

City of Orange Beach—Information BP / Deepwater Horizon Incident Oil Spill



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What a Great Weekend We Had!

As of this release, Orange Beach coastline is clear. There have been no reports of odor along our area beaches. At its closest point the oil slick is 50-60 miles away from Fort Morgan. **The oil slick has not reached our shorelines and NOAA is not forecasting it to reach our shores in the next 72 hours.** Forecasting beyond 72 hours is not available.

Please be mindful of the booms that have been deployed while boating. There have been reports that people have been moving boom or driving over boom. You risk incurring fines if you damage or move the booms.

BP has announced Spill Response Training in our area. BP Mod 3 (6 hrs) will be held from 8am-2pm and 2pm-9pm May 17-22 and May 24-28 in Robertsdale, 19478 Fairground Rd. The same training, times and dates will also be held at the Pensacola Civic Center. To register, please email horizonresponse@pecpremier.com.

The City has scheduled a third general information meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 12pm at the Orange Beach Council Chambers. These meetings will be held regularly on Wednesdays at noon to give citizens the opportunity to be updated by the Mayor and other City Leaders about the City's response and action plan.

BP opens Claim Center in Foley. The Center is located at 1506 N McKenzie St, Suite 104 and is open 7am-7pm. The BP Claims phone number is 800-440-0858 and is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. There are plans to open a BP Claims Center in Orange Beach. We will release that information as it becomes available.

NOAA Fisheries Service has modified the boundaries of the closed fishing area to better reflect the current location of the BP oil spill. Although commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in the closed area, this represents slightly less than 4.5 percent of Gulf of Mexico federal waters. The vast majority of Gulf waters have not been affected by the oil spill and continue to support productive fisheries and tourism activities. Charter boats are leaving our docks every day to fish areas up to 25 miles out and in our very plentiful inshore waters.

These pictures were taken today behind Winddrift Condominiums. All is well.

For more pictures of our sunny shores, visit www.orangebeach.com/issues.

