

## **Mississippi Department of Marine Resources**

Besides Marine Fisheries Management and Wetlands Permitting, the Department of Marine Resources is also responsible for seafood plant inspection and certification, coastal preserves management, installation of marine pump out stations, removal of derelict vessels, administration of boat and water safety programs, marine law enforcement, shellfish growing-waters management, saltwater fish/shrimp/oyster licensing, Tidelands program administration, and management of the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The Commission on Marine Resources (CMR) is composed of five members appointed by the governor for four-year terms to represent the following areas: commercial seafood processors, nonprofit environmental organizations, charter boat operators, recreational fishermen and commercial fishermen.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit us online at [www.dmr.state.ms.us](http://www.dmr.state.ms.us).