

Shellfish growing waters closed

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The Alabama Department of Public Health has closed shellfish growing waters in Mobile County. Areas II and VII are closed; this includes Portersville Bay and Grand Bay.

The order by State Health Officer, Dr. Thomas Miller, closed harvesting as of 6 a.m. on December 14, 2016. The order is issued as a result of possible bacteriological contamination of the oyster beds due to sewage discharge.

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 bacteriological criteria.

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