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### **Shellfish growing areas closed**

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

The order by State Health Officer, Dr. Thomas Miller, closed harvesting as of 3 p.m. on June 21, 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.

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