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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Proceedings: Twenty-Fourth Gulf of Mexico Information Transfer Meeting, January 2007*.

The proceedings from the Twenty-Fourth Information Transfer Meeting held January 9-11, 2007, in Kenner, Louisiana, are now available. Highlights this year included results from a major study, the *Sperm Whale Seismic Study (SWSS)*, which is nearly complete, as well as sessions devoted to deepwater *Lophelia* coral and deepwater technology. The Minerals Management Service has been tasked by Congress to oversee the Coastal Impact Assistance Program; a session was devoted to the program which authorizes funds to be distributed to Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas producing states to mitigate the impacts of OCS oil and gas activities. Deepwater current dynamics were of particular interest as industry moves into waters farther offshore. Other topics included air quality, deepwater habitats, platform ecology, hydrates, coastal wetlands, offshore ecology, and chemosynthetic communities.

The next Information Transfer Meeting is scheduled for January 2009.

This report is available only in compact disc format from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$15.00, by referencing OCS Study MMS 2008-012. The report may be downloaded from the MMS website through the [Environmental Studies Program Information System \(ESPIS\)](#). 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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