

THE GULF OF MEXICO AT A GLANCE: A PRESENTATION OF SELECTED REGIONAL SOCIOECONOMIC VARIABLES DEVELOPED IN SUPPORT OF THE GULF OF MEXICO ALLIANCE

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance is a partnership among the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, with the goal of significantly increasing regional collaboration to enhance the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico. One objective of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance is to build public awareness about the linkages between the Gulf region's ecological health, the high quality of residents' everyday lives, and the economic vitality of the region. To this end, the Special Projects (SP) Division of the National Ocean Service's Management and Budget Office in support of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance released the summary report, *The Gulf of Mexico at a Glance*, presenting key attributes of the Gulf coast region. *The Gulf of Mexico at a Glance* presents regional aggregations of selected economic activities that are focused in coastal and ocean areas, as well as selected social and environmental attributes of the region. It is hoped that these facts will inspire interested citizens to further explore these subjects and their linkages. This poster will present highlights of *The Gulf of Mexico at a Glance* report.

The report is available at http://gulfofmexicoalliance.org/pdfs/gulf_glance_1008.pdf. For information, contact Kristen Crossett (Kristen.crossett@noaa.gov) or Nancy Wallace (nancy.wallace@noaa.gov)