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### DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE

Governor Charlie Crist has taken the following actions in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill since the explosion on April 20, 2010:

- June 10, participated in a White House Intergovernmental Affairs call with Gulf Coast Governors on BP Deepwater Horizon Response
- June 9, appointed Tampa attorney Steve Yerrid as Special Counsel to advise the Governor pro bono on legal issues relating to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
- June 9, visited the Deepwater Horizon Incident Command Post in Miami.
- June 9, addressed the Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force during a meeting in Tallahassee.
- June 9, participated in a phone briefing with a United States Coast Guard Regional Captain on recovery efforts.
- June 9, participated in a White House Intergovernmental Affairs call with Gulf Coast Governors on BP Deepwater Horizon Response
- June 8, announced that Florida is ensuring quick and timely discovery of oil through daily reconnaissance missions by air, land, and sea.
- June 7, visited businesses impacted by the oil spill and held a roundtable with local hospitality and business leaders in St. Petersburg Beach.
- June 7, activated Florida's Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program, which will provide emergency, short-term loans to established small businesses in the designated counties.
- June 7, spoke with White House Intergovernmental Affairs team and Gulf Coast Governors and briefed by United States Coast Guard Regional Captain.
- June 5, participated in a shoreline and aerial beach inspection with Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Mike Sole, Major General Douglas Burnett of the Florida National Guard and Gulf-Coast native and musician, Jimmy Buffett.
- June 4, sent letter to Lamar McKay, president of BP America, requesting \$100 million to cover the costs of the critical and time sensitive response to threats from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to Florida's seabed, water column, surface and shoreline.
- June 4, announced his request for a Fishery Failure Determination for Florida had been granted by the United States Department of Commerce.

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- June 4, attended briefing with President Obama and Gulf Coast Governors in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- June 4, spoke with White House Intergovernmental Affairs team and Gulf Coast Governors.
- June 3, requested U.S. Department of Commerce grant Fishery Failure Determination for Florida
- June 3, sent letter to Lamar McKay, president of BP America, requesting an additional \$50 million to cover the costs of ongoing preparedness efforts and preparing additional miles of Florida's coastline for the impacts of the oil's imminent impact.
- June 3, visited Emergency Operation Centers in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.
- June 3, participated in aerial tour of Pensacola/Perdido Key with Major General Douglas Burnett and Attorney General Bill McCollum.
- June 2, briefed with Dave Halstead and Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Mike Sole at the state Emergency Operations Center.
- June 1, announced first phase of an aggressive 90-day marketing campaign, pumping \$7 million into the first three weeks of new advertising expected to reach nearly 500 million consumers in Northwest Florida's traditional feeder markets. The release of funds in increments ensures that Florida will be able to deploy messages that are responsive to the ever changing nature of the oil spill.
- May 30, met with representatives of Gulf Coast tourist development councils in Destin.
- May 29, met with representatives of tourism and hospitality industry and took fishing charter boat tour in Destin.
- May 28, to draw visitors to Florida, announced two free saltwater fishing weekends for state residents and nonresidents during Memorial Day weekend, May 29 to May 31, and first weekend of red snapper season, June 5 and 6, 2010.
- May 28, attended briefing with President Obama and Gulf Coast Governors in Grand Isle, Louisiana.
- May 25, announced Florida has received \$25 million from BP for Visit Florida and local tourist development councils to air a tourism marketing campaign with ads reflecting the accurate condition of Florida's beaches.
- May 25, received signed Memorandum of Understanding from BP for tourism marketing campaign.
- May 24, Dave Halstead signed Memorandum of Understanding for BP \$25-million grant for emergency tourism marketing campaign and sent it to BP.
- May 24, spoke with Gulf Coast Governors and President Obama
- May 22, sent letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano requesting more boom, more BP claims centers, and appointment to President Obama's commission due to reports oil is in the loop current.
- May 20, extended emergency declaration to 26 counties (Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach).
- May 19, briefed with Gulf Coast Governors by NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco and representative from the National Incident Command.
- May 19, Coast Guard Marine Safety Laboratory in New London, Conn. confirmed tar balls discovered on Florida Keys shoreline Tuesday were not from Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
- May 18, encouraged reporting evidence of oil along shores by calling the State Warning Point at 1-877-2-SAVE-FL (1-877-272-8335), or by dialing #DEP from a cell phone
- May 17, met with Tony Hayward, CEO of BP, who announced \$25-million grant for a national tourism advertising campaign.

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- May 14, U.S. Small Business Administration approved disaster loan funds for impacted counties.
- May 13, met with Gulf Coast Governors.
- May 12, directed Department of Environmental Protection to accelerate preparedness and restoration in the 19 activated coastal counties.
- May 12, requested U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest loans for businesses.
- May 12, requested \$34.75 million from BP to create an immediate marketing campaign to counter the negative, widespread and false information potential visitors to Florida are receiving about the oil spill's impact on Florida's beaches and waters.
- May 12, visited Incident Unified Command in St. Petersburg.
- May 11, created Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force to help Florida businesses and industries losing business and revenues.
- May 10, along with Attorney General Bill McCollum, called on former Attorneys General Bob Butterworth and Jim Smith to chair a Legal Advisory Council, that will explore options relating to the Deepwater Horizon incident and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and bring together private-sector attorneys and experts to begin assessing impact the potential disaster could have on Florida.
- May 10, Meeting with Gulf Coast Governors and Senior White House Advisor Valerie Jarret.
- May 9, met with hospitality industry leaders in Destin and took fishing charter boat tour.
- May 8, met with Franklin County Seafood Association in Apalachicola, toured bay oysterman Joseph James.
- May 7, met with Gulf Coast Governors and Senior White House Advisor Valerie Jarret. Met with Rear Admiral Steve Branham, commander, U.S. Coast Guard district 7
- May 6, Governor Crist and BP executed the Memorandum of Understanding for BP \$25-million grant for state and local preparation and response.
- May 6, sent a letter to President Obama requesting a \$50 million disaster National Emergency Grant from the United States Department of Labor. Also participated in roundtable discussions with local elected leaders and Secretary Janet Napolitano of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, & fishermen and Secretary Gary Locke, U.S. Department of Commerce.
- May 4, visited Pensacola and Joint Incident Command Center in Mobile and announced \$25-million block grant from BP for initial state and local preparation and response costs.
- May 4, met with Gulf Coast Governors, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Senior White House Advisor Valerie Jarret.
- May 3, extended emergency declaration to 19 counties (Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota) while visiting the State Emergency Operations Center.
- May 2, met with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Gulf Coast Governors.
- May 1, visited the Pensacola emergency operations center and flew over oil spill to witness the impact of the oil spill firsthand.
- April 30, declared state of emergency in six counties (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf).
- April 30, met with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson & White House Office of Energy & Climate Change Policy Director Carol Browner.
- April 27, visited Pensacola emergency operations center and flew over oil spill to witness the impact of the oil spill firsthand.

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