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## **Shellfish growing waters closed**

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The Alabama Department of Public Health has closed shellfish growing waters in Baldwin County. Area III is closed; this includes Bon Secour Bay.

The order by State Health Officer, Dr. Donald Williamson, closed harvesting as of 6 a.m. on July 13, 2013. The order was issued as a result of possible bacteriological contamination of the oyster beds due to recent rainfall.

The Alabama Department of Public Health will continue to monitor bay waters and the shellfish. Harvesting can be resumed as soon as areas meet acceptable bacteriological criteria.

For additional information concerning the closure, contact Jeff McCool, Alabama Department of Public Health, in Mobile (251) 662-7511 or (251) 331-0617.

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