

By: Representative Ellington

To: Conservation and Water  
Resources

## HOUSE BILL NO. 937

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-64.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CHANGE MARINE WATER BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION TO CONFORM TO NEW  
3 CHANNEL MARKER NUMBERS ESTABLISHED BY UNITED STATES COAST GUARD;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-15-64.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 49-15-64.1. The shrimp season shall open on the first  
9 Wednesday of June. The shrimp season shall be closed from January  
10 1 until it is opened the first Wednesday of June, except south of  
11 the intercoastal waterway. The shrimp season shall be closed  
12 south of the intercoastal waterway from May 1 until it is opened  
13 the first Wednesday of June. For the purposes of this section  
14 only, that portion of the intercoastal waterway that extends from  
15 a point south of Long Beach to a point south of Point Clear is  
16 described as follows:

17 Begin at green buoy or beacon number 1 which is located  
18 approximately three (3) miles north of West Point on Cat  
19 Island, thence extending southwesterly to buoy or beacon  
20 number 4P, thence southwesterly to Pass Marianne Light,  
21 thence southwesterly to buoy or beacon number 15P at the  
22 northernmost point of Merrill Coquille, thence  
23 southwesterly to buoy or beacon number 17P, thence  
24 southwesterly to buoy or beacon number 22, thence  
25 westerly to Lighthouse Point and continuing westward  
26 following the meandering of the shoreline to the  
27 boundary line of the state.



28       The commission, by majority vote, may open the season at an  
29 earlier or later date in designated areas only after sampling  
30 areas within its jurisdiction where shrimp may be caught for the  
31 purpose of determining the count of shrimp per pound. The  
32 commission may also, by majority vote, close certain designated  
33 areas where the shrimp count is found, by sampling, to be in  
34 excess of sixty-eight (68) per pound. The following waters are  
35 protective and staging areas for young shrimp, and are permanently  
36 closed to commercial and recreational shrimping activities:

37           All waters north of a line beginning at a point  
38 one-half mile due South of the shoreline at the  
39 Mississippi-Alabama state boundary; thence running  
40 westerly following the meanderings of the shoreline  
41 one-half mile therefrom to Light "5" in the Bayou  
42 Casotte Channel; thence running northerly to Light "7"  
43 in the Bayou Casotte Channel; thence running westerly  
44 following the meanderings of the shoreline one-half mile  
45 therefrom to the intersection with the Pascagoula  
46 Channel; thence running northwesterly to Beacon "50" in  
47 the Pascagoula Channel; thence running southwesterly to  
48 Beacon "49" in the Pascagoula Channel; thence running in  
49 the most direct line to the northeast point of Singing  
50 River Island; thence running westerly along the north  
51 shoreline to the northwest point of Singing River  
52 Island; thence running northwesterly to a point one-half  
53 mile due south of the mouth of Graveline Bayou; thence  
54 running westerly following the meanderings of the  
55 shoreline one-half mile therefrom to Beacon "18" in the  
56 Biloxi Bay Channel; thence running northwesterly to  
57 Beacon "22" in the Biloxi Bay Channel; thence running  
58 northwesterly to Beacon "26" in the Biloxi Bay Channel;  
59 thence running westerly to Beacon "34", exclusive of the  
60 Biloxi Channel itself; thence running westerly to Beacon



61 "30" in the Biloxi Channel, exclusive of the Biloxi  
62 Channel itself; and thence running due South to a point  
63 on the north shore of Deer Island; thence running  
64 westerly following the north shore of Deer Island to the  
65 westernmost tip; thence running westerly in the most  
66 direct line to Biloxi Beacon "8"; thence running  
67 westerly following the meanderings of the shoreline at a  
68 distance of one-half mile therefrom to a point on the  
69 centerline of the CSX Railroad Bridge over St. Louis  
70 Bay; thence running westerly along the centerline of  
71 said bridge to a point one-half mile south of the  
72 western abutment; thence running southwesterly following  
73 the meanderings of the shoreline, at a distance of  
74 one-half mile therefrom, to a point one-half mile due  
75 East of the mouth of Bayou Caddy; thence running due  
76 West to the mouth of Bayou Caddy; thence running  
77 southwesterly following the meanderings of the shoreline  
78 to the southernmost point of the Mississippi shoreline  
79 on the east bank of the mouth of the Pearl River thence  
80 following the meanderings of the east bank of the Pearl  
81 River to a point where the east bank of the Pearl River  
82 intersects the centerline of the Highway 90 bridge;  
83 thence westerly along the centerline of the Highway 90  
84 bridge to a point that intersects the  
85 Mississippi-Louisiana state boundary.

86 The redesignation of beacon numbers by the United States  
87 Coast Guard shall not alter the description of the boundary  
88 described in this section.

89 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
90 and after its passage.

