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Mississippi Nearshore and Offshore Artificial Reef Restoration - Phase II

This project will create approximately 175 acres of reef habitat in nearshore and offshore areas of Mississippi Sound and the Gulf to benefit multiple life stages of a wide array of reef-associated fishes. Reef material deployments will include limestone, purpose-built concrete structures and donated “materials of opportunity” (e.g., suitable construction debris). Importantly, prior GEBF-funded restorations have documented that artificial reefs created with similar materials are durable for long periods of time and develop into complex habitats supporting target species. The project incorporates lessons learned from prior reef restoration efforts, including multiple GEBF-funded projects in Mississippi and Alabama coastal waters.

The proposed reefs have been sited based on the outcomes of prior GEBF-funded assessments of reef condition and productivity. Placement of these reefs in multiple locations supports larval recruitment and the development of juvenile fishes prior to recruiting to offshore reefs.



Artificial reef.

AT A GLANCE

RECIPIENT:

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

AWARD AMOUNT:

\$12,350,000

LOCATION:

Mississippi coastal waters

AWARD DATE:

November 2025



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