The damages to the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) natural resources due to the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill (GOMOS) will take some time to be cleaned up. The restoration period to get the resources back to their original pre-GOMOS status is still indefinite. In the meantime, the production of goods and services by economic sectors located in the GOM states will be adversely affected, leading to possible reduction in the levels of economic activity, employment and personal income, and tax revenues.

In order to understand the magnitude of the potential economic impacts of the GOMOS to seafood processing in Mississippi and Alabama, multi-year baseline economic information about the sector is compiled from various secondary sources.

The seafood processing sector primarily corresponds to code 311711 or seafood canning and code 311712 or fresh and frozen seafood processing in the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS, 2011).

The direct employment impacts created by the seafood processing sector shown below were compiled from the Economic Modeling Specialists (EMSI) website.