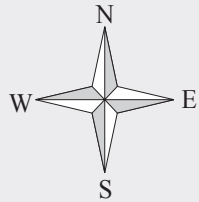






# Areas Open to Shrimping

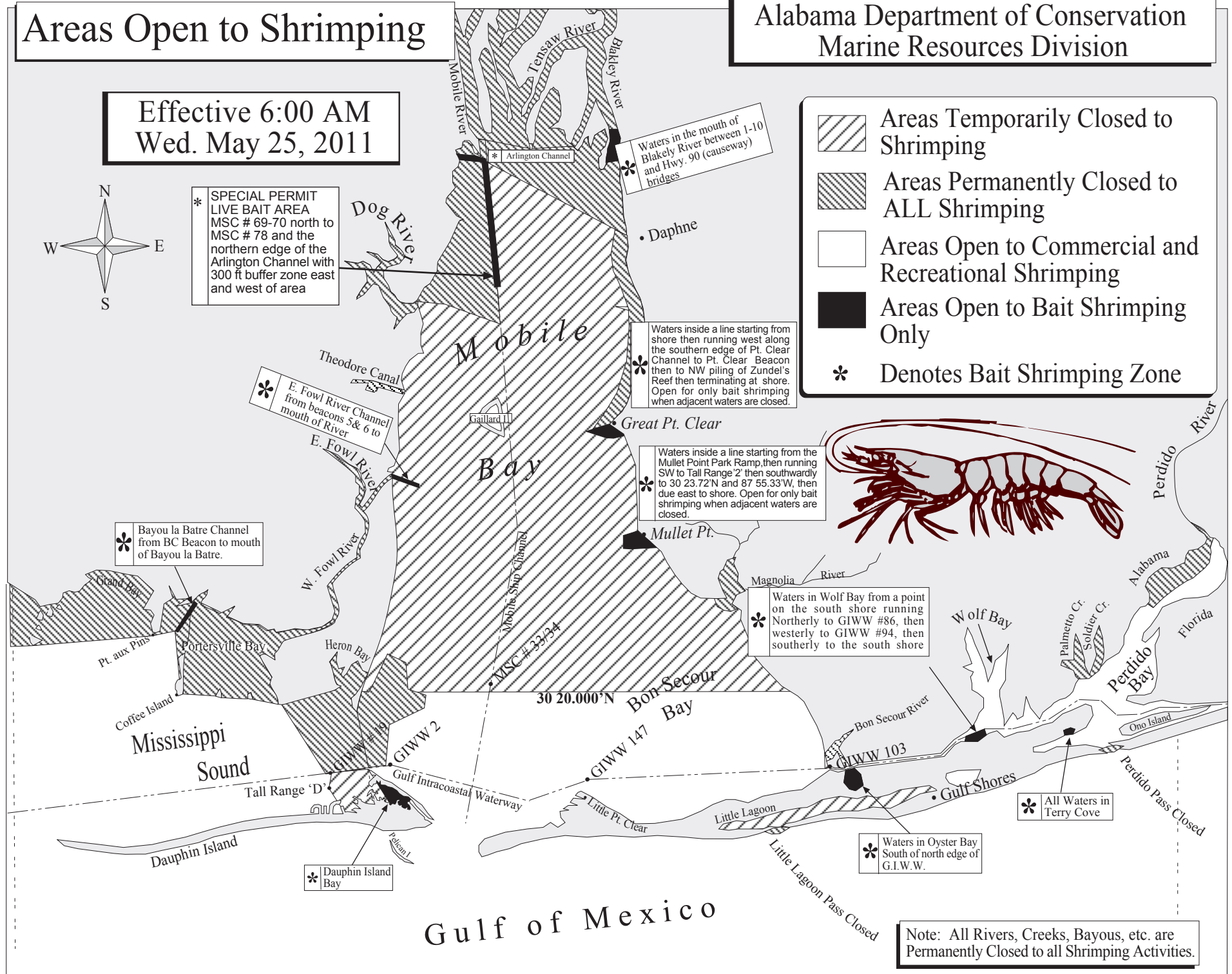
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Effective 6:00 AM  
Wed. May 25, 2011



\* SPECIAL PERMIT  
LIVE BAIT AREA  
MSC # 69-70 north to  
MSC # 78 and the  
northern edge of the  
Arlington Channel with  
300 ft buffer zone east  
and west of area

-  Areas Temporarily Closed to Shrimping
-  Areas Permanently Closed to ALL Shrimping
-  Areas Open to Commercial and Recreational Shrimping
-  Areas Open to Bait Shrimping Only
- \* Denotes Bait Shrimping Zone



Note: All Rivers, Creeks, Bayous, etc. are Permanently Closed to all Shrimping Activities.



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## FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE

Pursuant to Section 9-12-46, Code of Alabama as stated by Rule 220-3-.01 the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division announces that as of 6:00 am, **Wednesday, May 25, 2011** the following waters not permanently closed by law or regulation will **open** to shrimping:

- **All waters of the Mississippi Sound, except those waters south of the southern edge of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) that are east of a line extending from the charted position of GIWW Marker#19 southwardly to the charted position of Tall Range "D" then to the western edge on the mouth of Heron Bayou on Dauphin Island.**
- **All waters of Mobile Bay, except those waters north of 30 20.000'N.**
- **All Alabama waters in Wolf Bay and Perdido Bay including Bayou St. John, Terry Cove, Arnica Bay, and Bay La Launch.**

Licensed live bait dealers are reminded that the taking of live bait north of a line beginning at the northern shore of East Fowl River running along the northern edge of the Fowl River Channel to Marker #2 in the Fowl River Channel then southeasterly to Middle Bay Light and then northeasterly to Great Point Clear is prohibited during this closure except by Permit holders in the Special Permit Area in the Mobile Ship Channel.

Fishermen should be aware that state biologists will continue to sample in the areas to be opened. This opening is in response to routine shrimp sampling that indicated the average size were larger than 68 head-on shrimp per pound within designated waters. Should sampling indicate a change in the projected average size of 68 shrimp per pound, additional announcements will be provided to modify the original announcement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher M. Blankenship".

Approved: Christopher M. Blankenship, Director  
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