

# Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, Inc.

## Partial Activity Report for the Period April 12 thru June 14, 2007

### Summary

During this period there were 3 trips. On May 20, an attempt was made to replace the piling light at Keesler Reef. On June 6, the final 60 artificial reef pyramids were deployed in FH-13. On May 13, a dive monitoring trip was made to visit a pyramid deployment in FH-13. Additional deployments and other activity may be covered by the DMR under a separate report.

### 070606 Pyramids

On June 6, this final load of 60 artificial reef pyramids was deployed in the south end of FH-13. The first 4 groups contained 9 units, placing 2 units close together, moving north 100 feet, placing 5 units, then moving another 100 feet north and placing 2 more. The next 3 groups contained 5 units each and the final group consisted of 7 units. Two units were placed as control reefs. This created 8 separate reef groupings. The contractor, Walter Marine (see <http://www.reefmaker.com>), deployed the Tetrahedron shaped units which are 8 feet tall with a 12 foot base and weigh 3.5 tons each. They have several designs available and this one is called "Florida Limestone" and sells for \$995 each. This was the only design that did not move after hurricanes Ivan and Katrina. These units were deployed at the following coordinates.

FH-13:

469F13-070606A.	3000.014	8832.004	12453.4/47023.0/29606.7
470F13-070606B.	2959.827	8831.599	12457.5/47022.1/29610.0
471F13-070606C.	2959.706	8831.155	12462.0/47021.8/29614.1
472F13-070606D.	3000.112	8831.291	12460.6/47023.3/29614.3
473F13-070606E.	2959.803	8830.704	12466.5/47022.1/29618.9
474F13-070606F.	2959.471	8830.127	12472.4/47020.7/29623.3
475F13-070606G.	3000.179	8830.470	12468.9/47020.7/29623.3
476F13-070606H.	3000.152	8830.023	12473.4/47023.7/29627.2



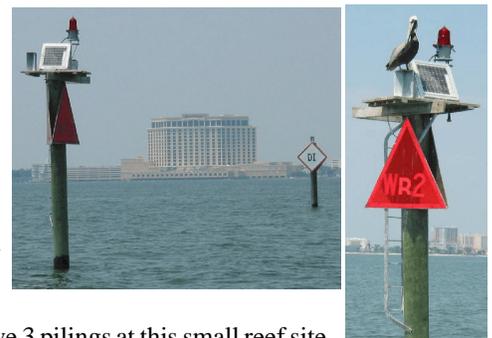
### 070306B Pyramids, 457F13

**Position: 30°03.733'N / 88°32.339'W**

This trip was conducted on May 13, 2007. Initially, group 459F13 was searched for, because the coordinates showed it slightly outside the boundaries of FH-13. However, this grouping was not found so it is suspected there was a typo in the reported coordinates. After failing to locate that group, a visit was made to nearby group 457F13. This group was found very close to the originally reported coordinates of 30/03.740/88/32.342. Visibility on the bottom was only around 10 feet, but it allowed 5 units in this group to be seen. Three of them were very close together, in fact one of the units landed with one corner on the edge of another causing it to lean over. Another one landed on its side probably due to hitting one of the other units as it was placed on the bottom. While no larger game fish were sighted, there were numerous baitfish seen such as cigar minnows (50-75), blue runners (100-150), spade fish (24-48), and even a few juvenile red snapper (10-15). Marine Fouling was beginning to take hold on this 2 month old reef, but no heavy barnacles, urchins, or anemones were sighted. While still early to tell, the reefs appear to be on their way to producing some quality fish.

### Keesler Reef Piling

A letter was received from the Coast Guard dated March 21, 2007, advising that the MGFB Keesler Reef Piling was reported missing. MGFB Members indicated that the 2 pilings were still in place with day markers, but that our piling was missing a light. A light was ordered and on May 20, a trip was made with the intent to replace it. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the MGFB piling was completely missing and a new Coast Guard Lighted Piling was in place. The original coordinates were 30021.903/8853.077. The other piling that has been there a long time is at 3021.778/8852.911. The new piling is marked WR2 with red dayboards and is located at 3021.732/8852.903. It doesn't make much sense to have 3 pilings at this small reef site, so more communication with the Coast Guard is required in regard to this reef marker.



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