State to Reopen More Oyster Beds Tomorrow

Baton Rouge -- The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals will reopen some of the oyster beds that were closed Tuesday, as a precautionary measure in advance of Hurricane Isaac. Oyster harvesting areas 19, 21 and 23, which are located in coastal areas of Terrebonne Parish, will reopen half an hour before sunrise on Saturday, Sept. 8. The order to reopen these harvest areas was signed today by DHH Secretary Bruce D. Greenstein, Office of Public Health Assistant Secretary J.T. Lane and State Health Officer Dr. Jimmy Guidry. Oyster harvesting areas 1-28 were closed on Aug. 28. Last week, the state reopened areas 26, 27 and 28, which are located along the coastal areas of Vermillion and St. Mary parishes.