BP Oil Spill: NOAA Modifies Commercial and Recreational Fishing Closure in the Oil-Affected Portions of the Gulf of Mexico

Current revisions to the closure, described below, will be effective on May 28, 2010 at 6 p.m. eastern time (5 p.m. central time). All commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in the closed area; however, transit through the area is allowed.

This revised closed area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following coordinates:

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Follow the outer boundary of federal waters northerly to...

The outer federal line

86° 16'

26° 48'

86° 20'

27° 35'

88° 14'

27° 35'

91° 20'20"

At the state/federal line

91° 20'20"

Follow the state/federal water line easterly to beginning point

Ways To Receive Closure Information:

- Southeast Fishery Bulletins: to sign up send an email to: SERO.Communications.Comments@noaa.gov
- Call 1-800-627-NOAA (1-800-627-6622) to hear a recording of the current coordinates
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for updates
- Text messages on your cell phone: to sign up text fishing@gulf to 84469 (for more information visit http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/558107)
- Follow us on Twitter: usnoaagov to get a tweet when the closed area changes

Links for more information:

Southeast Regional Office’s Web page:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm

NOAA’s National Ocean Service
http://response.restoration.noaa.gov

Deepwater Horizon Response
http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com

Fishermen who wish to contact BP about a claim should call 1-800-440-0858.