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*Proceedings: 22nd Annual Gulf of Mexico
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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Proceedings: 22nd Annual Gulf of Mexico Information Transfer Meeting, January 2003*.

This proceeding summarizes the presentations from the 22nd Information Transfer Meeting held January 14-16, 2003, in Kenner, Louisiana. Session topics included rig and reef ecology, explosive removal of offshore structures, air quality, physical oceanography, mapping and ground truthing, deepwater technology, Gulf of Mexico continental slope studies and surveys, sperm whales, Gulf of Mexico oil history project, coastal studies, socioeconomic issues, fates and effects of discharges, and biotechnology. Of particular interest are the preliminary results from field work conducted during the summer of 2002, which examined the movement of sperm whales in the Gulf of Mexico and included experiments with a seismic vessel. Several of the sessions discussed fauna associated with offshore structures, including the potential for future biotechnology. Visit the website at www.gomr.mms.gov for more information on MMS's ongoing studies in the Gulf of Mexico Region.

This report is available only in compact disc format. The discs are available from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$15.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 2003-073. The report may be ordered through the Minerals Management Service's on-line ordering system at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/WebStore/front.asp>. 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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