



## MPSC COURSE SCHEDULE

### **Protected Species Observer Training** **Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, TX** **June 13 - 14, 2020**

*This course will include a private trip on a small open-air pontoon vessel to practice survey and identification techniques for marine mammals and sea turtles*

#### **Saturday, June 13**

- 9:00 - 10:30 am Overview of seismic operations and regulations
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 11:45 Life as a PSO and the role of a PSO aboard seismic operations, PSO monitoring requirements
- 12:00 - 1:00 Catered lunch
- 1:30 Arrive in Galveston historic Strand area to check in for vessel trip
- 2:00 - 3:00 Private vessel trip in Galveston Bay on a small open-air pontoon vessel. Locate and identify animals, practice use of binoculars with reticles and digital SLR cameras employing manual settings for professional wildlife photography

#### **Sunday, June 14**

- 9:00 - 10:30 am Protected species reporting and mitigation
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 Locating and identifying marine mammals and sea turtles
- 12:00 - 1:00 Catered lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 Examination: Animal Identification
- 2:00 - 2:30 Break, prepare for regulations exam
- 2:30 - 3:30 Examination: Regulations and Reporting
- 3:30 - 5:00 Grade exams and certification!