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## MMS Donates Artifacts from Historic Shipwreck to State of Louisiana

**NEW ORLEANS** – The Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst and Louisiana’s Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu will announce the donation of more than 500 historically significant artifacts to the Louisiana State Museum and the Louisiana State Division of Archaeology at a news conference to be held at the Cabildo on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The artifacts, discovered in the wreckage of a yet-to-be identified wooden ship that sank in the federal waters off Louisiana’s coast, date from the early nineteenth century.

**Who:** Louisiana Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu  
MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst  
Texas A & M University Geological Oceanographer Dr. Bill Bryant

**What:** Donation of artifacts recovered from deepwater Gulf of Mexico shipwreck to the Louisiana State Museum and the Louisiana State Division of Archaeology. Archaeologists will discuss the field work, show underwater video from the project and display several artifacts.

**When:** Monday, March 9, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Louisiana State Museum  
The Cabildo, Jackson Square  
Sala Capitular, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Media:** News media representatives planning on attending the conference, please notify the MMS Gulf of Mexico Public Affairs Office at 504-736-2590 or Arthur Smith at the Louisiana State Museum at 504-568-6945.

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