



## City of Gulf Shores

### Update – Tuesday, August 17, 2010 – 9:00 AM

- **Ken Feinberg is returning to Alabama on Saturday 21 August to explain to our citizens the changes and expectations for the Gulf Coast Claims Facilities (GCCF).** Mr. Feinberg will be at the Orange Beach Recreation Center from 6:45AM to 7:45AM and then be at the Gulf Shores High School from 8:00AM to 9:00AM. He will explain the details and nuances of how the claims process is evolving under the GCCF, and what our citizens need to know to rapidly and efficiently file their claims once he takes over on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Subsurface oil impacts on the beach due to wave action.** This situation is expected and it allows the response teams the opportunity to remove that oil from the environment. Responding to these impacts is part of an ongoing response that will continue.
- **The BP claims office in Gulf Shores remains open.** The office is located at 1709 Gulf Shores Parkway (the old Prudential Cooper Realty Office) directly south from the Municipal Court building. The Gulf Shores BP Claims Center is open 7days a week from 8:00 AM to 6 PM.
- **Business Support Center (BSC) is available to local businesses.** The [Alabama Gulf Coast Area Chamber of Commerce](#), [South Baldwin Chamber](#) and the [Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance](#) have created a partnership to open a Business Support Center in direct response to businesses in need due to the Gulf oil spill. [Faulkner State Community College](#) will both host and manage the Center. The center will be staffed by a number of agencies including the Small Business Development Center, Alabama Career Center, SCORE, Women's Business Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration. The BSC is located at Faulkner State Community College at the Gulf Shores Campus. The Center will be open from 8 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday. Please call 251-968-3118 for information.
- **All Alabama Waters Now Open for Fishing**

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Marine Resources Division (MRD) announces the re-opening to the harvest of fish from all areas previously closed as a precautionary response to the presence of oil from the Deepwater Horizon Incident. These areas include all Alabama Gulf of Mexico waters out to three miles and the remaining closed waters of Mobile Bay that are just north of the Fort Morgan Peninsula. These waters reopened at 6 a.m., Monday, August 16. This includes both commercial and recreational fishing. In addition to finfish, the area north of Fort Morgan is also open to shrimping.

Harvest of crabs is still prohibited in all areas that were closed including the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi Sound, Pelican Bay and the area in Mobile Bay north of Fort Morgan. Analyses are currently being conducted on blue crabs from affected areas. The results will be made public as soon as they are received. For more information, or to learn more about ADCNR, visit [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com)

For detailed information about the entire incident, visit NOAA (<http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/>) or Deepwater Horizon ([www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com)) response sites.