in Montgomery at (334) 206-5375 or (334) 850-5115.