

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 32

WHEREAS, historically disasters and health related issues have resulted in periods of unemployment for the 300 people who are employed as processors and tongers in the oyster industry; and

WHEREAS, Oyster reefs are closed for an average of three months each year; and

WHEREAS, state grants and community action assistance in the form of food and other subsidies which have been committed to help during these periods are often inadequate and the people affected need to plan for these problems and develop a support system among themselves to reduce the reliance on state and federal assistance in times other than times of major disaster (i.e., hurricanes).

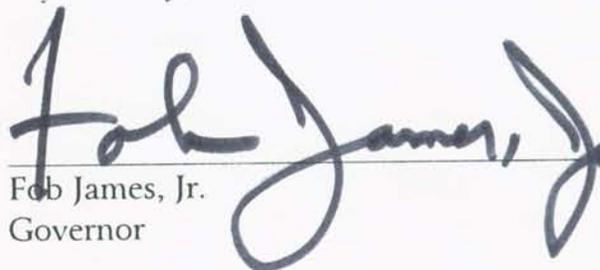
NOW THEREFORE, I, Fob James, Jr., Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Alabama, and for other good and valid reasons, which relate thereto, do hereby establish and create the Oyster Harvest Board which shall be given the responsibility of developing and implementing a plan which shall make that portion of the population of Alabama which is dependent on the oyster farming more independent and prepared for the disasters and health related issues that traditionally have created times of crisis for them.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the board shall be composed of five (5) voting members appointed by the Governor, two (2) of whom shall be oyster processors and three (3) of whom shall be oyster tongers; one voting member appointed by the State Health Officer, and members representing the Department of Conservation, Alabama Department of Economic Community Affairs, and Emergency Management Agency shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon the Governor's signature and shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor.

DONE AND ORDERED this 12th day of May, 1997.



  
Fob James, Jr.  
Governor

Attested:

  
Jim Bennett  
Secretary of State