

*Remarks for the
Sardis Lake Marina Open House
August 23, 2003*

- Recognize Mayor Darby / Congressman
Wicker / Colonel Clapp
 - Skipper Marine representative
 - Other dignitaries

- Fishing stories / love of the outdoors
 - Story of Jordan / 15-point buck

- Mississippi is known for its outdoor
recreation opportunities
 - We're working to make the most of
those opportunities
 - Preserve them for future generations

- We do that by protecting and managing Mississippi's outdoor resources
 - Forests / over 800,000 acres of prime game areas and 38 Wildlife Management Areas

- We do it by investing in projects like the Sardis Lake Marina
 - Proud of the state's support for this project
 - Over \$1 million in grants and loans through MDA
 - Committed to growth of this area

- Working together with communities like Sardis around the state, we're sending a strong signal to the rest of the country
 - Signal that we're a good place to live and do business
 - Good schools, good jobs, good communities

- We've made great progress during a national recession
 - More than 54,000 new jobs at over 2,200 new and expanded facilities
 - Over \$15 billion in capital investment

- Projects like the Sardis Marina play a vital role in growing those numbers

- Appreciate the cooperation and hard work that went into making this day possible
 - Important to maintain that partnership for our shared success