

**Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)  
Scientific Committee (SC) Meeting  
Wednesday, April 21, 2004  
Hyatt Regency New Orleans at Louisiana Superdome  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

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| 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.   | Welcome and Introductions<br>Dr. James Kendall, MMS Chief Scientist and Committee Executive Secretary of the OCS SC  |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.   | Director and Deputy Associate Director for Offshore Presentations<br>Mr. Robert LaBelle, Deputy Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management and Executive Director of the OCS SC |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.   | Gulf of Mexico OCS Regional Overview<br>Mr. Chris Oynes, Director, MMS Gulf of Mexico OCS Region   |
| 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.   | Break  |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  | Some Highlights of the MMS <i>Environmental Studies Program</i> and Our Goal for the Next Day-and-Half<br>Dr. James Kendall  |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Overview of the Coastal Marine Institute, Louisiana State University<br>Dr. Larry Rouse, Director  |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Ethics Responsibilities of Committee Members<br>Mr. Art Gary, Deputy Ethics Director, Department of the Interior   |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Break  |
| 12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m. | Election of Chair and Vice-Chair   |
| 12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.  | Lunch  |

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 (Afternoon Session)**

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.      Charge to the Discipline Subcommittees  
 Chair, OCS Scientific Committee

Physical Sciences, Biology, and Socioeconomic Disciplines meet separately to discuss national and regional studies plans.

	<b>Biology/Ecology Decommissioning</b>	<b>Physical Sciences Phys-O, Air Quality, Hydrates</b>	<b>Social Sciences</b>
<b>2:15 - 3:30</b>	Pacific	Gulf of Mexico/HQ	Room Available for social scientists & other discussions
<b>3:30 - 3:45</b>	Break	Break	Break
<b>3:45 - 5:00</b>	Pacific	Gulf of Mexico/HQ	Room Available for Social Scientists & other discussions

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	<b>Interdisciplinary/ Biology/Ecology</b>	<b>Physical Sciences</b>	<b>Social Sciences</b>
<b>8:00- 9:30</b>	Sand & Gravel		Alaska-Social Sciences
<b>9:30 - 10:00</b>	Break	Break	Break
<b>10:00 - 12:00</b>	Sand & Gravel	Alaska (Biol/Ecol)	Gulf/HQ-Social Sciences
<b>12:00 - 1:30</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>1:30 - 3:30</b>	Gulf Biology	Alaska (Phys-O)	
<b>3:30 - 3:45</b>	Break	Break	Break
<b>3:45 - 5:30</b>	Biol./Ecol. Chairs and MMS Recorder Finalize Recommendations	Physical Sciences Chairs and MMS Recorder Finalize Recommendations	Social Sciences Chairs and MMS Recorder Finalize Recommendations

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8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Plenary Session Opening Comments, Chair, OCS SC
8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Discipline Subcommittee Reports (20 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology</li><li>• Physical Oceanography</li><li>• Socioeconomics</li></ul>
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m. –11:00a.m.	Open Discussion of Subcommittee Reports
11:00 a.m. –11:30a.m.	Public Comment
11:30 a.m. - 12:30p.m.	Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Items for Letter to the Director</li><li>• Emerging Issues/Topics of Interest</li><li>• Other Business</li><li>• Dates and locations for the next meeting</li></ul>
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn the meeting