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DMR Deputy Director Perret to Receive Award from Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

BILOXI, Miss. – Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Deputy Director William S. “Corky” Perret was selected in March by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) to receive the prestigious Charles H. Lyles Award.

The Charles H. Lyles Award is presented yearly by the GSMFC to an individual, agency or organization that has contributed to the betterment of the fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico through significant biological, industrial, legislative, enforcement or administrative activities.

Perret’s career has spanned over four decades. After receiving both a bachelor of science and master’s degrees from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, he went to work for Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries at its marine laboratory on Grand Terre. He progressively held more and more responsible positions under several Louisiana governors, culminating his time there in 1995 as the assistant secretary in charge of all fisheries, both freshwater and marine.

After 30 years of service in Louisiana, he went to work for DMR as director of Marine Fisheries. He held that position until about two years ago, when he advanced to deputy director of DMR. He is a longtime member of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

Since 1984, the GSMFC has selected eminently qualified individuals active in marine fisheries whose careers and contributions to Gulf fisheries are worthy of being labeled “fishery giants.” Perret will join the prestigious elite of congressmen, scientists, administrators, enforcement, businessmen and fishermen who have received this award.

“I have always been fortunate enough to be associated with good, energetic people,” said Perret.

Perret will be presented with the award during the October meeting of the GSMFC.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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