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## **MMS Discusses Sperm Whale Seismic Study Findings**

**HOUSTON** — Minerals Management Service (MMS) Director Randall Luthi will release the synthesis report from a six-year, \$9.3 million research project focusing on a resident population of sperm whales in the northern Gulf of Mexico. The study uncovers surprising data about Sperm Whales' migratory patterns and their behavior in industrialized geographic areas.

**WHO:** MMS Director Randall Luthi  
MMS Protected Species Biologist Dr. Deborah Epperson,  
MMS Protected Species Biologist Carol Roden

**WHAT:** Discussion of sperm whale study findings and release of the revised "[Whales and Dolphins of the Gulf of Mexico](#)" poster.

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 21, 2008  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** The Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Wiess Energy Hall  
Energy Explorations Theater  
One Hermann Circle Drive  
Houston, Texas 77030

**MEDIA:** All credential news media are invited to participate.

**DIRECTIONS:** You will be able to park in the Museum Parking Garage located on Caroline St., just south of Hermann Drive. Enter the Museum through the Gift Shop and go to Museum Services in the Grand Hall to register. Please bring your parking stub with you to get it validated. From Museum Services, you will be directed to the Energy Explorations Theater.

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