Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, Inc.

Activity Report for the Period August 13, 2004 – January 13, 2005

<u>Summary</u>

During this period, there were 2 reef construction trips. On November 21, a small barge donated and deployed by Grand Casino Gulfport was deployed on FH-14. On November 22 a steel hull shrimp boat "Miss Peggy" was donated and deployed by John Ludwig on FH-2.

041121 Grand Casino Barge, 429FH14

Position: 30°12.357'N / 88°49.899'W 12269.1/47069.9/29476.3 On November 21, DMR meet tug Lauren E at 12:30 pm at FH 14 to deploy this small deck barge. This is a 20'x40'x7' FlexiFloat barge used to connect walkways to and from the main casino barge. Grand Casino Gulfport donated the barge and paid for the deployment. The surrounding water depth was 32 feet. The minimum depth was recorded at 26 feet over the barge.



<u>041122 Steel Hull Shrimp Boat "Miss Peggy", 430FH2</u> Bow Position: 30°05.185'N / 88°34.547'W 12427.2/47043.7/29602.5 Stern Position: 30°05.190'N / 88°34.543'W

On November 22, DMR meet tug Lauren E at 1:00 pm at FH 2 to deploy a 53'x15' steel hull shrimp boat "Miss Peggy". This boat originally sank just south of Deer Island and salvaged by Mr. Ludwig. The engine, wenches, hydraulic pumps and tanks was taken off and the vessel was cleaned and prepped for reef deployment by

Mr. Ludwig. The rigging was left on the vessel for additional 20' of high relief habitat. The vessel sank in an upright position. The surrounding water depth was 56 feet. The minimum depth was recorded at 50 feet over the hull and 36feet over the rigging.



During the deployment of the Grand Casino Barge I had the privilege or shall I say the burden to have "Buck" on our vessel. It was a Sunday and here is a picture of him reading the "good book" on board.

