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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill #34
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Deepwater Horizon Incident Update #34
(Highlighted sections indicate new information)

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.
- On June 11, 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 three miles south of Pensacola Pass. Response assets including skimming vessels have been dispatched to the area.
- According to NOAA projections, additional impacts are expected throughout northwest Florida within the next 72 hours due to onshore winds.
- **Relatively weak winds (below 10 knots), low seas (below 3 feet) and relatively low rain chances are expected to prevail through the next two days, which will be favorable for surface oil recovery operations. Winds are expected to remain out of the south-southwest for the next three days, continuing to push portions of the oil plume towards the western Florida Panhandle.**
- The Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection are closely monitoring health and environmental impacts to Florida. Current advisories are posted at: www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/health.htm and www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under "What's Hot."
- **There were three reports of tarballs on Navarre Beach today, June 13.**
- On June 12, fourteen reports of multiple small tarballs and various pieces of trash covered with oil were reported on Navarre beach on and 13 reports of tarballs on June 11. Cleanup crews responded to the sightings.
- **On June 12, dime to five inch-sized tar balls and tar patties were found in areas from the Alabama/Florida state line east to Walton County. Tar ball and tar patty findings are more concentrated in the western-most Florida counties.** Clean up teams continue to be on scene. Heavy impacts, in addition to tar balls and tar patties, have not been reported in Florida at this time.
- ***Citizens are asked not to have 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.***
- **According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil plume remains 79 miles from Mexico Beach, and 258 miles from St. Petersburg, with non contiguous sheens and scattered tarballs closer. Coastal regions near and west of Pensacola Bay may continue to experience shoreline impacts through Tuesday, though the NOAA uncertainty line extends east to the western edge of Okaloosa County. There is a large amount of uncertainty with the attachment of the Loop Current Ring to the Loop Current. Models suggest the Ring has detached, however, analysis shows the southeastern edge of the Loop Current Ring is still connected to the Loop Current. Trajectories indicate that observed tarball fields will likely remain in the Loop Current Ring and will not move towards the Florida Straits in the next 3-4 days.**
- **Crews attempted to boom the pass on June 12 and were partially successful. Crews will try alternate strategies tonight, June 13.** 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 and Pensacola 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.
- There are 341 Qualified Community Responders actively working the cleanup effort in the Florida Panhandle.
- 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. Current local operations include:
 - Nearshore Task Force #1 & 4- Continue to conduct surveillance operations and deploy assets to confirm reported oil sightings. Conduct layered skimming operations off of entrance to Pensacola as limitations allow. Deploy skimming operations to work offshore north to south up to three miles. Deploy skimming operations to work inshore at the mouths and openings of the bays/cuts.
 - Vessels of Opportunity Task Force #6- Inspect boom, on finding damaged boom or problems with boom placement notify strike team leader. Provide daily reports of boom status including locations, length and condition of boom. Collect and bag floating non-oiled debris. Bagged debris will be taken to designated waste transfer sites. Conduct Training with VOO in boom deployment, booming tactics and boom repair. Conduct skimming operations using absorbent, sweep, and snare booms.
 - Florida Protection Group- Inspect, maintain and reconfigure all deployed boom as weather permits. Support wildlife branch activities as necessary. Investigate and respond to reports of oil and recover as possible.
 - Offshore Recovery Task Force #702, 704, & 705- Deployed south of Pensacola to recovery oil product.
- A staff member from Santa Rosa County Emergency Management has been placed in Unified Command located in Mobile, AL to represent Santa Rosa, Escambia and Okaloosa counties and help ensure rapid response and better communications between the counties and Unified Command. Each county will send a staff member to represent the three county areas, rotating every seven days.
- 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.
- 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
- 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>.
- U.S. Senator George LeMieux met with Santa Rosa County business leaders and county officials on June 11, 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.”

- The Better Business Bureau of Northwest Florida has tips for Deepwater Horizon donors and volunteers, available online at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under Fact Sheets and Q&A.
- 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 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.

Health

- The Florida Department of Health, in coordination with DEP and VISITFLORIDA has developed an online mapping resource that contains the most up-to-date health advisory information for Florida’s beach waters. This information is available at www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/health.htm or www.visitflorida.com/florida_travel_advisory/.
- June 10 water quality testing came back negative for aliphatic hydrocarbons at Pensacola Beach Pier, Navarre Beach Pier, River Road and Perdido Key. This means that no dissolved or dispersed hydrocarbons were found in the water.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Booms

- Oil containment boom (in feet) total in Florida: 339,640
 - Tier 1: 168,000 / Tier 2: 123,500
 - Tier 3: 48,140 (deployed by Florida contractors)
- 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.

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 **12,269** with approximately **\$8,366,436.33** paid.

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

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.
- **375** 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

- **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 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in coordination with Florida's Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Department of Health, has issued an executive order to temporarily close a portion of coastal state waters offshore of Escambia County to the harvest of saltwater fish, crabs and shrimp which will be in affect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, June 14. The FWC is taking precautionary actions regarding harvest and consumption of these marine species which may be affected by oil from the BP Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico.
- The closure includes state waters from the beaches out 9 nautical miles into the Gulf from the Alabama line east to the Pensacola Beach water tower. Interior bays and estuaries remain open to fishing.
 - Recreational catch and release fishing is still allowed as long as saltwater fish are not harvested or possessed in the closed area.
 - Oysters, clams and mussels are not included in the closure because they are not expected to be affected by oil in the area. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services carefully monitors populations of these popular shellfish species.
 - Fishermen can transit through the closed area with saltwater fish, crabs or shrimp that were legally harvested outside the closed area. Fishermen doing this are required to go as directly as possible from where the fish or invertebrates were legally harvested to where the vessel is regularly docked, moored, or stored or to the licensed wholesale dealer where the catch is to be sold. For more information visit <http://myfwc.com/OilSpill/index.htm>.
- 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 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
- **To Report Oiled Shoreline to BP-** 877-389-8932
- **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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