June 1, 2010
Milton, Florida

The Marine Advisory Committee met on the above date with the following members present: Chairman Jeff Marker and members Rick Harris, Dan Wakley. Pasco Gibson and John Griffing were absent. Also present were the County Administrator (Hunter Walker), Public Works Director (Avis Whitfield), County Engineer (Roger Blaylock) and Marine Extension Agent (Chris Verlinde). Chairman Marker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The minutes of the May 4, 2010 meeting were approved.

PIER UPDATE

Roger Blaylock said the pier will open Saturday (June 5th) at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. The Navarre Beach pier will be the longest fishing pier in the Gulf.

DERELICT VESSEL UPDATE

Mr. Blaylock reported that the Board of County Commissioners awarded the bid contracts for both the Symphonia and the Shoreline sailboat to Walter Marine and the County Attorney is working with them on the contract and insurance.

ARCHIE GLOVER DREDGING

Mr. Blaylock said the Notice to Proceed has been issued. The insurance papers have been delivered to the County Attorney. This project is ready to begin.

STATUS REPORT FOR DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT

Rick Harris asked if anyone knew why White Point has been closed all the way to Garcon Point with boom. He noted that it seemed early for closing this area. He also noted that
some fishermen had anchored the boom and crossed it to fish. He questioned if there is a fine in Florida for crossing boom and noted that there is a $10,000 fine in Alabama. Mr.
Walker noted that booming that area is included in the area contingency plan. Mr. Walker provided copies of maps with the Area Contingency Plan Sites with Booming Operation Info and Proposed Boom Sites as of this date (see attached).

Mr. Walker noted that at the last MAC meeting the County had submitted a plan to the Unified Command for booming the bridges but the State, at the last minute, disapproved the plan. In lieu of that plan, the County revised the plan to backstop the current plans submitted by the State and Escambia County to protect the pass. That plan has been approved. The contract calls for a 72 hour initiation period from product arrival for deployment and there is some concern that this will not be effective on sheen and tar balls which is predicted for our area. He also noted that Dr. Snyder from UWF was at the County Commission meeting on May 27th and his presentation to the Board is posted on the County's website. Mr. Walker commented that the State has stated that they will be more aggressive with skimming in our area.

Mr. Marker asked if the State plans to boom outside of the pass. Mr. Walker said that is not clear. Mr. Wakley said that his understanding from a conversation earlier with Commissioner Goodin is that the State does plan to place ocean booms outside of the pass and use the wind and currents to vector the oil and skim as much as possible before
it gets to the pass. The plan is to have several skimmers ready to go and it will depend on what type product we get.

Mr. Marker asked if the county has any emergency boom material that we control. Mr. Walker said no and that he is not aware of any county that has any boom material.

Mr. Wakley mentioned his concern about our website. He mentioned several failed attempts to access and Mr. Walker noted that he would have our Computer Department check the server. Mr. Wakley pointed out that our contingency plan needs to be available on our web page. Mr. Walker noted that the County's Instant Action Plan Reports and Situation Reports are posted and agreed there may possibly be more information needed on our website. Mr. Wakley suggested something a little less complex for the general public to know what they can do to assist the County and to help themselves. Mr. Marker said the public needs to know what to do when the oil gets into their personal waterways. Mr. Wakley noted that we can watch what they do in Mobile and if it works over there maybe we can use their successful ideas over here. Mr. Walker noted that the Unified Command will try to beef up skimming if there are large mats that make it to our area. Rick Harris noted that nature will take care of some of it.

Mr. Marker remarked that there may be plumes that are traveling underwater that will eventually make its way here and it will cover underwater sea life and reefs.

Mr. Wakley asked Mr. Walker to have the County develop a plan in case of wash overs on the island and let residents know who plans to clean it up and what to expect. He noted they need to plan who to have them contact.

Discussion continued regarding the booming in Alabama. Mr. Walker could not confirm Alabama's plans. Mr. Marker noted that we are at the mercy of everyone else.

BOAT RAMP REPORT

Avis Whitfield reported that area boat ramps look good. No needed repairs to report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.