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***MDMR, Partners to Hold Mississippi Spotted Seatrout Seminar***

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) and partners will hold a FREE Seminar on Mississippi Spotted Seatrout, Thursday, Nov. 17, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the first-floor meeting room of the Bolton Building at 1141 Bayview Ave. in Biloxi. Keynote Speaker, Jim Franks, with the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Lab (GCRL), will speak on “Habitat & Spawning for Spotted Seatrout.”

Additional scheduled talks are:

- “Spotted Seatrout Assessment and Management,” by MDMR’s Finfish Bureau Director, Buck Buchanan, and Read Hendon, GCRL
- “Spotted Seatrout Culture,” by Reginald Blaylock, Ph.D., GCRL
- “Spotted Seatrout Tricks of the Trade,” by Capt. Sonny Schindler, Shore Thing Charters

The seminar is part of a series aimed at enhancing familiarity between interested groups and increasing awareness of the programs, needs and opportunities that are relevant to marine research in Mississippi waters.

All interested parties are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact MDMR Sport Fish Restoration Coordinator, Rick Burris at 228-374-5000.

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