

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



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Orange Beach waterways, unfortunately, is continuing to see oil impact. City officials and staff are working with BP and its contractors to clean the beaches and waterways as quickly as possible. It is expected for more product to come ashore over the next 24 hours. The public is reminded to please, **DO NOT TOUCH OIL** in any form. The BP hotline for reporting oil on the shore **and for private property** is 1-866-448-5816. To report oil impacts to wildlife, contact 866-557-1401.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE TO VESSELS AND WATERCRAFT as of Friday, June 11, 2010, 4:00pm. By order of the Alabama Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources along with the City of Orange Beach and the US Coast Guard, all waters South of a line running from the Southernmost tip of Bear Point to the Eastern shore of the Mouth of Ono Harbor on Ono Island are hereby closed to the operation of all recreational fishing vessels and watercraft. This decision was a difficult one to make as all parties are aware of the deep importance of recreational boating and fishing to our community and our citizens. Recreational boating is a critical part of our economy and the City of Orange Beach will do everything in its power to reopen these waters as soon opportunities allow based on the defensive strategies against the encroaching oil product.

Work has begun on the Perdido Pass Emergency Oil Spill Protection Projection. This is more sophisticated protection system. More details about the plan will be on our website soon.

New Training Courses have been announced. These four hour classes are taught by City of Orange Beach staff and are no charge. They will allow the participant to participate in beach clean up, but not handle wildlife. Classes are being held during day, evening and weekend. Please contact Nicole Woerner to register, nwoerner@cityoforangebeach.com, 251-981-1063.



The Alabama Department of Public Health has expanded the Swimming Advisory to include Alabama gulf waters to now include the waters of Bayou St John, Terry Cove, Cotton Bayou and Old River. Advisory notices are posted at public beach accesses. These are precautionary measures issued to protect the public's health.

The City has scheduled a seventh general information meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 12pm at the Orange Beach Recreation Center. The location has been changed to handle the large crowd anticipated. 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. We have invited our county, state and federal leaders to be present as well.

The Orange Beach Aquatics Center is open to the public at a reduced rate to help out those who choose not to swim in the Gulf and Back Bays due to the ADPH Swimming Advisories. The cost is \$3/day for nonmembers to use just the pool, \$5 to use pool and Rec Center. The Aquatics Center is located at 4853 Wilson Blvd (the corner of Wilson Blvd and Canal Rd), call 251-974-7946 for more details, open M-F, 7am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 1pm-5pm.

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