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ROFFS FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS FOR THE CAPE SAN BLAS TO MOBILE AREA (LORAN)

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Based on a multiple factor analysis, the symbols (hot spot spots) mark the areas where bait concentrations are expected and where fishing action is expected to be better compared with other (non-marked) areas. These are not based on dock rumors or hearsay fishing reports. Fishing reports are stated as such. You should start fishing where you recognize other signs of good fishing conditions near these marked areas. It is very important to use your sea surface temperature (sst°) gauge to locate the boundaries of the water masses, which are outlined. Rather than trying to find water based on the absolute temperature values shown on the map, search for the relative change in sst where the water mass boundaries occur. Arrows indicate the main current direction. Numbers inside of the dots indicate the number of consecutive days that we have seen favorable conditions in that location.

SPECIAL NOTE: We will be working on July 4th (9am-5pm EST), but will be closed the following Monday July 6, 2009.

We are able to observe the ocean conditions in this area relatively clearly today using a combination of infrared and MODIS chlorophyll satellite imagery from late last night, this morning and early this afternoon. Overall, we continue to observe a large amount of brown and green Mississippi River water flowing eastward out of the Delta towards the Steps and inshore of the De Soto Canyon. A significant portion of this oxygen depleted water is also being pulled in an unfavorable offshore motion throughout this area suggesting a continuation of overall slow and scattered fishing action. However, we do continue to observe an unstable finger of blended blue 83.4°F water that remains over the 500-1000 fathom ledges within the De Soto Canyon that may provide increased chances for tuna, dolphin, wahoo and billfish. Offshore of Cape San Blas, we continue to observe a blue green 84.2°F-green 86.3°F boundary zone over good bottom areas inshore of 50 fathoms that will likely continue to provide increased chances for fishing action with a combination of cobia, kingfish, tuna, dolphin, wahoo and perhaps billfish, especially where conditions have remained for multiple days.

With this in mind, the ocean conditions offshore of Pensacola suggest increased chances for fishing action with cobia, kingfish, tuna, dolphin, wahoo and billfish will occur along the edges of the filament of blended blue 83.4°F water where it lies over the 500 fathom ledge in De Soto Canyon and where favorable, but different, conditions have remained for the past two days near 87°12'W & 29°08'N and 87°10'W & 29°00'N, as well as, over the 1000 fathom ledge at the Double Nipple near 87°40'W & 28°58'N. On your way out to the blended blue water, do not overlook the blue green 84.6°F water as it may also provide increased chances for action over the good bottom of the Spur near 86°55'W & 29°26'N, 400 fathom ledge near 87°03'W & 29°19'N, and westward near 87°18'W & 29°12'N and 87°32'W & 29°08'N. If you find that the blended blue water is not as productive as you would like, we suggest you continue offshore and south of De Soto Canyon and fish the bands of blended blue 83.8°F and blue 84.3°F water where they have also remained stable for multiple days along the 300-500 fathom ledges from near 86°48'W & 28°48'N to 87°00'W & 28°45'N to 87°07'W & 28°36'N, and from 86°37'W & 28°37'N to 86°58'W & 28°25'N.

Offshore of Cape San Blas, the ocean conditions suggest good chances for fishing action will occur along the northern edge of the blue 83.8°F Loop Current water where it continues to get pulled northwestward into this area offshore of the 100 fathom ledge and where favorable conditions have remained for the past two days from near 13810 & 46243, 13800 & 46320, and along the 200 fathom ledge near 13575 & 46300. On your way out to this band of blue water, do not overlook the blue green to green 84.2°F-86.3°F boundary zone as it may provide increased chances for action where favorable conditions have also remained for 2 days from Johnny Walker near 13850 & 46565 to Madison near 13875 & 46500 to 13900 & 46400 to 13925 & 46340 to 13945 & 46260.

Thank you for not sharing this analysis with non-paying fishermen. We survive on your honesty. Verbal updates are free between 10:30 AM and 11:59 AM EST please call. Remember you can order and/or purchase your fishing analyses from our website or by email. SUMMER office hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 09:00 PM EST. Saturday hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST but often we will close earlier depending on demand, clouds, and weather. Requests for analyses should be called on Saturdays by noon during May/June and 1:00 PM EST during July-August so we can schedule our staff's hours.

