

Okaloosa County News Release-1

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Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill Update #27

Okaloosa County Monitors Environmental and Economic Impacts

Okaloosa County is likely to continue to receive isolated oil impacts in the form of tar balls based on natural tides and weather conditions. Emergency management will continue to monitor conditions on a local level, along with the state and federal government.

Water, air and seafood quality and safety testing is ongoing. For more information, visit the new federal government information web site is www.RestoretheGulf.gov. Florida State waters have **never** been closed to fishing, and **Red Snapper fishing has been extended to include weekends from October 1 through November 22, 2010.**

Florida Association of Counties is organizing an Economic Recovery Summit on September 15, at the Emerald Coast Conference Center for community leaders. Recently, the International Economic Development Council visited Okaloosa County to conduct a FREE study of the oil impacted area, in order to assist counties in economic recovery. The results of the study will be available in September.

Call Okaloosa County Citizens Information Line at 311 for more information or to report tar balls or oil and visit www.okaloosaf1.com. Restore the Gulf phone numbers are as follows:

(www.RestoretheGulf.gov)

To Report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information: (866) 448-5816

Submit alternative response technology, services or products: (281) 366-5511

Submit a claim for damages: (800) 916-4893

Report oiled wildlife: (866) 557-1401

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