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Governor Musgrove Appoints William W. Walker As the Executive Director of Marine Resources

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has appointed William W. Walker of Mississippi as Executive Director of Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. The term will commence on July 8, 2002.

“Bill Walker is the ideal candidate for this position. I am confident in his knowledge of marine science and his capability to serve as the Executive Director for Marine Resources,” Musgrove said. “I look forward to his return to Mississippi and his service to our state in this position.”

Walker has recently served as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Legislative Fellow and as chief of the Ecological Diagnostics Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Gulf Ecology Division. He received his B.S. in botany and microbiology from Southeastern Louisiana University and a M.S. and Ph.D. in soil microbiology and biochemistry from Mississippi State University.

He served as adjunct faculty at several departments at Mississippi universities including University of Mississippi Department of Biology, University of Mississippi Department of Pharmacy, and the University of Southern Mississippi Center for Marine Sciences. A member of American Society for Microbiology, Mississippi Academy of Sciences, Society of Sigma Xi, and Gamma Sigma Delta, Walker is also widely published on the topic of environmental quality.

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