

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries News

LDWF Officials Remind Public, Commercial Fisheries Remain Open

Officials urge commercial and recreational fishermen to follow all public safety advisories.

May 8, 2011 - In anticipation of the opening of the Bonnet Carre and Morganza spillways, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) officials reaffirm that commercial fisheries with active seasons will remain open. Officials also remind commercial and recreational fishermen, and boaters to follow all safety guidance from the US Coast Guard, LDWF enforcement officers and the Louisiana State Police.

Currently, there is a special shrimp season open in Vermilion Bay and details may be found [here](#). Officials have also authorized the start of the spring shrimp season in stages across the Louisiana coast. Details on the season, which shall open in some areas on May 13, 2011, may be found [here](#). The oyster season on public seed grounds remains closed.

High water levels in the Mississippi River have warranted boating advisories from officials throughout Louisiana. LDWF enforcement agents are patrolling high water areas to ensure traffic and wakes do not impact houses or camps where ever possible.

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