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Refining and Revising the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region High-Probability Model for Historic Shipwrecks: Final Report

OCS Study MMS 2003-060, 061, and 062

The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Refining and Revising the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region High-Probability Model for Historic Shipwrecks: Final Report*.

This study refines and revises the 1989 model for predicting high-probability historic shipwreck areas in the Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR) and establishes new remote-sensing guidelines and equipment requirements for locating historic shipwrecks in the GOMR. Four tasks were accomplished under this study, which included updating the 1989 shipwreck database, correlating shipwreck data with reported hang sites, conducting magnetometer surveys with different equipment and survey strategies, and developing a revised model of shipwreck occurrences in the GOMR. Information from this study has already been useful in identifying several historic shipwrecks. The results from the study will be used to revise the current guidelines for conducting archaeological surveys in the GOMR.

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 2003-060, 061, and 062. 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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