



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

DAVID L. LAKEY, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

1100 W. 49th Street • Austin, Texas 78756
1-888-963-7111 • <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us>
TDD: 512-458-7708

5/7/2007

To Interested Parties:

The Gulf and South Atlantic States Shellfish Conference (GSASSC) will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas on June 26 – 28, 2007. The meeting will be held at the Omni Marina Tower Hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved for the conference. Room rates are \$78.00 per night. Please call the hotel directory at 1-800-843-6664 and reserve your room on or before June 4, 2007 to ensure the conference rate.

State law in Texas prohibits the State from entering into a meeting contract that provides food or beverage. Therefore, the 2007 GSASSC will be different from previous meetings. The bad news is that no breaks or meals will be furnished during the meeting. The good news is that there will be no registration fee for the conference.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 am on June 26 and end at 12:00 pm on June 28. A tentative agenda is attached. If attendees have additional items that they wish to discuss, please contact us with recommendations to the agenda.

Corpus Christi is located on the middle Texas Coast between Galveston and Brownsville. The Omni Marina Tower Hotel is located on the beautiful Corpus Christi Bayfront. Local attractions include the Texas State Aquarium, the USS Lexington and of course the nearby Padre Island National Seashore. Corpus Christi is served by most major air carriers. Shuttle from the airport can be arranged by contacting the hotel upon arrival.

We look forward to the meeting and seeing our old friends and meeting new ones. There are certainly important issues to discuss. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Raymond Burditt at (512) 834 – 6757 or by e-mail at Raymond.Burditt@dshs.state.tx.us

Sincerely, .

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirk Wiles".

Kirk Wiles, Group Manager
Seafood and Aquatic Life Group
Texas Department of State Health Services