

Mobile Bay & Alabama Coastal Waters

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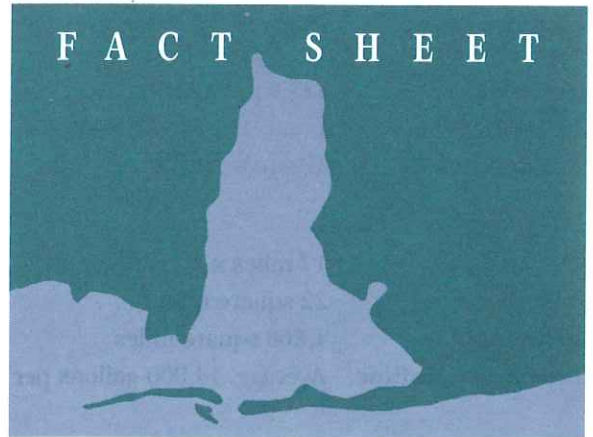
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Mobile Bay

Dimensions	31 miles x 10.8 miles x 10 feet
Area	413 square miles
Shoreline	84 miles
Watershed	Local, 600 square miles (south of I-10) Total, 43,630 square miles (sixth largest in the United States)
Freshwater Inflow	Average, 460,000 gallons per second (fourth largest in the United States) Low, 60,000 gallons per second High, 3,700,000 gallons per second
Tidal Range	Average, 1.3 feet Minimum, less than 0.1 foot Maximum, 2.6 feet
Tidal Marsh	5 square miles

Mobile Delta

Dimensions	30 miles x 9.6 miles
Area	289 square miles
Open Water	32 square miles
Tidal Marsh	16 square miles

Mississippi Sound

Dimensions	16 miles x 7.1 miles x 11.7 feet
Area	113 square miles
Watershed	Local, 100 square miles
Tidal Marsh	17 square miles

Perdido Bay

Dimensions	17 miles x 1.3 miles x 8 feet
Area	22 square miles
Watershed	1,868 square miles
Freshwater Inflow	Average, 14,000 gallons per second

Wolf Bay

Dimensions	4 miles x 1.3 miles x 9 feet
Area	5.2 square miles

Weeks Bay

Dimensions	25 miles x 1.1 miles x 4.8 feet
Area	2.7 square miles
Watershed	192 square miles
Freshwater Inflow	Average, 2,400 gallons per second

Some Alabama Coastal Totals

Open Water	616 square miles
Shoreline	433 miles
Gulf Beach	47 miles
Tidal Marsh	44 square miles
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation	4.3 square miles

Population (1992 estimate)

Baldwin County:	106,349
Mobile County:	389,234
Total	495,583

Shipping

Vessels per Year:	1,200
Tonnage:	40 million tons

Fisheries Landings From Alabama Waters

Blue Crabs, 2.5 to 3.5 million pounds
Oysters, 0.8 to 1.2 million pounds
Mullet, Flounder, Menhaden, and White Trout, 2.5 to 3.5 million pounds
Shrimp (inside waters only), 0.9 to 1.4 million pounds

Total Fisheries Landings

Shrimp, 13 to 15 million pounds
Other, 8 to 9 million pounds