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MMS Approves \$450,000 Grant for Mississippi Heritage Resources

CIAP grant will fund project to gather information on gulf coast resource locations

NEW ORLEANS – The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has approved a grant for \$450,000 to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), to fund phases one and two of a project to document and conserve the heritage resources of the Mississippi gulf coast.

Grant funding for the first two phases will identify resources and collect data of known and potential heritage resource locations in the coastal counties of Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson. The project is expected to conserve the natural, scenic, historical, archaeological, and cultural environments of the Mississippi gulf coast.

“MMS is committed to helping Mississippi in its vital coastal restoration efforts through the CIAP program,” said MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst. “We are proud to partner with the Department of Marine Resources in supporting important conservation plans like this Mississippi Heritage Resources Project.”

The CIAP was created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Through the program, MMS will provide \$250 million in grants annually, from 2007-2010, to six eligible Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas producing states – Mississippi, Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, and Texas. The funding to Mississippi included \$30.9 million for each of the fiscal years 2007 and 2008 and \$23.8 million for 2009 and 2010. Three Coastal Political Subdivisions (counties) share in the funding of projects outlined in the state’s approved plan.

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