Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Marine Resources Division

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RULE NO. & TITLE:

220-3-.02 Oystering

INTENDED ACTION:

Amendment.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To require training every two years from the Marine Resources Division/Alabama Department of Public Health prior to issuance of an oyster harvester or oyster dredge license; to remove the prohibition of taking oysters by swimming, diving or wading in Heron Bay or its tributaries; to allow the Director of Marine Resources to issue oyster dredging permits; to provide that persons possessing more than 100 oysters shall be deemed to possess those oysters for commercial purposes; to make unlawful the taking of oysters for commercial purposes from public reefs without having first registered at the Oyster Management Station for that area; to provide that Oyster Management Stations shall be established by the Director of the Marine Resources Division

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of the Marine Resources Division at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in advance by personally appearing at Room 474, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 5, 2015.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

June 5, 2015.

<u>CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:</u> Chris Blankenship, Division Director, Marine Resources Division, P. O. Box 189, Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528.

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Secretary of Administrative Procedure