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FWC schedules meeting on Pensacola Beach June 15 concerning oil spill

Commissioners with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will be in Pensacola Beach Tuesday, June 15, to hear from people with fish and wildlife concerns related to the ongoing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The informal meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m. (CDT). The commissioners will conduct a fact-finding tour prior to the meeting.

“We know the oil spill has had far-reaching influences,” said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto. “This is an opportunity for us to go to the people who are most affected and for them to bring us up to speed on fish or wildlife matters that are important to them. Those matters could come from charter or recreational fishermen or from wildlife advocates with particular concerns.”

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front Hotel, 12 Via de Luna Dr., Pensacola Beach.

The FWC’s regularly scheduled meeting will take place June 23-24 in Lake Mary near Orlando.

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