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Change in Federal Water Boundaries Closed to Fishing

MOBILE- NOAA Fisheries Service modified the boundaries of the 10 day closed federal fishing area in the Gulf of Mexico to better reflect the current extent of the oil. The area begins approximately 20 miles south of the Alabama coast and extends to south of the mouth of the Mississippi River. Additional information is available at www.sero.nmfs.noaa.gov. The 10 day closed fishing area starts May 7, 2010 and will end May 17, 2010.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) said Friday that Alabama waters are still open to both commercial and recreational fishing as well as federal waters within 20 miles of the Alabama coast.

DCNR reminds boaters to avoid the boom barriers that are placed to protect the estuaries and beaches of Alabama. The booms are not to be moved and no vessels should cross the booms.

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