

MEETING NOTICE



August 10, 2009

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission 60th ANNUAL MEETING October 12 - 15, 2009

This is your official invitation to attend the 60th Annual Meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. We hope you plan to join us. Please bring your spouse, and you are welcomed to invite guests, members of your staff, and any persons who may find interest in the activities of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. Senator Butch Gautreaux, Morgan City, Louisiana, is the presiding Chairman of the Commission.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS - CUT-OFF DATE IS **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009**

Mississippi is our host state and arrangements have been made to convene at the Imperial Palace Casino Resort & Spa, 850 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530, October 12 - 15, 2009. A block of sleeping rooms is being held at the special rate of \$79.99 single/double. *To assure accommodations, please make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel no later than Friday, September 18, 2009*, after which time the hotel can no longer guarantee a room reservation at this rate. We recommend making reservations online by going directly to the hotel website, www.ipbiloxi.com and use the **Meeting Group Code: S090492**. If you prefer you may call 1-888-946-2847 #1, and use the **Meeting Group Code** to insure the special group rate. Reservation instructions are also posted on our website at www.gsmfc.org.

The Imperial Palace Casino Resort & Spa is located on the beautiful back bay of Biloxi. It is a thirty-two story building with a full service gym, swimming pool, and spa. In addition there are eight restaurants to choose from. The hotel is the winner of the elite AAA Four Diamond award.

Please make your reservations today. If you DO NOT make your reservations prior to September 18, 2009 you MAY NOT receive the government rate. The hotel will not honor the government rate for Saturday arrivals.

TRANSPORTATION

The Imperial Palace Casino Resort & Spa is approximately 14 miles from the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT).

Shuttle service is available at the airport through Gulf Coast Transportation. The cost is \$12.00 one way. You may make reservations online at www.gulfcoasttransportation.com or call 1-800-366-8115. Taxis are also available at a cost of \$33.00 one way.

The hotel offers free valet and self parking.

CHARLES H. LYLES AWARD CEREMONY **SOCIAL EVENTS**

It is with great pleasure that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission presents this year's *Charles H. Lyles Award* to William S. "Corky" Perret. The award will be presented on Tuesday, October 13th during a special luncheon to honor Corky and his wife Nancy. This prestigious award is presented annually to an individual, agency, or organization which has contributed to the betterment of the fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico through significant biological, industrial, legislative, enforcement or administrative activities.

It is with particular pride that the Commission is presenting this award to one of their own. Corky's career has spanned over 41 years. After graduation from the University of Louisiana he began his career at the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Marine Lab on Grand Terre. He progressively held more and more responsible positions under numerous Governors, culminating his time in Louisiana by holding the Assistant Secretary position in charge of both fresh and marine fisheries for the state in 1995.

He retired from the State of Louisiana after more than 35 years of service, but he wasn't ready to stay home. He went to work with the State of Mississippi as Chief of Marine Resources. He held that position until recently when he advanced to the Assistant Director of Mississippi Marine Resources, the position he held until his retirement in June 2009.

His work and influence on individuals he has come in contact with for the numerous boards, commissions and councils has been profound. While Corky will never be replaced, he will be missed for his wit and as an unflinching champion for marine resources, their users and the habitat that support them.

We look forward to honoring him and ask that you join us for this very special presentation of the *Charles H. Lyles Award*.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

As always, the Commission will address relevant issues affecting marine fisheries. Detailed committee agendas will be provided at a later date. It is our hope that administrators and staff will benefit from the following schedule. Please read the schedule of events closely.

The following schedule of events includes the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Committee meetings and all social events.

10/12/09 (Monday)

8:00 am – 3:30 pm REGISTRATION
8:30 am – 12:00 n TCC Habitat Subcommittee
8:30 am – 12:00 n TCC Crab Subcommittee
8:30 am – 5:00 pm TCC Data Management
Subcommittee
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Joint Commercial Recreational
Fishery Advisory Committee
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Reception

10/13/09 (Tuesday)

8:00 am – 3:30 pm REGISTRATION
8:30 am – 12:00 n Law Enforcement Committee
8:30 am – 12:00 n Disaster Program Workshop
8:30 am – 12:00 n SFFMC Menhaden Advisory
Committee
12:00 n - 1:30 pm *Charles H. Lyles Award Luncheon*

10/13/09 (Tuesday - cont.)

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Sea Grant – Fisheries Extension
Advisory Panel
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm GMFMC Law Enforcement
Advisory Panel
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Technical Coordinating Committee
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Reception

10/14/09 (Wednesday)

8:00 am – 3:30 pm REGISTRATION
8:30 am – 12:00 n State-Federal Fisheries
Management Committee
12:00 n – 1:00 pm Commissioner's Luncheon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Commission Business Meeting
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Reception

10/15/09 (Thursday)

8:30 am – 12:00 n Commission Business Meeting

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE

Pre-registration assists us in planning a successful meeting and saves you money on your registration fee. Now it is easier than ever. Just visit our web site at www.gsmfc.org and click on GSMFC Upcoming Meetings. If you prefer, you can still pre-register by returning the attached form to our office. Registration is **\$85.00** per participant, **\$20.00** for spouse or guest. **Please do not register co-workers or associates as guests.** **We accept cash or checks - NO CREDIT CARDS.** For those registering after October 1, 2009 there will be a \$15.00 late fee.

**GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
60th ANNUAL MEETING
October 12 - 15, 2009**

Please complete and return **with** or **without** your registration fee payable to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, 2404 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Your registration packet will be ready for you in the registration area on your arrival at the Imperial Palace Casino Resort & Spa.

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Telephone/Fax/E-Mail _____

Guest _____

- Registration fee of \$85.00 is enclosed.
- Spouse or Guest Registration fee \$20.00 is enclosed.
(Do not register co-workers or associates as guests)
- Please pre-register me. I will pay upon arrival at the Registration Desk.
- Please pre-register my spouse/guest. I will pay upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

(Remember to pre-register prior to October 1, 2009 to avoid a \$15.00 late fee)

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Please check social events that you plan to attend:

	<u>You</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Welcome Reception (10/12)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Charles H. Lyles Award Luncheon</i> (10/13)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reception (10/13)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reception (10/14)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>