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Social and Economic Consequences of Onshore OCS-Related Activities in Coastal Alabama Final Baseline Report

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Social and Economic Consequences of Onshore OCS-Related Activities in Coastal Alabama Final Baseline Report*.

This report documents the existing economic conditions in coastal Alabama and highlights industries that interact through their use of the region's natural resources. The industries include tourism, marine recreation, commercial fishing, and the oil and natural gas support industry. The report discusses how tourism and natural gas industries contribute to the economic growth of coastal Alabama and the State of Alabama, recent conflicts between the offshore gas and tourism industries over the use of coastal Alabama resources, and coexistence and conflict issues between the offshore gas industry and recreational and commercial fishing industries. The report presents five case studies to highlight the importance to the local and State economies of industry coexistence and shared use of the coastal region's natural resources. Case studies include "Gulf Coast and Dauphin Island Tourism Economy," "Recreational Angler User Coexistence with Natural Gas Development," "Relationship of Commercial Fishing Industry with Natural Gas Development," "Effects of Natural Gas Development on the Town of Dauphin Island," and "Comparison of Tourism and Natural Gas Tax Revenues to Local Governments and the State of Alabama."

For more information about the Environmental Studies Program, contact the Environmental Sciences Section (MS 5430), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2789.

You can obtain copies of the report from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$6.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 98-0046. You will be able to obtain this report also from the National Technical Information Service in the near future. Here are the addresses. You may also inspect copies at selected Federal Depository Libraries.

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