

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Spring Inshore Shrimp Season Closure—Zone 1

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons, R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters and a resolution adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on May 2, 1996 which authorized the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1996 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so, the secretary hereby finds:

That the 1996 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season shall be closed in all of Zone 1 at 12:01 a.m., Monday, July 22, 1996 (midnight Sunday, July 21, 1996), except the open waters of Breton and Chandeleur Sounds as described in the Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S. 56:495.1.A(2)) which shall remain open to shrimping until further notice. Zone 1 is that portion of Louisiana's inshore waters from the Louisiana/Mississippi state line west to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River.

Small white shrimp have begun to show up in shrimp samples taken by department personnel in Zone 1. The number of white shrimp is expected to increase substantially over the next few weeks.

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