Accounting for Socioeconomic Change from Offshore Oil and Gas: Cumulative Effects on Louisiana’s Coastal Parishes, 1969-2000

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, Accounting for Socioeconomic Change from Offshore Oil and Gas: Cumulative Effects on Louisiana’s Coastal Parishes, 1969-2000.

The purpose of this report is to understand the effects of the development of the reserves of oil and gas located on the Outer Continental Shelf under Federal jurisdiction on the economies of the communities located in the adjacent coastal parishes of Louisiana. Growth in per capita personal income in 19 coastal parishes in Louisiana is compared with 45 noncoastal parishes over the 1969 to 2000 period. This period is divided into the 1969 to 1980 domestic “energy boom,” the 1980 to 1985 “price erosion and collapse,” the 1986 to 1990 “recovery,” and 1991 to 2000 “energy lull.” Per capita personal income is broken down into the components accounting for its rate of growth - improvements in industry mix, changes in relative wages, participation in the labor force, receipt of transfer payments, and property income - for each of the four phases of the 1969 to 2000 period. This method is a way to compare systematically the economic experience of the residents of coastal parishes with the experience of those farther removed but still affected by the same changes in the regional and national economies. Comparisons using this same format are also made of the five states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico and of Louisiana’s eight metropolitan areas.

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