State Closes Louisiana Oyster Beds in Advance of Isaac

BATON ROUGE, La. -- The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals will close oyster harvest areas 1-28, which are located from Lake Borne in St. Bernard Parish to Vermillion Bay in Vermillion Parish, effective at sunset on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012. This is a precautionary closure because Tropical Storm Isaac, which is expected to strengthen to hurricane status before landfall, could cause flooding in coastal parishes that would cause natural contaminants to be washed into rivers, bayous and streams, where they can then flow into the oyster-growing areas. These shellfish-growing areas will remain closed until such time as...