

# GCRL Science Café • Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> • 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

GCRL Dining Hall / 703 East Beach Drive / Ocean Springs, MS • Coffee and cookies provided by **Coffee Fusion**



## Getting to know you: Meeting Our Nearshore Neighbors South of 90

**MIKE MURPHY AND TOM MOHRMAN**

*The Nature Conservancy*

The Mississippi Gulf Coast has always turned to the bounty of the Gulf of Mexico for its livelihood and culture. Most of this bounty is dependent on a few key coastal habitats, including oyster reefs and sea grass. These priceless habitats face numerous challenges today, including storms, coastal development and oil spills. Tonight's program describes these areas: their history and current status and the once in a lifetime opportunity we may have to preserve and restore them.

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The Science Café offers those with minimal background in science, the chance to meet and discuss scientific issues in a relaxed social setting. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information visit [www.sciencecafes.org](http://www.sciencecafes.org), or contact Joyce Shaw at 228.872.4213 or [joyce.shaw@usm.edu](mailto:joyce.shaw@usm.edu).



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