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Shellfish growing waters closed

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

The order by State Health Officer, Dr. Thomas Miller, closed harvesting as of 7 a.m. on January 29, 2017. The order is issued as a result of possible bacteriological contamination of the oyster beds due to recent rainfall.

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.

For additional information concerning the closure, contact Byron Webb, Alabama Department of Public Health, at (251) 433-2428 or (251) 331-3447.