



## Press Release

### Chevron Donates Equipment for Offshore Marine Habitat

PASCAGOULA, Miss. – June 13, 2022 -- Chevron's Pascagoula Refinery has partnered with Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks (MGFB) to donate surplus equipment for use as artificial reefs offshore.

Five carbon steel structures from a recent refinery project were slated for recycling when a Chevron worker suggested instead repurposing the equipment as artificial fishing reefs. Four of the structures weigh approximately 15 tons each, and are 20 feet high and 40 feet wide. The fifth structure weighs roughly 10 tons, is 45 feet high and 10 feet wide.

"This is the first time the Pascagoula Refinery has donated equipment for a reef, and it is exciting to partner with MGFB on this project," said Pascagoula refinery operations manager Christine Haswell. "The Pascagoula Refinery is proud of the support we provide to environmental organizations in the area, and we look forward to seeing this new reef flourish in the Gulf."

MGFB president Ralph Humphrey has been building fish havens off the Mississippi coast for more than 20 years.

"When I saw the jigs, I knew they would make great marine habitat for our area," said Ralph Humphrey, MGFB president. "We're excited to receive structures of this size and look forward to sinking them later this summer."

The structures are uncoated and underwent an extensive environmental evaluation prior to the donation. The reefs will be deployed by MGFB and are permitted through the Department of Marine Resources (DMR). The DMR ensures the reefs are placed in appropriate areas and constructed to promote a healthy ecosystem.

Wyatt Field Services Company donated fabrication services to prepare the equipment for transportation and deployment, including making the jigs shorter to avoid creating a potential hazard for fishing vessels.

"It was such a pleasure for Wyatt to be a part of the team to make this important contribution to the Gulf of Mexico's amazing marine ecosystem," said Wyatt construction manager Cody Johnson. "We look forward to seeing all the amazing benefits this project provides for the years to come."

Barnhart Crane & Rigging provided crane services to lift the structures to the MGFB barge for relocation from the refinery.



“Barnhart is glad to be part of this excellent opportunity to support our valued customer, Chevron, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community,” said Barnhart account manager Josh Broom. “We enjoy the opportunity to partner with all involved parties on such an exciting project that will surely benefit this great area.”

Since beginning operation in 1963, [Chevron’s Pascagoula refinery](#) has grown to be the corporation’s largest U.S. refinery and one of the top 10 petroleum refineries in the United States.

[Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, Inc.](#) is a non-profit organization founded in 1969 and dedicated to developing and monitoring fishing reefs off the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

[Barnhart](#) was founded in 1969 in Memphis, Tennessee, as a small, family-owned business. Barnhart has grown to be one of the largest heavy lift and heavy transport organizations in the United States with more than 50 locations across the country.

[Wyatt Field Service Company](#) is a premier heavy mechanical contractor, serving the petroleum refining and petrochemical industries. Founded in 1913, Wyatt has the largest market share of FCC and Coker turnarounds of any contractor in the Gulf.