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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

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Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: TITLE 22 – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 4 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TAKING OF CRABS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Chapter 06 Gear Regulations: Adds Section 115

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Mississippi Code Ann. § 49-15-15, APA, § 25-43-1.101 *et seq.*

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Title 22, Part 4: (complete description attached).

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**

- An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_
- Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

- Economic impact statement not required for this rule.  Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

<p align="center"><b>TEMPORARY RULES</b></p> <p>_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____</p>	<p align="center"><b>PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES</b></p> <p>Action proposed: _____ New rule(s) _____ Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____</p> <p align="center"><i>Jamie M. Miller</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>FINAL ACTION ON RULES</b></p> <p>Date Proposed Rule Filed: <u>8/16/16</u> Action taken: _____ X _____ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ X _____ Other (specify): <u>1/1/2017</u></p>
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Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Jamie M. Miller, Executive Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules: \_\_\_\_\_

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Complete description of proposed changes:

TITLE 22 – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 4 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TAKING OF CRABS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Chapter 06 Gear Regulations

115 All crab traps placed in the marine waters of the State of Mississippi shall be equipped with no less than two (2) escape rings positioned on the vertical outside walls of the trap, with at least one (1) ring located in each chamber. Escape rings must have a minimum of 2 and 3/8 inches inside diameter. From April 1 to June 30 and from September 1 to October 31, escape rings may be obstructed for the purposes of retaining peeler or buster crabs.