

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



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Boggy Point Boat Ramp to Reopen Temporarily: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) Marine Resources Division announces the temporary reopening of the Boggy Point Boat Ramp in Orange Beach, Ala., for the fall 2010 Red Snapper Season, effective immediately. The ramp was closed to the public in June 2010, due to the BP oil spill response and recovery activities. The Boggy Point Boat Ramp will remain open for public use until the end of the fall 2010 Red Snapper Season. At that time the ramp will be closed in order to restore the area to its original condition prior to its use during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through five divisions: Marine Police, Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

Red Snapper Season Extended: NOAA's Fisheries Service announced has opened the recreational red snapper fishing in the Gulf of Mexico for an added season to allow fishermen to catch the quota they did not reach because a portion of the Gulf was closed due to the Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill. Recreational fishing will be allowed on Fridays through Sundays for eight weeks, from Oct. 1 through Nov. 21. A large portion of the recreational red snapper catch comes from federal waters off Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida panhandle. When much of this area was closed for the initial June 1 through July 23 recreational red snapper season due to the oil spill, fishermen caught only one third of their 3.4 million pound quota from areas outside the closure. The Gulf Coast red snapper season starts October 1 at 12:01 am and ends at 12:01 am on November 22. You can keep the red snapper you catch on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during that time. If you fish both Friday and Saturday, you can bring-in a 2-day limit of snapper and other species of fish.

Open Fishing Waters: On October 1, NOAA reopened even more gulf waters that had been closed to commercial and recreational fishing. This newly opened area extends south of part of the Louisiana coast. For more information, please visit, <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

Beach Cleanup: Wind and wave action are the primary factors affecting where remaining emulsified oil appears. Cleaning machines continue to rake the beaches nightly and officials are researching which long-term cleaning techniques will be the most effective.

All waterways in Orange Beach are open to posted speed, except Cotton Bayou which is still under the Idle Speed Only-No Wake order. Cotton Bayou Boat Launch is open the public, Boggy Point Boat Launch is still closed.

