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DMR Marine Patrol Charges Two With Illegal Gill-Netting

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Marine Patrol cited two Bay St. Louis men with illegal gill net and other related charges after receiving a call from a concerned citizen Friday, April 16, 2010.

About 10:45 a.m. April 16, Marine Patrol Officer Scott Anderson responded to a call stating that there were some illegal gill nets and fish entanglements in Bayou Caddy in Hancock County. After his arrival, Anderson observed two men removing a monofilament gill net with fish in it from the water into their boat. Anderson found about 35 pounds of red fish and 3 pounds of flounder in the boat.

Elwood A. Matherne Jr., 48, of Bay St. Louis was issued six citations, and Mark Matherne, 39, of Bay St. Louis was issued four. Each man could face about \$10,000 in fines. The men were held at the Hancock County jail on \$3,000 bond each. Anderson was assisted by Marine Patrol Lt. Donnie Armes.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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