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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill #7
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Deepwater Horizon Incident Update #7

Situation Update

- Currently, there are no impacts to the state projected in the next 72 hours. The loop current is far south of the oil and there is no imminent threat that the oil will be picked up by the loop current. However, Florida continues to make preparations to safeguard the state's shoreline.
- A called meeting of the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners to discuss the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response is scheduled for Friday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the board meeting room located at 6495 Caroline Street in Milton.
- Santa Rosa's Deepwater Horizon Q&A has been updated and can be found at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill.
- A seafood consumption FAQ from the UF Florida Seas Grant college Program has been posted at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill.
- A fact sheet on the types of coastal habitats found in Santa Rosa County, how oil might behave in each habitat, and response considerations is available at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill.
- Individuals concerned about air quality issues can view an up-to-date map with pollutant concentrations at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill or www.airnow.gov, or they can report suspected changes in air quality at <http://www.epa.gov/bpspill/>.

Santa Rosa County Booming Information from BP

- The additional booming sites proposed for Santa Rosa County were approved by unified command on May 5. This includes:
 - 3-Mile Bridge
 - Garcon Point Bridge
 - Bob Sikes Bridge
 - I-10 Bridge
 - Zamarra Canal, Gulf Breeze
 - Woodland Bayou, Gulf Breeze
 - Hoffman Bayou, Gulf Breeze
 - Deadman's Restoration Project, Gulf Breeze
- Boom placed Tuesday, May 5:
 - Aquatic Preserve Yellow River (site # PEN12)- 1,500 feet
 - Mullato Bayou (site # PEN45)- 5,000 feet
 - East Bay Sea Grass (site # PEN22)- 7,000 feet
 - Indian Bayou Oyster Bar (site # PEN29)- 13,500
- Today's goal was to place an additional 14,7000 feet of boom at:
 - Aquatic Preserve Yellow River (site # PEN12)- 2,5000
 - Central Oyster Bed (site # PEN21)- 3,000 feet
 - Red Fish Cove Oyster Reef (site # PEN19)- 3,500
 - White Point Oyster Bay (site # PEN36)- 4,000 feet
 - Weaver River (site # PEN42)- 2,700 feet
- Boom quantities at Pensacola NAS as of May 5- 20,000 on deck, 60,000 on order for May 6
- Boom Deployments
 - April 27- 2,500 feet deployed

- April 28- 21,200 feet deployed
 - April 29- 14,100 feet deployed
 - April 30- 19,000 feet deployed
 - May 1-18,000 feet deployed
 - May 2- 13,000 feet deployed
 - May 3- 3,500 feet deployed
 - May 4- 26,900 feet deployed
 - May 5- 27,000 feet deployed
- Maps, including overall locations and a priority listing, of the U.S. Coast Guard's booming strategy are available online at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill.

Actions Taken By Santa Rosa County

- A called meeting of the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners to discuss the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response is scheduled for Friday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the board meeting room located at 6495 Caroline Street in Milton.
- The County has retained a consulting team to evaluate shoreline protection and shoreline restoration methodologies. These systems include technologies ranging from containment booms, vacuum systems, and various forms of absorbents.
- Midway Fire Department will teach a 4-hour Hazmat training to Santa Rosa County staff, Navarre and Pace CERT teams, and the Medical Reserve Corps. To join CERT or MRC, please contact Daniel Hahn at (850) 983-5360.
- Established a process for reviewing protection requests.
- Emergency management staff has identified long and short term objectives, to include but not limited to:
 - Continue coordinating training needed for workers and volunteers to participate in clean-up & coordinate training opportunities.
 - Update priority list for boom requests to unified command
 - Request BP to establish a claims/information office in Navarre, which was denied.
 - Follow up on air, water and sediment quality baseline tests
 - Monitor water for oil or affected wildlife
 - Document local resources used
 - Research and track financial impacts and tourism
 - Prepare contingency plan for response to protect Santa Rosa resources
 - Monitor requests made to unified command
- Santa Rosa County is working with professional animal service organizations to coordinate response activities for animals affected by any oil on our coast.
- A local state of emergency was declared at 3 p.m., Friday, April 30, allowing the county to implement proactive measures as needed.
- Emergency management officials continue to participate in the unified command and State of Florida Department of Emergency Management conference calls to obtain the latest information to plan our role accordingly.
- Pre-qualified debris contractors and environmental engineering consultants have been contacted and are ready to respond as required.
- The EOC is activated at a level 2, or partial activation with essential staff, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. until further notice.

BP Claims

- All claimants will be directed to a hotline (1-800-440-0858) that is manned by the catastrophic loss division of ESIS specializing in oil spill claims
- Payments will be made to address immediate issues associated with property damage or loss of income due to the oil spill
- BP believes that it is appropriate to provide interim payments to claimants who are not receiving ordinary income while the cleanup is underway
- Within 48 hours of receiving supporting documentation (e.g. tax return) the claim will be evaluated and the claimant will be notified of an advance payment for the claim

- The equivalent of 1 month's income will be paid and these payments will continue until they are able to return to work or their overall claim is resolved.
- BP claims can be handled via phone or in person. Bills will be paid or reimbursed.
- If a claim is rejected the person will be notified in writing of non-payment
- Claims are currently being paid
- A link to information on some of the types of claims available and who can submit each claim is available at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill or directly at www.uscg.mil/npsc/Claims/default.asp#types_of_claims.

Department of Financial Services

- Florida CFO Alex Sink today announced that her Department of Financial Services' toll-free Consumer Help Line, at 1-877-My-FL-CFO (1-877-693-5236), is prepared to assist business owners impacted by the growing oil spill in the Gulf. Specialists are available from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and information is also available at www.MyFloridaCFO.com.
- Insurance specialists on the Helpline can answer questions about the claim filing process as it becomes available, but **claims for damage or lost income should be filed with British Petroleum (BP) at 1-800-440-0858.**
- CFO Sink provided the following tips for businesses:
 - First: Take detailed records of cancelled reservations. News reports suggest that many condominium owners, hotels and restaurants are already having increased cancellations, and it's important that when these cancellations occur, the canceling party is questioned whether the cause is because of the oil spill. If the answer is yes, keep a record of the person's name and contact information, and also the revenues lost as a result of the cancellation.
 - Second: Calculate estimated losses for a six-week period and be able to provide records, sales receipts and documentation to support such a claim. A good idea would be to compare business now to a five-year average of revenues between May and June, which can offer insight as to the damages incurred.
 - Third: Make a detailed list of assets – including non-structural -- and include appropriate records to support the list. For example: if your member's hotel or restaurant is within walking distance to the beach and that beach has oil reach its shores, the business' assets are damaged even though there is no physical damage to the structure, and it is important to record this depreciation.
 - Be wary of insurance settlement scams. -- For businesses who may have already begun the claims filing process with BP, first, make sure you are dealing with authorized representatives from BP and not scam artists; and be careful not to sign waivers of liability too quickly without getting adequate legal and financial counsel.

Community Meetings

- The link to recordings of the May 3 community meetings has been repaired.
- Questions asked by attendees at yesterday's meeting are being compiled and will be sent to BP for follow up.
- Future community meetings will be announced as they are scheduled.
- Santa Rosa County officials and emergency management staff are available to speak to groups, please contact 983-5360 for more details.

Training for Wildlife Recovery & Rehabilitation Paraprofessionals

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, a BP contractor, to provide assistance to oiled wildlife. The service recognizes Tri-State's expertise in wildlife oil spill response, and while many wildlife organizations and individuals have expressed interest in providing their assistance, all rehabilitation efforts must be coordinated through the service and Tri-State. Coordination is vitally important for recovery and research efforts, and specific safety and other requirements must be met before anyone will be allowed on-site for any participation. If you already have wildlife training, call BP at 1-866-557-1401.

- Computer based training for wildlife recovery and rehabilitation paraprofessionals is available online at <https://www2.virtualtrainingassistant.com/BPPublic/wc.dll?learner~cmenu>
- Go to "I'm a New Student" where a page will pop up for you to self-register. Keep your log in and password info:
 - There are 4 lesson modules in the training
 - The first lesson is an attachment that determines if you are a qualified wildlife recovery paraprofessional. Should you not meet the qualifications listed, you will not be allowed to move further into the training
 - The second lesson is the training CBT itself.
 - The third lesson is the test (CBT Exam); you will need to score 80% on the test and will have three chances to pass.
 - The fourth lesson is the certificate that you should print and bring with you to the rehabilitation site where you will be working.

Volunteers

- Trainings for Santa Rosa County volunteers are being coordinated. Times, locations and requirements will be announced as soon as arrangements can be confirmed with BP.
- To become a part of the Santa Rosa County volunteer database for volunteer opportunities that may arise, contact the Volunteer Reception Center operated through Help Thy Neighbors in coordination with emergency management at (850) 983-5223.
- The Santa Rosa County Health Department recommends volunteers follow these safety tips:
 - Ensure that water is available for participants and encourage regular consumption even when they may not be thirsty.
 - Participants should be encouraged to wear sunscreen (SPF 30 at least) and reapply periodically.
 - Hats, sunglasses, and other appropriate clothing should be worn.
 - Take precautions to avoid insect bites, snake bites, poisonous plants, jellyfish stings and sting ray injuries.

NOAA Closes Commercial and Recreational Fishing in Oil-Affected Portion of Gulf of Mexico

- NOAA is restricting fishing for a minimum of ten days on Sunday, May 2, in federal waters most affected by the BP oil spill, largely between Louisiana state waters at the mouth of the Mississippi River to waters off Florida's Pensacola Bay. The closure is effective immediately.
- Details can be found at: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>
- Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call (800) 440-0858.

Fraud

To report possible causes of fraud, call the Attorney General's Office fraud hotline at 1-866-966-7226

Vessels of Opportunity (boats) program

- BP is looking to contract shrimp boats, oyster boats and other vessels for hire through the Vessel of Opportunities Program to deploy boom in the Gulf of Mexico. For more information (425) 745-8017

Alternative Response Technology

- To submit alternative response technology, services or products please email horizonsupport@oegllc.com or call (281) 366-5511.

Florida Emergency Information Line

- The Florida Emergency Information Line is available as link to informational resources regarding the Deepwater Horizon Response: (800) 342-3557.

Mobile Area Contingency Plan

To view the Coast Guard Sector Mobile Area Contingency Plan, visit <http://ocean.floridamarine.org/ACP/MOBACP/StartHere.html>

Health-Related Concerns

- Poison control centers in the gulf region are available to take any and all health-related calls related to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. If you or a loved one is worried about health issues related to the Gulf spill, please call your local poison control center at (800) 222-1222.
- Individuals with an air quality question or concern should contact the Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.

Oiled Wildlife

- To report oiled wildlife, please call 1-866-557-1401 and leave a message. Messages will be checked hourly. Individuals are urged not to attempt to help injured or oiled animals, but to report any sightings to the toll free number.

Report Oil Sightings

- To report oiled shoreline, please call 1-866-448-5816.

Other Contact Numbers

- Transocean hotline: 832-587-8554
- MI Swaco hotline: 888-318-6765
- BP Investor Relations: 381-366-3123
- BP family hotline: 281-36-578
- BP third party contractor hotline: 281-366-5578

General Safety Information

- www.santarosa.fl.gov
- Please monitor your home weather radio and local media outlets for the most up-to-date information.
- Your best defense in any disaster is a NOAA Weather radio.
- Citizens can sign up to automatically receive breaking news alerts from Santa Rosa County Emergency Management via e-mail or as a text message on their cell phone at:
www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/publicwarning.html.

Citizen Information Line

- The Santa Rosa County Citizen Information Line at (850) 983-INFO or 4636 is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

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