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***Gulf Coast Leaders meet on RESTORE Act***  
**-Elected officials from five states meet near 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Deepwater Horizon-**

Elected officials from five Gulf Coast states met Thursday, April 19, in Biloxi, Mississippi, to discuss the RESTORE Act. The RESTORE Act is a bill based on the fundamental principal that fines assessed to BP and the other responsible parties due to the massive and tragic Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010 should be directed to the region immediately impacted by this horrific event.

Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson stressed the importance of the act by commenting, "The Restore Act is vital to the environmental and economic restoration. It is great to see both Houses of Congress have supported it in some form and we eagerly anticipate its conference approval."

The elected officials met just one day before the two-year anniversary of this tragic event showing that while the visible signs of this devastation are gone, there is still much healing and recovery going on within these communities.

Commissioner Lane Lynchard, representing Santa Rosa County in oil spill matters, stated that "The RESTORE Act can serve as the vehicle to ensure that funds are available to offset both the environmental and economic damage suffered by our coastal communities."

The meeting was a follow up to a meeting that took place in Washington DC to lobby Congress to pass the RESTORE Act. Elected officials have broken down state and county lines to join together to ensure that their communities and thereby the entire Gulf Coast Region can fully recover and rebuild their economies following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

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