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This is the final issue of *Gulf of Mexico Science* (GOMS) that will be published. After much deliberation, the decision to end the long run of GOMS was made by the administration of the Marine Environmental Science Consortium (more commonly known as the Dauphin Island Sea Lab). As many of you will know, GOMS was preceded by *Northeast Gulf Science* (NEGS), a journal founded in 1977 by Bob Shipp, who subsequently served for 20 years as its editor. NEGS transitioned to GOMS in 1997 when Will Schroeder became editor and expanded the scope of the journal to include all aspects of marine science in the Gulf of Mexico. Will served as editor of GOMS for 10 years, after which time Monty Graham became editor. Monty served for 2 years until I became editor of GOMS in 2009. During most of this time Carolyn Wood has been Managing Editor of GOMS, and the journal has benefitted immensely from her editorial and production skills and could not have succeeded without her. In addition, Carolyn has been instrumental in bringing three special issues into print, two on coral reefs of the northern Gulf and one on Kemp's Ridley sea turtles, all of which have proven to be popular syntheses of research efforts.

From 1977 to the present, NEGS and GOMS published many articles that have substantially improved our understanding of the ecology of the Gulf of Mexico. Many authors, reviewers, and members of the editorial staff have cheerfully donated their time and efforts to bring into print the hundreds of articles that appeared in NEGS and GOMS. They all deserve sincere thanks for their unselfish efforts. I am personally grateful to a great many colleagues who have given so much of their time to GOMS over the years, especially Drs. Jim McClintock and Chuck Amsler, who reliably and conscientiously served as Associate Editors for many years.

Finally, it is very important to all of us associated with *Gulf of Mexico Science* that the articles published by NEGS and GOMS will now and in the future be freely available on the *Gulf and Caribbean Research* (GCR) Web site (<https://aquila.usm.edu/gcr/>). I encourage you all to subscribe to GCR and publish your research there.

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