MOBILE - Congressman Jo Bonner (R-AL) today issued the following statement in response to the ruling of the International Trade Commission (ITC) regarding the dumping of foreign shrimp in domestic markets:

"I am extremely pleased with the decision issued today by the International Trade Commission (ITC). The market for Gulf shrimp has been negatively and illegally manipulated for quite some time by the dumping of foreign imports in our domestic markets, and the impact on our producers has been nearly catastrophic. The ITC decision offers the first official determination that the American shrimp industry has been negatively impacted, and I hope it is the first step in reaching a resolution that protects shrimpers from foreign dumping and restores the strength of this industry and the livelihood of domestic producers."