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 fully 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 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 commercial finfish fishing in the coastal counties, multi-year baseline economic information about the sector is compiled from various secondary sources.

Commercial finfish fishing corresponds to economic sector 114111 in the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Finfish fishing comprises establishments primarily engaged in the commercial catching or taking of finfish (e.g., bluefish, salmon, trout, tuna) from their natural habitat.

The annual striped mullet commercial landings and landing values which are shown in the following figures were compiled from NOAA Fisheries Service.

The scientific name of striped mullet is *Mugil cephalus*. Louisiana Sea Grant reports that “striped mullet which are found Gulfwide in estuaries and shallow offshore waters will enter 400-600 feet of water offshore to spawn in November and December, and will penetrate rivers for many miles during the summer months”.

The suppliers of seafood products registered in Mississippi MarketMaker can be found by clicking this link - http://webapps.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/marketmaker/#MS/food/productsearch/22695;2772/28. By expanding the search area into other Gulf states and other sectors, more suppliers will be listed.
Fig. 5

Annual Commercial Striped Mullet Landings and Landing Values in Louisiana

Fig. 6

Annual Commercial Striped Mullet Landings and Landing Values in Mississippi
Fig. 7

Annual Commercial Striped Mullet Landings and Landing Values in Texas

- Pounds
- Dollars

- Graph showing annual commercial striped mullet landings and landing values in Texas from 2000 to 2012.