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Optimization of Non-Voucher Gulf of Mexico Benthic Fauna Specimen Archives – A Cooperative Effort with the U.S. National Museum of Natural History

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Since 1986, BOEM has supported biological and geological sampling by Louisiana State University (LSU) scientists through a combination of competitive contracts and the Coastal Marine Institute. These activities resulted in large specimen archives under supervision of Dr. Robert S. Carney (biology) and Dr. Harry H. Roberts (geology). When both scientists retired, both collections were offered to the U.S. National Museum of Natural History (USNMNH) to support future investigations. It was discovered later that the archival obligations of the USNMNH do not extend to geological samples. The invertebrate animal collections were donated to USNMNH but rocks were retained at LSU.

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