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Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

August 27, 2024



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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates August 27, 2024

Employment Updates

Promotions:

- Wyatt Webb – Promoted July 1, 2024 – LEO II, Sergeant - Office of Marine Patrol

New Hires:

- Lawrence McCutcheon – July 1, 2024 – LEO I, Private - Office of Marine Patrol
- Leslie Ervin – August 19, 2024 – Accountant II – Office of Finance & Accounting

Contracts and Procurements for August 2024

Service Contracts					
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Procurement Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Commodity/Service Description</u>
Silver Ships	Reverse Auction	534,876.80	30 Months	FEMA, Tidelands	Two 27ft. Aluminum Hull Vessel
Mastodonte LLC	Invitation for Bid	116,661.29	19 Months	EPA grant	Stormwater System Resilience Project at Kreole Elementary



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Actions Update for August 27, 2024 Commission Meeting

Discussed at the July 2024 meeting:

- The Commission recommended and the Director approved the following motions:
- Due to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council meeting scheduled August 19 through August 22, 2024, motion to move the August 20, 2024 Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources meeting to August 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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Motion to recommend the following State Saltwater Finfish Records:

a. All Tackle:

1. Gray Snapper (*Lutjanus griseus*) – 15 lbs. 14.4 oz.
– Joseph Rizzuto
2. Atlantic Creolefish (*Paranthias furcifer*) – 1 lb. 9.6 oz.
– Sean Cook



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Wetland Permitting Actions Jan-Jun 2024

Total Actions	
Total	388
Regulated Activities/ CZ Consistency Determinations	323
Reviews/ Pre-Application Meetings	49
Violations	17

Wetland Permitting Actions Comparison

	1st half 2021	1st half 2022	1st half 2023	1st half 2024
Total Actions	472	467	360	388
Regulated Activities/ CZ Consistency Determinations	436	394	302	323
Reviews/ Pre-Application Meetings	30	56	41	49
Violations	6	17	17	17



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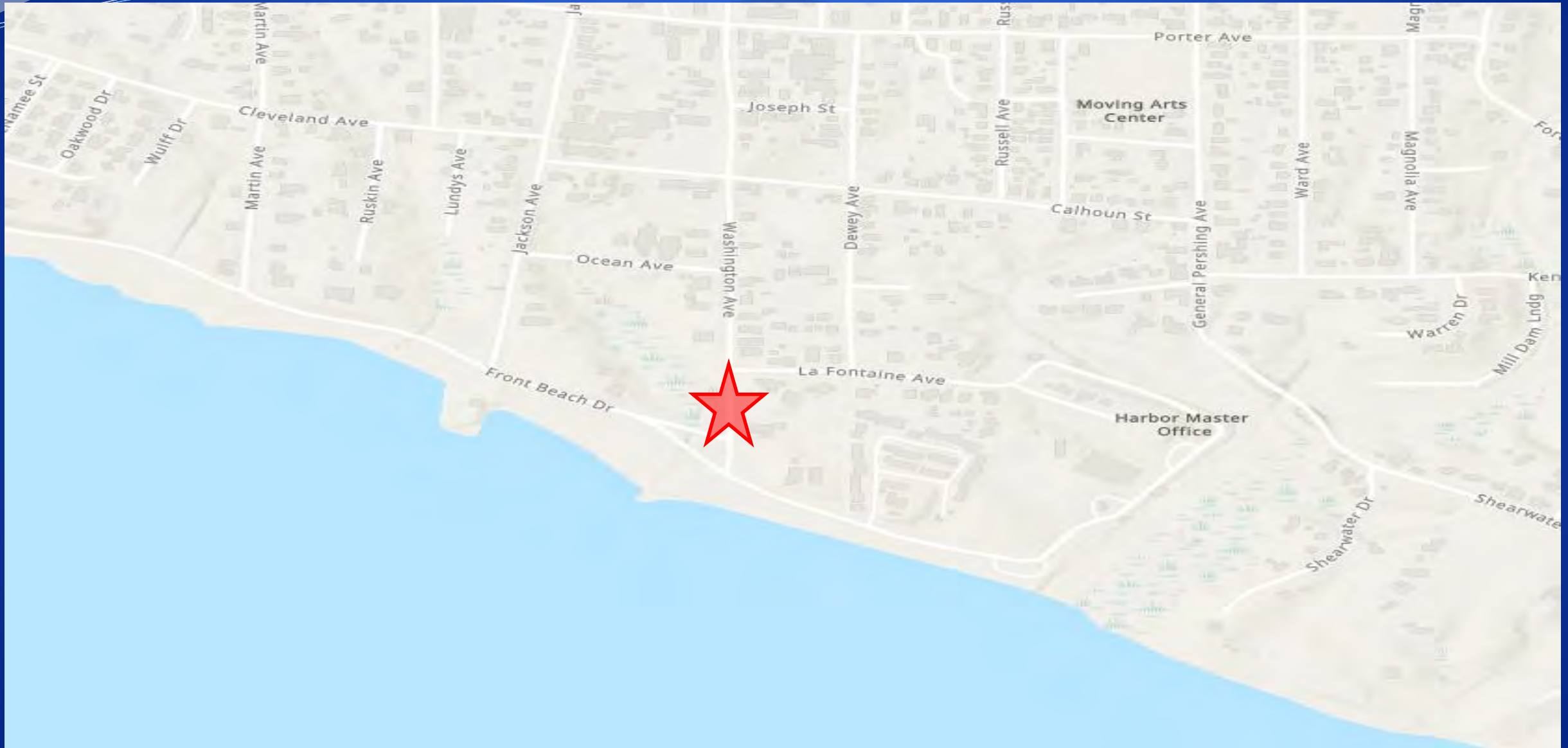
Request for Permit by: City of Ocean Springs DMR24-000016

- **Location:** South of La Fontaine Avenue, continuing along Washington Avenue, Ending at Front Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, Jackson County
- **Use District:** (G) General Use District
- **Agent:** Neel-Schaffer
- **Project Purpose/Need:**
 - Elevate the roadway by 3 feet
 - Prevent flooding during high tides and storm events
 - Install improved/enlarged storm drains, three new stormwater inlets, new piping under the roadway, and a bulkhead on the west side of Washington Ave

Project Description

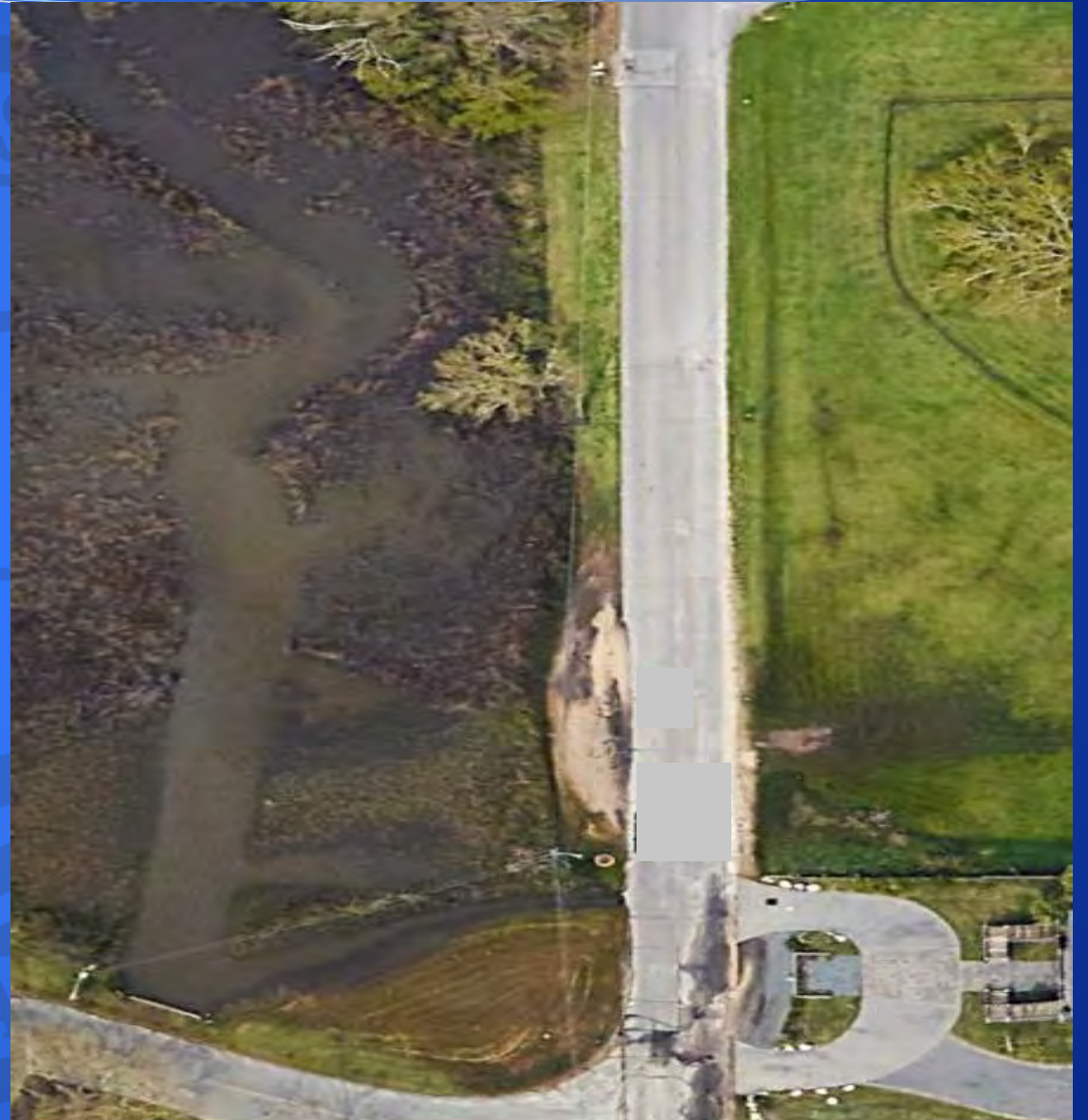
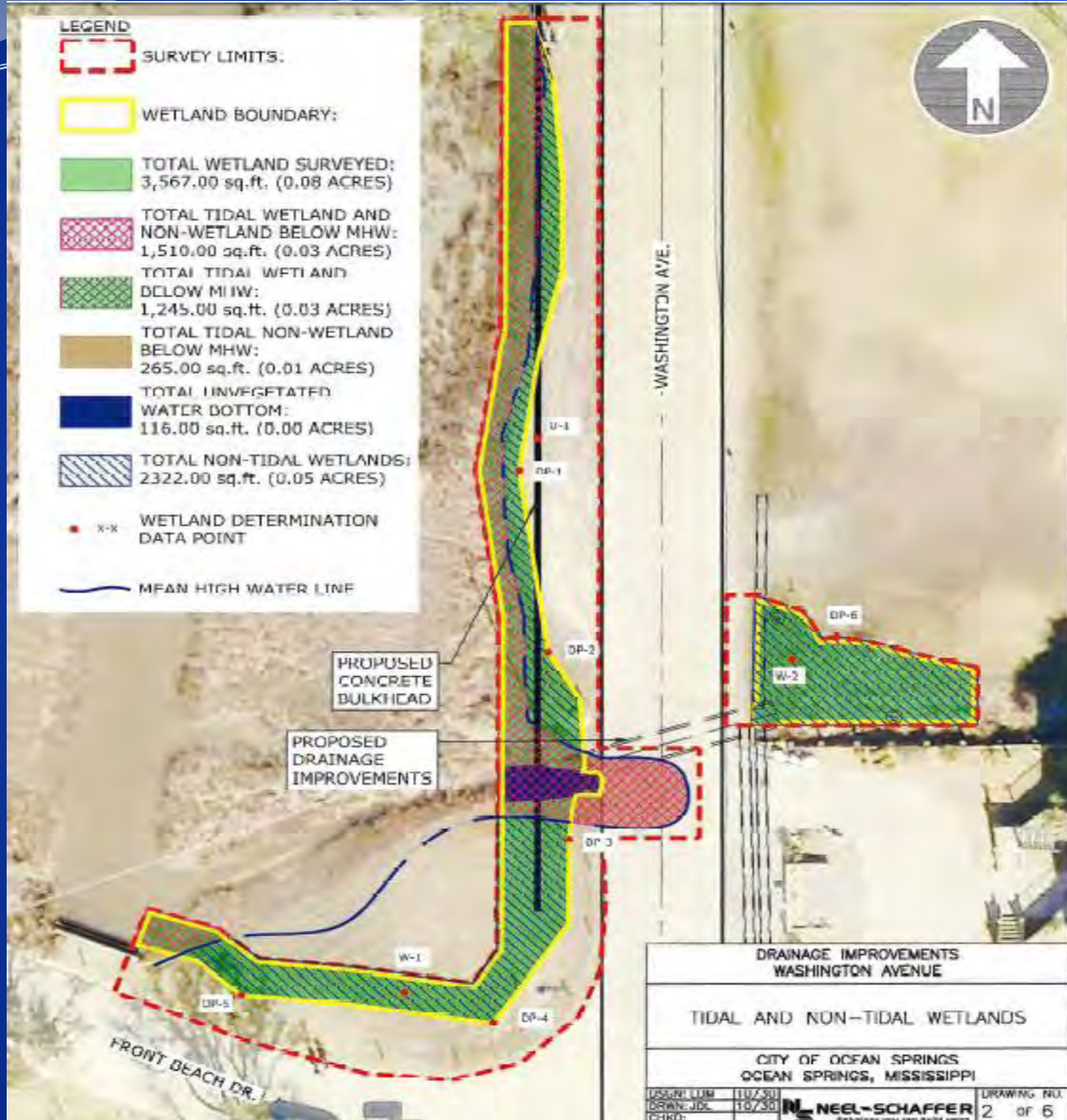
- **Fill for Road Improvements**
 - **Coastal Wetlands: 462 square feet**
 - 217 square feet of existing road
 - 48 square feet of shoulder
 - 74 square feet of unvegetated water bottoms
 - 123 square feet of vegetated water bottoms
 - For unavoidable impacts to Coastal Wetlands, applicant is requesting variances which will be discussed on a later slide
- **Non-Tidal Wetlands: 833 square feet**

Project Location



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Project Area



Variance Requests

- **Title 22, Part 23 (MS Coastal Program):**
 - Chapter 8, 103.03 "Vertical face structures must be aligned no further waterward than the current mean high tide line, and constructed so that reflective wave energy does not damage adjacent wetlands habitat."
 - Chapter 8, 114.01 "Permanent filling of coastal wetlands below the mean high tide line because of potential adverse and cumulative environmental impacts is not authorized."
 - Chapter 8, 114.03 "Sensitive coastal wetlands must not be filled."
- **Justification:**
 - Chapter 8, 118.03 by stating that no feasible, alternative sites or construction techniques are available; there is a significant public benefit in the activity; and a public hearing has been held.

Mitigation for Impacts to Coastal Wetlands

- For impacts to unvegetated & vegetated Coastal Wetlands totaling 197 square feet, the applicant is proposing to remove approx. 200 square feet of debris from other Coastal Wetlands located west of the Fort Bayou Bridge on Washington Avenue in Ocean Springs
- Additionally, any vegetation that will be impacted by this project will be removed and relocated to nearby marsh habitat outside of construction zone



Public and Agency Notice and Comments

- **Public Notice**

- Notification of the proposed project appeared in The Sun Herald on June 30, July 7, and July 14, 2024.
- Notification of the proposed project appeared on the MDMR website from June 27 to July 27, 2024
 - No public comments were received

- **Public Hearing**

- Held Tuesday, July 23, 2024
 - One comment received in favor of project
- MDEQ: No comments received
- MDAH: No objections
- MS SOS: “...a rent-exempt Public Trust Tidelands Lease from the State of Mississippi through this office is required for use of the public trust lands at this location.”

Staff Recommendation

- The staff of the Department of Marine Resources has conducted a thorough evaluation of the project and has made findings on the decision factors in accordance with Title 22, Part 23 (Mississippi Coastal Program). The project would serve a higher public interest by:
 - Ensuring that residents of the area will have a safe means of travel during storm events and evacuation if needed
- Therefore, staff requests a motion that the Commission recommend to the Executive Director:
 - Approve the requested Variances
 - Approve the Permit as requested



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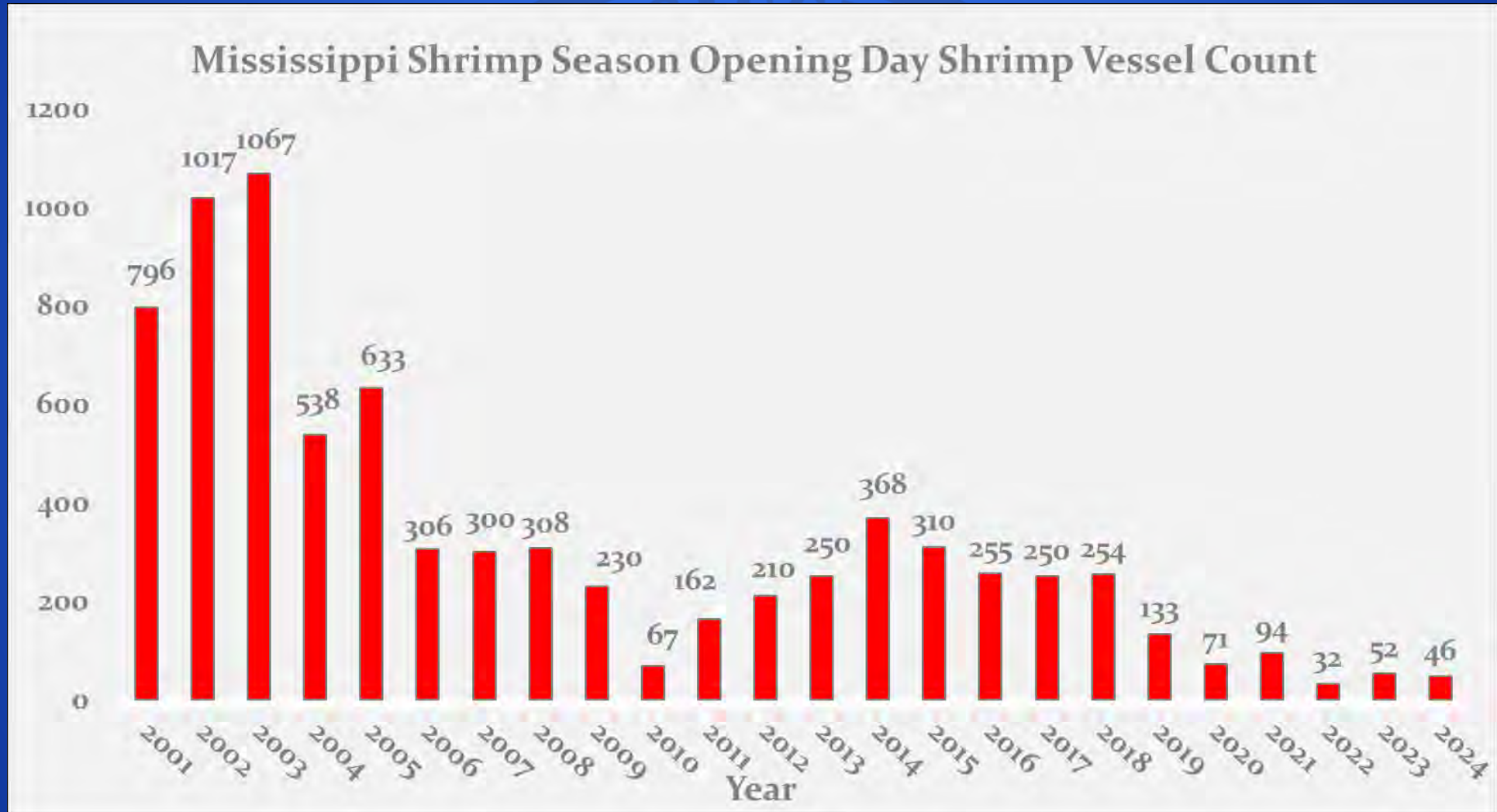


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2024 Mississippi Shrimp Season Update

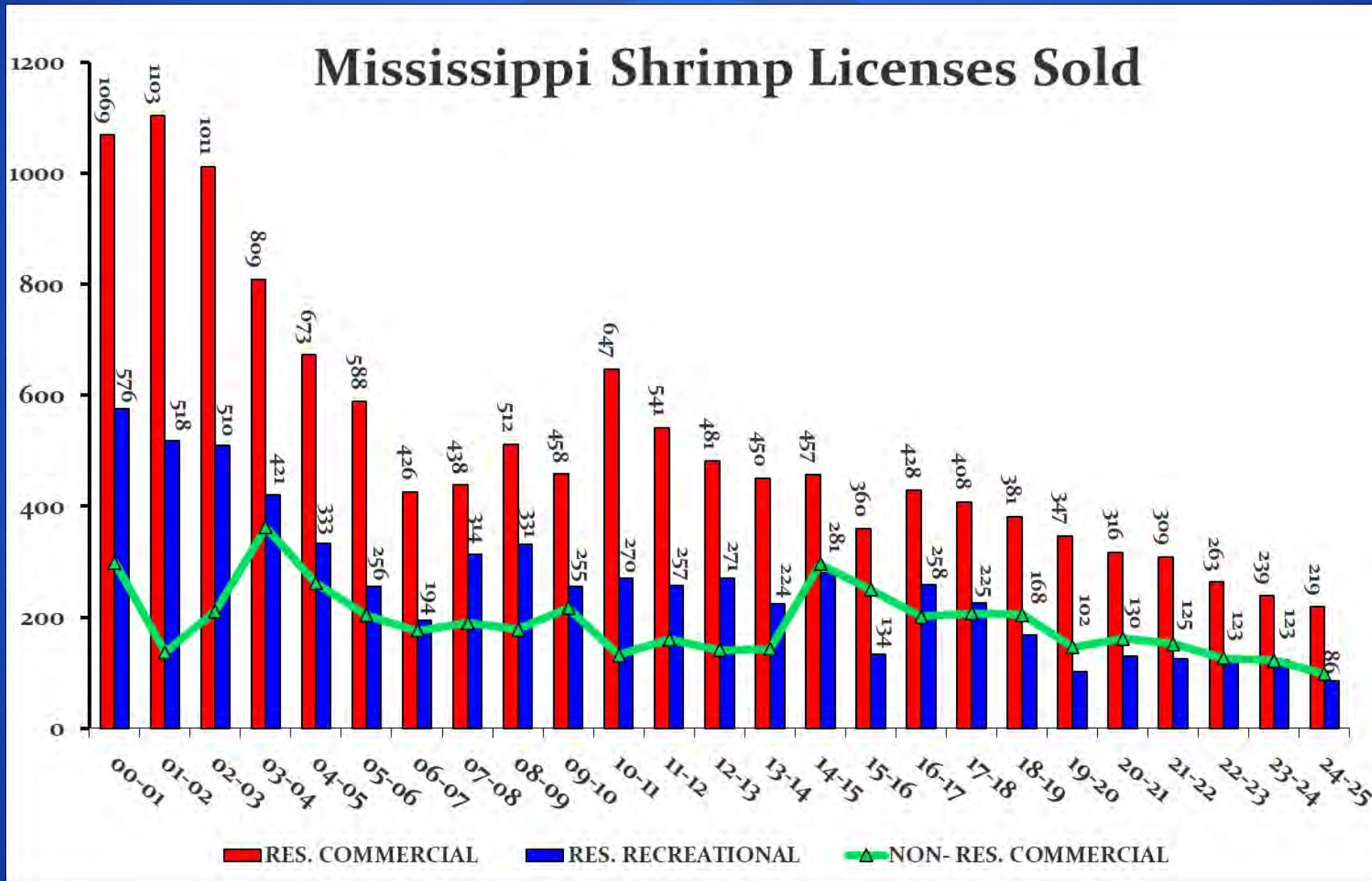
Jason Saucier
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Mississippi Shrimp Season Opening Day Effort

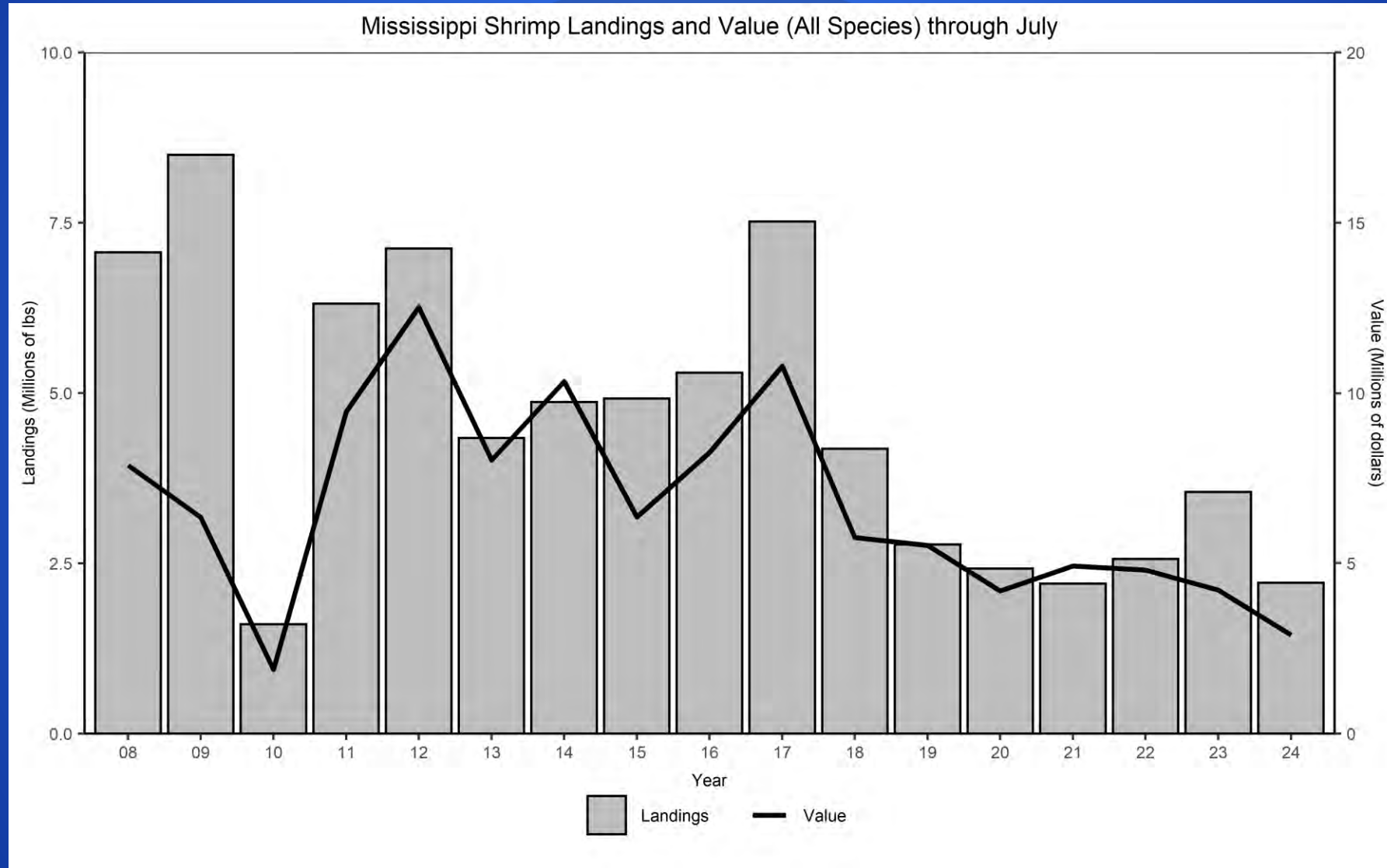


2024 Mississippi Shrimp Season Opened May 29th

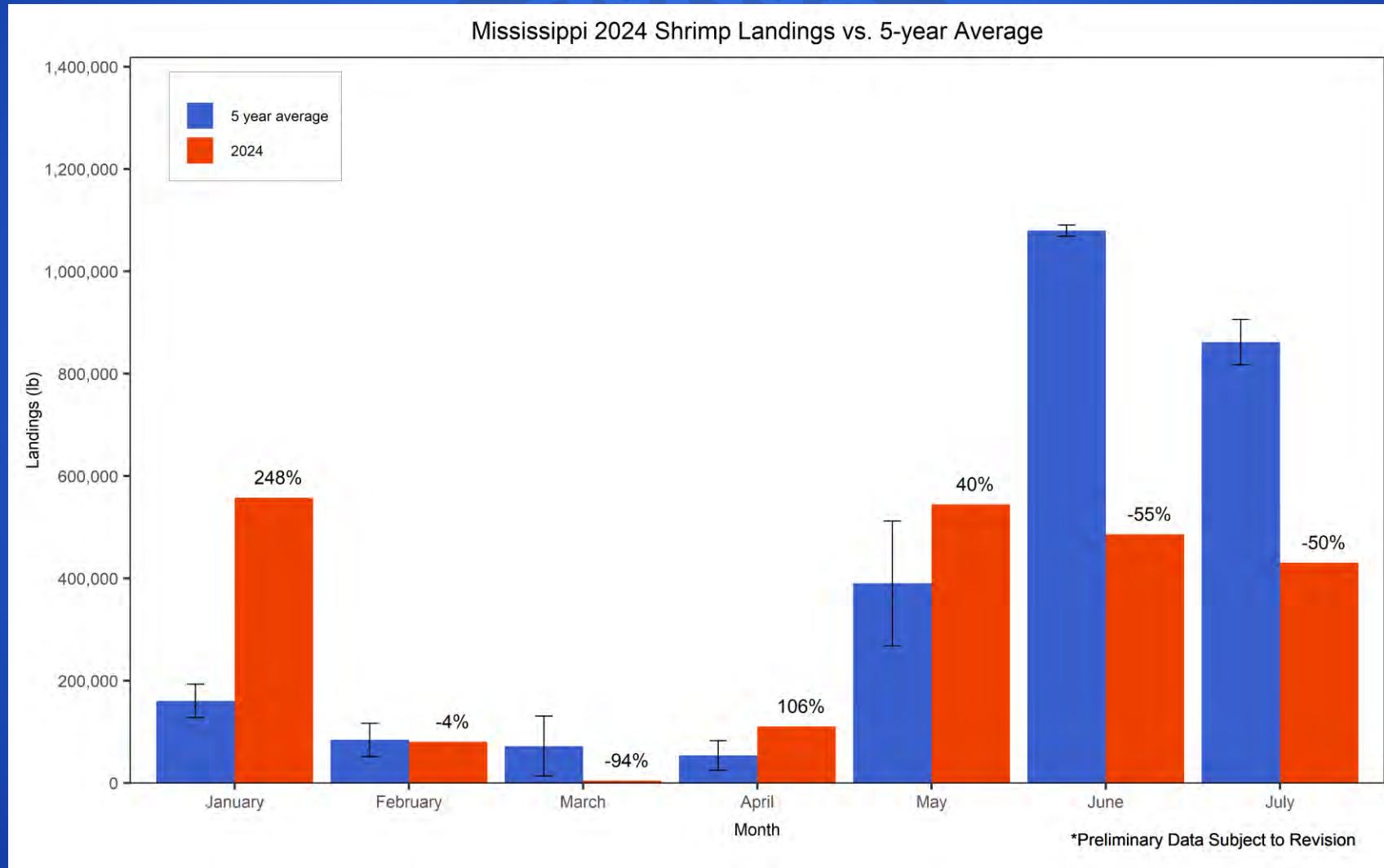
Mississippi Shrimp License Sales



January - June Shrimp Landings and Value



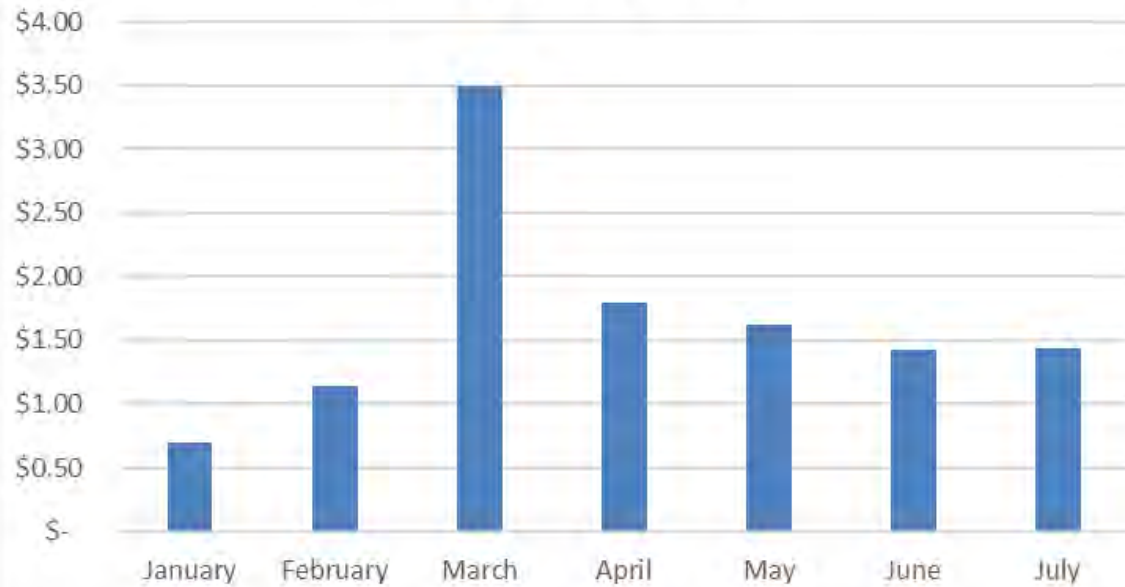
Monthly Landings vs. 5-year Average



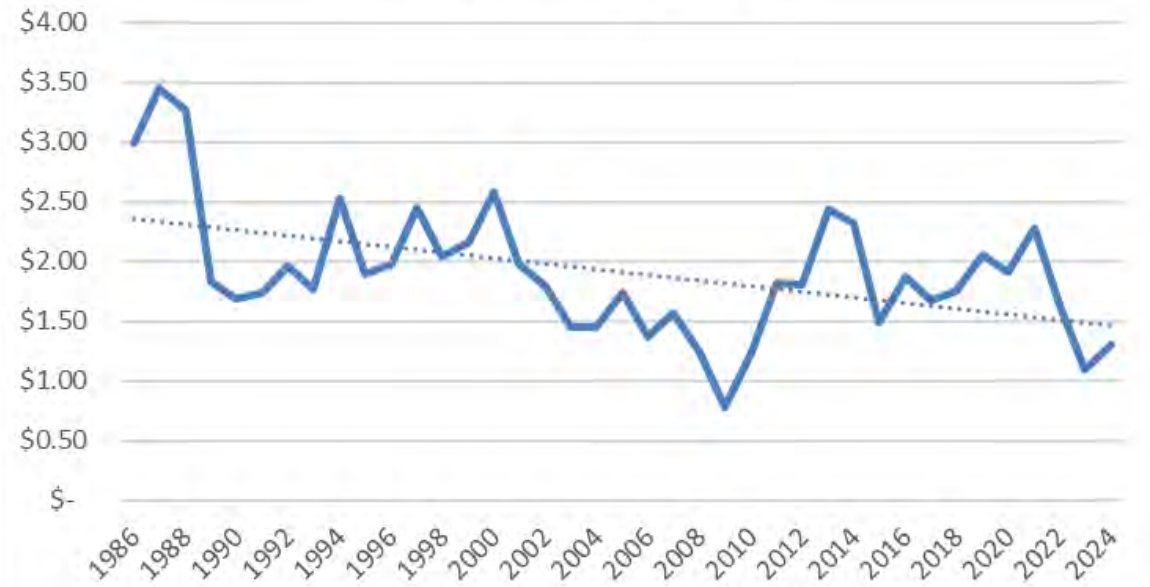
Shrimp Prices

Averages are across all species and market sizes

Monthly shrimp price/lb.



Average shrimp price/lb.



Questions?



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State Saltwater Finfish Records

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Conventional Tackle

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Conventional Tackle Record

★ Guachanche Barracuda
Sphyraena guachancho

New Record: 1 lb. 3.36 oz.

Angler: Maison Hallman

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Conventional Tackle Record

Golden Tilefish

Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps

Old Record: 20 lbs. 11.68 oz.

New Record: 28 lbs. 8.96 oz.

Angler: Dustin Conway

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All Tackle

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All Tackle Record

Whitebone Porgy
Calamus leucosteus

Old Record: 2 lbs. 5.0 oz.

New Record: 3 lbs. 8.0 oz.

Angler: Garrett Jones



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Fly Tackle

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Fly Tackle Record

Silver Perch

Bairdiella chrysoura

New Record: 0 lbs. 2.4 oz.

Angler: Alan Williams



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Youth Conventional Tackle

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Youth Conventional Tackle Record

Blacknose Shark

Carcharhinus acronotus

New Record: 16 lbs. 10.24 oz.

Angler: Braxton Necaïse

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Youth Conventional Tackle Record

Atlantic Silverstripe Halfbeak

Hyporhamphus unifasciatus

New Record: 0 lbs. 2.24 oz.

Angler: Rodie Armes

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Youth Fly Tackle

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Youth Fly Tackle Record

Crevalle Jack
Caranx hippos

New Record: 25 lbs. 10.24 oz.

Angler: Rodie Armes

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Youth Fly Tackle Record

Bluefish

Pomatomus saltatrix

New Record: 2 lbs. 4.0 oz.

Angler: Rodie Armes

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The seal of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is centered in the background. It features a circular border with the text "MISSISSIPPI" at the top and "DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES" at the bottom. Inside the circle, there is a depiction of a bird in flight over a body of water with waves, and a palm frond on the right side. Two stars are positioned on either side of the top text.

Motion to Recommend Adoption of New State Records

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Grand Bay NERR

It's been a busy Spring and Summer!

Teacher Professional Development Workshops

Teachers on the Estuary
(TOTE) – *Enkindled in Ecology:
Igniting Habitat Restoration* –
June 11, 12, & 13



Two *Let's Get Batty!* workshops
– June 18 & 20



Two *Fun with Frogs!* workshops
– June 25 & 26



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Outreach with Partner Programs

Our DMR Intern,
Ashley Fuentes, at the
Stay Safe and Play
Event – June 30



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Summer Library Programs

Programs about having safe and fun outdoor adventures:

George Co., East Central – June 17

Ocean Springs, Vancleave – June 18

St. Martin, Gautier – June 19

Pascagoula, Moss Point – June 20



BRACKISH:

Biodiversity, Relationships, Aquatic
Chemistry Knowledge in Saline Habitats
Field Trip with Moss Point, May 8



National Estuaries Day 2024!

Join us for *Seaside with a Scientist*

Meet Water Quality Scientists,
Ornithologists, and
Restoration Ecologists as you
tour the waters of the reserve.

*Get your tickets starting on
August 30!*

Seats go fast!!



Saturday, September 30, 2024

Boat Rides 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Building Open 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

<https://grandbaynerr.org/event/ned2024/>



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