

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Office of Maine Patrol

LETC/LEC State Report – March 2020

State Enforcement

State enforcement efforts with regard to commercial oyster, shrimp, and crab fisheries have noticed sharp declines in effort and catch, presumably attributed to fresh-water incursion to the Mississippi Sound from the sustained opening of the Bonnet Carrie Spillway.

Federal Enforcement

The Office of Marine Patrol recently entered into an agreement with NOAA OLE for December 2019 through December 2020.

Legislation

The Mississippi Legislature is currently in session and set to adjourn on May 10, 2020. Any legislation passed during the session will be reflected in the October 2020 report.

Regulations

No Changes During the Reporting Period

Staffing

One new patrol officer was hired in November 2019 and two new patrol officers were hired in January of 2020.