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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill #32
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Deepwater Horizon Incident Update #32
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Situation Update

- ***Navarre Beach and Santa Rosa's entire coastline is open, including the waters for fishing.*** Two links to live Web cams on Navarre Beach are available at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill.
- A large plume of weathered oil was detected nine miles south of Pensacola Pass. The plume is two miles wide and goes south for 40 miles. An additional plume of non-weathered oil was verified through state reconnaissance data. The plume is located six miles south of Escambia County. Response assets, including skimming vessels, have been dispatched to the area.
- Multiple tarballs and various pieces of trash covered with oil were reported during high tide on Navarre beach today. Cleanup crews responded to the sightings.
- According to NOAA projections, additional impacts are expected throughout northwest Florida within the next 72 hours due to onshore winds.
- Sporadic reports of tarballs, tarmats and/or areas of light sheen have been confirmed by reconnaissance teams from Escambia County to Gulf County. There was also oil sheen and mousse confirmed in the Perdido Pass and oil sheen and tarballs confirmed in Pensacola Pass.
- Offshore, scattered patches of sheen remain in the Loop current Ring with increasing evidence that it has begun to reattach to the main Loop Current. Trajectories indicate that some of these sheens may get carried south, but observed tarballs fields are not likely to reach the Florida Straits in the next 2-4 days.
- Relatively weak winds (below 10 knots), low seas (below 3 feet) and relatively low rain chances are expected to prevail through the next seven days. Winds are expected to continue out of the south through the weekend. A possible shift to the south-southwest may occur on Sunday, which may continue to push portions of the oil plume towards the western Florida Panhandle through the next 72 hours.
- It has been confirmed through Unified Command that Captain Steve Poulin, USCG Captain of the Port for Sector Mobile, authorized the closure of Pensacola Pass at 7:00 p.m. today, June 11. Boom will be deployed across the opening of the pass and the pass will be navigationally restricted during incoming (flood) tide as waters enter Pensacola Bay. The pass will be manned to allow access to necessary vessel traffic. The pass will reopen during outgoing (ebb) tide as water flows out to the Gulf of Mexico. Skimmers will continue working through the night. The Intracoastal waterways will remain open.
- Perdido Pass will be closed with the tide to prevent oil from entering the Bay. Boom will be deployed across the Pass at flood tide (water coming in) and removed at ebb tide (water going out).
 - Boaters in areas where skimming is being conducted, or where boom has been set, have been requested to maintain no-wake speeds.
 - Based on oil activity recently, the United States Coast Guard "Captain of the Port" for Sector Mobile authorized the official closure of Perdido Pass. It is manned 24 hours a day if vessels need to pass. The pass will be open for vessel traffic during low tide.
 - Boat traffic needing access in or out of boom locations, should call 1-850-736-2261.
- U.S. Senator George LeMieux met with Santa Rosa County business leaders and county officials today, at the Navarre Beach Pier to discuss the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill to our area, including effects on the local economy. A video has been posted at www.santarosa.fl.us/oilspill under "What's Hot."
- Area coastlines are being protected by both nearshore and offshore operations. Nearshore skimming vessels are working near the west end of Dauphin Island, the mouth of Mobile Bay, Gulf Shores, Ala., Orange

Beach, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla. More than 65,400 gallons of oil-water mix were collected Thursday in the Gulf waters as far as 50 miles off shore.

- *Beach goers may see June Grass, a feathery-like alga that is common in warm water during summer months. This common occurrence and not related to the oil spill.*
- *Some sheens in Florida are oceanographic "slicks" that are often seen during very calm conditions, and not associated with Deepwater, but are naturally occurring sea-surface slicks which consist of plant and animal oil. Slicks are long, straight or curvy features, meters in width, and are glassy, oily, or scummy in appearance.*
- Florida Department of Children and Families has begun to assess potential mental health impacts of the oil spill.
- County staff and reconnaissance teams continue to monitor beach conditions daily generally from day break until 6 p.m.
- On June 10, a team of scientists, under the direction of National Incident Command Admiral Thad Allen, updated their assessments of the flow rates from the Deepwater Horizon well, prior to the riser being cut on June 3. Current projections estimate Deepwater Horizon's discharge at 12,600 to 40,000 barrels per day.
- Citizens are asked not to engage in direct contact with oil and oil contaminated products such as tar balls, tar patties, tar mats, and oil sheen. Only qualified members should handle oil products and oil contaminated materials. To report tar or oil on the beach, call the Florida State Warning Point Line at 1-877-272-8335 or # DEP from a cell phone.
- The tar balls that are found resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill pose no different health risk than tar balls that are commonly found on Florida beaches. The Department of Health and DEP are closely monitoring health and environmental impacts to Florida's beaches and will notice an advisory if conditions become unsafe.
 - For most people, an occasional brief contact with a small amount of tar balls, while not recommended, will do no harm. However, some people are especially sensitive to chemicals, including the hydrocarbons found in crude oil and petroleum products. They may have an allergic reaction or develop rashes even from brief contact with oil. If contact occurs, wash the area with soap and water, baby oil, or a widely used, safe cleaning compound such as the cleaning paste sold at auto parts stores. Avoid using solvents, gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, or similar products on the skin. These products, when applied to skin, present a greater health hazard than the smeared tarball itself.
- Air quality reports for June 10 revealed that air quality was considered good for the ozone and particulate matter in northwest Florida. "Good" means the air quality is satisfactory and air pollution poses little or no risk.
- June 7 water quality testing, which is conducted once a week by the University of West Florida, came back negative for aliphatic hydrocarbons. This means that no dissolved or dispersed hydrocarbons were found in the water.
- There are 242 Qualified Community Responders actively working the cleanup effort in the Florida Panhandle.
- Unified Command policy requires all on-shore and near-shore cleanup workers to follow a work/rest cycle to ensure their safety and well-being. In conjunction with OSHA approval and the collaboration of a board-certified doctor, all workers are required to follow heat stress management plan work schedules. The schedule requires specific work-rest regimen which differs depending on the heat index at the moment, the work being done and the type of protective clothing being worn.
- The State of Florida is taking additional proactive measures to ensure the quick and timely discovery of oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Reconnaissance missions are being coordinated daily from the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee using air, land, and sea assets from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Civil Air Patrol, and the Florida National Guard.
- Two plans created by the United States Coast Guard, BP and the impacted states, including Florida, outline the steps for shoreline assessment and cleanup to ensure quick and efficient response to oil on our shores. Those plans include The Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team Plan and the Mobile Sector Near Shore and Shoreline Stage I and II Response Plan.
- BP has contracted with Waste Management Services for removal of waste generated from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. This plan has been approved by the Unified Command in Mobile with input from the State

of Florida. Learn more about treatment and disposal options at:

www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/files/treatment_disposal_options.pdf

- BP will issue an additional \$25 million to Florida for the state's preparedness and response efforts.
- On June 2, the EOC returned to a level 2, or partial activation with essential staff, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. until further notice. The Santa Rosa County Citizen Information Line at (850) 983-INFO or 4636 is open 24 hours daily.
- Santa Rosa County and the State of Florida continue to make preparations to safeguard the state's shoreline.
- As part of the Obama Administration's ongoing commitment to transparency surrounding the response to the BP oil spill, U.S. Energy Department is providing online access to schematics, pressure tests, diagnostic results and other data about the malfunctioning blowout preventer. The site will be updated with additional data soon and will be available at www.energy.gov.
- Syndromic surveillance, or using health-related data that would warrant further public health response, has been heightened in six coastal counties from Escambia to Gulf, monitoring for potential health effects.
- There is no planned use of dispersants in Florida waters.
- Skimmers have been deployed near Pensacola with hopes of removing the oil near the shore waters and preventing and minimizing any potential impacts to Florida.
- Unified Area Command has consolidated a report of fish and wildlife collected in the Deepwater Horizon/BP incident impact area. The report is updated each day at noon and is available at <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doctype/2931/55963>.
- The Better Business Bureau of Northwest Florida has tips for Deepwater Horizon donors and volunteers and are available online at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under Fact Sheets and Q&A.

Booms

- Approximately 278,500 feet of boom has been placed in northwest Florida along the most sensitive areas and 75,450 feet is staged. Additionally, counties in the region are moving forward with supplemental booming plans. As of June 10, 197,440 feet of supplemental boom has been deployed or stages by Florida contractors.
- Oil containment boom (in feet) total in Florida: 320,680
 - Tier 1: 155,000 / Tier 2: 123,500
 - Tier 3: 42,180 (deployed by Florida contractors)
- FDEP gave the state contractor, DRC, approval to begin staging boom for Santa Rosa County's tier three or additional booming plan on June 1.
- An additional booming plan for Santa Rosa County that was drafted by the state's contractor WRS for the county, was approved by unified command and the plan and booming map are posted at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill, shown as a blue cross on the map (some locations have two crosses to show point to point locations).
 - The following booming sites, which are in addition to the U.S. Coast Guard's Area Contingency Plan, were deployed by Santa Rosa's selected state contractor and left open for navigation and will be closed upon imminent threat: Zamarra Canal, Gilmore Bayou, Woodland Bayou, Villa Venyce, Santa Rosa Shores, Hoffman Bayou, Polynesian Isle, East River, and two booms in Pensacola Bay
 - DRC, the contractor, is responsible for monitoring, maintaining and disposal of any oil material
- Unified commands continues to check, verify conditions, and make repairs as needed, to currently placed booms.
- Residents are asked to stay clear of boom on beaches and in open water. Boom has been placed to protect environmentally sensitive and strategic areas and damaging or removing the boom puts those areas at risk. Crossing boom can cause serious damage to vessels.
- Spill responders are asking for the public's help in monitoring boom along the Gulf Coast. Boaters are requested to report sightings of broken, disconnected, or adrift boom; and encouraged to keep their distance from boom especially at night and in conditions of restricted visibility. Report damaged, vandalized, adrift, or stolen boom to 1-866-448-5816.

Small Business Disaster & Bridge Loans

- On June 7, Governor Charlie Crist activated Florida's Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program, which will provide emergency, short-term loans to established small businesses in the designated counties.

- Short-term loans of up to \$25,000 will be available to owners of small businesses (less than 100 employees) in counties impacted the recent oil spill. The interest-free loans come in terms of 12 month maturities. To be eligible, a business owner must have been operational for one full year prior to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on April 20, 2010, and demonstrate physical damage or economic injury as a result of the oil spill.
- Applications for businesses will be available Monday, June 14, 2010. To receive an application or more information on the program, please contact the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development at (850) 487-2568, or the Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (<http://www.ffcfc.com>) at (850) 681-3601.
- Governor Crist announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration has approved disaster loan funds for businesses along Florida's Gulf coast that have been impacted by the Deepwater Horizon incident.
 - SBA representatives opened a disaster loan office on Tuesday, May 18 at the Navarre Visitor Information Center located at 8543 Navarre Parkway (U.S. Hwy 98) in Navarre. Hours of operations will be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday- Saturday until further notice.
 - More information can be found at:
www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/SERV_DISASTERASSISTANCEGOV.html
- **Loan Applications**
 - Issued: 292
 - Accepted: 51
 - Declined: 14
 - Approved: 2
 - Loan amount approved: \$255,000.00

BP Claims

- BP announced it will be sending a second advance payment during June to individuals and businesses along the Gulf Coast to compensate for the loss of income or net profit due to the cleanup of the Deepwater Horizon Incident in the Gulf of Mexico.
- A BP Community Outreach Center has been opened in Gulf Breeze at:
 - 1198 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Ste. 6, Gulf Breeze FL 32561
 - Phone (850) 691-9116
- BP Claims for Deepwater Horizon can be submitted at www.bp.com/claims.
- To serve the residents of Santa Rosa County, BP opened a claims office in Midway on Friday, May 14. The office is located at 5668 Gulf Breeze Parkway Unit B-9 in Gulf Breeze. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, until further notice.
 - BP recommends anyone with a claim to call 1-800-440-0858 to help expedite the process. By calling the claims number, adjusters at the claims office will have the information prior to your visit.
 - BP claims in Florida total 10,967 with approximately \$7,788,317.02 paid.

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 907-301-8878.
- 376 vessels have been deployed in Florida for the Vessels of Opportunity program.
- Submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity skimming system: (281) 366-5511

Fishing

- Governor Crist announced that seafood licenses set to expire on July 1 are extended and the 2010 recreational harvest season for bay scallops will open nearly two weeks early. The extension will allow fishers to harvest, purchase, sell or transport saltwater products after July 1 in accordance with their 2009-2010 licenses until their licenses are renewed for the 2010-2011 year or until September 30. The 2010 shrimp scallop harvest season will begin on June 19 instead of July 1. All other provisions governing harvest of bay scallops in Florida remain in effect. For more information on fishing regulations visit www.myfwc.com/fishing.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration opened 339 square miles of previously closed fishing area off the Florida panhandle – the northern boundary now ends at the Florida federal-state water

line on the east side of Choctawhatchee Bay. The federal closed area does not apply to any state waters. Closing fishing in these areas is a precautionary measure to ensure that seafood from the Gulf will remain safe for consumers. Details can be found at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.

- **All Santa Rosa County waters are currently open to fishing.** Oil has not affected most of Florida waters and there are vast amounts open for fishing and other recreational activities and the FWC encourages everyone to fish where the waters are clear and to enjoy freshly harvested seafood products in these areas. Updated information regarding fishing advisories or harvest closures in Florida due to the BP oil spill will be posted online at <http://myfwc.com/OilSpill/index.htm>.
- The FWC is conducting airborne and waterborne surveillance to establish oil presence and extent to guide management actions. It will decide whether to close a specific area to the harvest of fish based on a visual assessment that confirms there is a significant amount of oil on the surface of the water. Fishermen are reminded that it is recommended to never harvest and eat fish with oily residue, fish that have a petroleum odor or dead fish.
- The FWC & NOAA Fisheries Service strongly advises fishermen not to fish in areas where oil or oil sheens (very thin layers of floating oil) are present, even if those areas are not currently closed to fishing. Details can be found at: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

Boats

- Vessels are advised to avoid spill areas.
- Vessels that must transit through the affected zone should maintain a safe speed through the oil that appears light, bright and on the surface. Vessels should avoid pockets of heavy black oil to ensure safe navigation.
- If traveling through an oil affected area by boat, take precautions when hoisting the boat anchor. If oil makes contact with skin, wash it off immediately with soap and water. Recommendations can be found on cleaning at www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon under Resources.

Important Phone Numbers

- **Florida Oil Spill Information Line** is- available from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. EDT daily for citizen's questions. - 1-888- 337-3569
- **Fraud Hotline**- 1-866-966-7226.
- **Submit Alternative Response Technology Services & Products**- email horizonsupport@oegllc.com or call 1-281-366-5511
- **Report Oiled Wildlife**- 1-866-557-1401
- **Report Oiled Shoreline to State Warning Point**- 1-877-2-SAVE-FL (1-877-272-8335) or #DEP from a cell phone
- **BP Toll-Free Claims line**- 1800-440-0858
- **BP's Community Information line**- 1-866-448-5816
- **Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner gas price-gauging hotline:** 1-800-HELP-FLA (1-800-435-7352).

General Safety Information

- www.santarosa.fl.gov
- 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.
- The Santa Rosa County Citizen Information Line at (850) 983-INFO or 4636 is open 24 hours daily.
- For general health information regarding the oil spill and exposure to oil spill products contact the Florida Poison Control information centers at 1-800-222-1222.

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