

STATE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO SUMMIT 2005



A New Era in Collaboration for an International Treasure

The design of the State of the Gulf of Mexico Summit 2005 integrates an international perspective on the issues related to the Gulf. By examining the commitments and efforts of leaders of government, business and industry, science, conservation, and resource management to ensuring a sustainable quality of life for all future generations, this effort represents a major step toward creating a more in-depth awareness of those issues that lead to a sustainable quality of life based on sound economies and healthy and productive marine ecosystems.

Summit Outcomes Include:

- Focusing international attention on the Gulf of Mexico, its economic and ecological value and the challenges of today and the future.
- Bringing together leaders of government, industry, science, academia, and conservation to discuss the issues and form collaborative efforts for the future.
- Establishing a communication mechanism, the "Report Card" to keep awareness elevated.
- Linking environmental quality and economic progress as inseparable cornerstones of quality of life in the minds of the public.
- Minimizing the need for government intervention by creating opportunities for proactive collaborations in stewardship.

Summit Scope

Understanding the importance of ensuring and sustaining productive healthy environments economies within the Gulf of Mexico Region, the Summit will transcend from a purely scientific emphasis and encompass a broad range of topics related to the science, social implications, business impacts and public policy influence necessary for a vital, healthy Gulf of Mexico.