

Okaloosa County News Release-1

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Update #22

Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill #22

What's New: Okaloosa County Beaches *Open*

- Oil impacts on our beaches are intermittent tar balls, and can change daily depending on wind, currents and tides. **Winds and currents are in our favor for the weekend.**
- Daily reconnaissance vessels continually check for oil in near shore and off shore Gulf waters in an effort to keep oil off the beach; however, as we have seen there will be times and areas of impact.
- **Resident and visitors are encouraged to discuss current conditions, oil impacts and health concerns with their lifeguard. If in an area without a lifeguard, use common sense to avoid tar balls, and for health information, click here:**
http://www.healthyokaloosa.com/Deepwater_Horizon/
- Destin Beaches are in the process of being cleaned up from tar balls received on Wednesday. Destin East Pass protection methods are still being tested and evaluated. Pass is open.
- **Okaloosa Island has not been impacted recently.**
- Air Quality is Good & Drinking water is Safe.
- **Reminder:** Ideas & Suggestions call 850-270-SAND (7263) or email okaloosaoilresponse@gmail.com.

Oil or Tar ball sightings: **DO NOT TOUCH**

- Tell a lifeguard; Local phone: Call 311, select 0; From most cell phones, dial **#DEP**
- Call the **State Warning Point** at 1-877-2-SAVE-FL (**1-877-272-8335**)
- Oiled Wildlife: **850-650-1880**

Destin East Pass: **OPEN UNTIL OIL APPROACHES**

- **Mariners should tune into Channel 16 to get updates on Destin East Pass**
- Task Force of skimmers, ships on the water to react & Vessels of Opportunity are working.
- Water quality checks daily; Weather, wind & currents monitored daily.

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- Fishing advisory in State waters; prohibited in Federal waters.
- Boaters, please use caution/minimum wake around boomed areas.
- **Other layers protection/plans:** www.okaloosaoilresponse.com
- View Gulf Coast Response & trajectory maps: <http://map.floridadisaster.org/GATOR/> or http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/book_shelf/2232_TMF24-2010-06-24-2100.pdf

Phone Numbers, Addresses and Web Sites:

- Okaloosa Co.: 311, 8 for recording or 0 for operator and 850-423-4894 out of area. Twitter: OKALOOSAEOC and ideas/questions: 850-270-SAND (7263); Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge: 850-837-1880
- Access Florida (food stamps, cash, Medicaid), call 1-888-444-4358 or visit www.myflorida.com/access/CPSlookup; Victim of Fraud: (866) 720-5721
- BP Claims office: **348 Miracle Strip Parkway**, Suite 13, in Fort Walton Beach. Hours are 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., daily; 1-800-440-0858; www.myfloridacfo.com
- The Small Business Administration (SBA): **Destin Community Center Annex** (Senior Center), 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, FL, 32541; 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/.

BP/State Assistance:

- Vessels of Opportunity: 866-289-7983; Fisherman who want to contact BP: 800-440-0858
- BP Claims Page: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/claims.htm>;
- Water & Air sampling: <http://www.airnow.gov/> or <http://www.epa.gov/bpspill/>
- <http://response.restoration.noaa.gov>.
- Florida's open and closed **fishing** harvest areas 1-800-357-4273.
- Florida **Poison Information** Centers at **1-800-222-1222**.
- Oil Spill **Information** Line 1-888-337-3569 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Persons with disabilities: (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).
- Environmental Protection (FDEP): www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon
- Florida Fish & Wildlife: www.myfwc.com
- Florida State Emergency Operations Center: www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp
- Volunteers visit www.volunteerfloridadisaster.org
- Wildlife distress: 866-557-1401
- Joint Incident Command website: www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com