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## **ALABAMA SHRIMPING INDUSTRY ALIVE AND IN ACTION**

Bayou La Batre, September 8, 2005—While this shrimping community received extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina, the shrimping industry here is alive and in action.

Brett Dungan, Eat Alabama Wild Shrimp Committee Chairman said, “ Our best wishes and prayers go out to our fellow fishermen and communities along the Gulf Coast who were so terribly affected by Hurricane Katrina.”

In Bayou La Batre, many shrimp boats were undamaged from the storm and are leaving this week for 20-day shrimping trips in the Gulf of Mexico. There are 27 boats that are beached but relatively undamaged. Plans are now being made to move them back in the water and get them ready to go out.

Some processors were totally destroyed and others received extensive damage, but the processors are working together to get up to speed as quickly as possible and to locate alternate processing facilities for the time being. Some processors will be up and running by the end of the week.

The good news is that many processors have a supply of Alabama shrimp in storage. That supply will go into the marketplace immediately. And within 30 days the catch from the shrimp boats out on the water will be available.

“There is a tremendous synergy among our industry and a commitment to get back into full operation as soon as possible, said Dungan. “We want people to know that they will continue to have an ample supply of our wonderful locally caught shrimp. If people want to help us, the best thing they can do is ask grocery retailers and restaurants to purchase, distribute and promote Alabama Wild Shrimp. This is what will best help our industry.”

For more information on the Alabama shrimping industry, visit [www.eatalabamawildshrimp.com](http://www.eatalabamawildshrimp.com).