BASELINE ECONOMIC INFORMATION OF COASTAL MISSISSIPPI: CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES SECTOR

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The damages to the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) natural resources due to Gulf of Mexico (GOMOS) would take some time to be cleaned up and 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 would 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 GOMOS to the Clothing and Accessories sector in the coastal counties, multi-year baseline economic information about the sector is compiled from various secondary sources.

The “Clothing and Accessories” sector corresponds to economic sector number 448 in the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Industries in the Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores subsector retail new clothing and clothing accessories merchandise from fixed point-of-sale locations. Establishments in this subsector have similar display equipment and staff that is knowledgeable regarding fashion trends and the proper match of styles, colors, and combinations of clothing and accessories to the characteristics and tastes of the customer.

Fig. 1. Number of Clothing and Accessories establishments in Coastal Mississippi Counties, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns.

Fig. 2. Annual payroll (in dollars) of the Clothing and Accessories sector in Coastal Mississippi Counties, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns.

Fig. 3. Number of paid employees of the Clothing and Accessories sector in Coastal Mississippi Counties, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns.

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