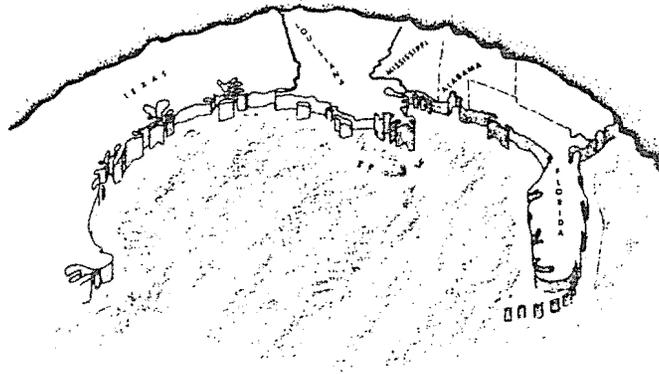


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The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) is pleased to announce that the late Dr. Theodore B. Ford will be the 1985 recipient of the "CHARLES H. LYLES AWARD" for outstanding contributions in the advancement of fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico. This award is given annually to an individual, agency, or organization which has contributed to the betterment of the fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico through significant biological, industrial, legislative, enforcement or administrative activities.

Dr. Ford was selected by the Commission for his many years of loyal and devoted work in the endeavor of higher education and the advancement of fisheries biology in all of the five Gulf States. He started as a biologist for the Biloxi Oyster Laboratory in Mississippi and continually moved upward in his career. He joined the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in 1954, specializing in river basin studies. Later he was assistant chief of the Fish and Game Division, and chief of the Division of Oysters, Waterbottoms and

Seafoods. In 1973, he went to the Office of Sea Grant Development at Louisiana State University and was named associate director of research and liaison, and professor of marine sciences. He was assistant secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries from 1981 to February 1984, when he returned to Louisiana State University as professor of Coastal Ecology and Marine Fisheries.

Dr. Ford was always in a position of leadership. He served as president, director, chairman or vice-chairman of many national and international organizations and committees. He served with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council in various key positions from 1976 to 1979. For the member states of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, he will be missed as the Chairman of the Technical Coordinating Committee, a committee he so ably headed for twenty-five years.

The award will be presented to Dr. Ford's family by GSMFC Chairman Richard L. Leard in conjunction with the 36th Annual Fall Meeting of the Commission to be held in Orlando, Florida, October 14-18, 1985.

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