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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:

- September 15, sent a joint letter with Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink to Ken Feinberg, requesting immediate action be taken to address the concerns Floridians have regarding the BP oil spill claims process.
- September 15, announced the \$700,000 "Back to the Beach" Tourism Advertising Campaign to speed the economic recovery for Florida's hospitality industry affected by the oil spill.
- August 26, signed Executive Order 10-191, extending the declaration of a State of Emergency due to the ongoing economic impact from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, but amending the State of Emergency to only the seven most affected counties.
- August 14, attended an economic roundtable with President of the United States, Secretary of the Navy, Mayor of Panama City and local business leaders.
- August 3, met with representatives of tourism and hospitality industry leaders in Fort Lauderdale to discuss the need for additional funds from BP for a second round of tourism marketing and advertising.
- July 30, announced the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reopened coastal state waters offshore of Escambia County to the harvest of saltwater fish, as of 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 31. The area had been closed on June 14 as a precautionary measure.
- July 30, participated in "Florida Live: The Fishing Capital of the World" live broadcast event at Grove Harbour Marina in Coconut Grove.
- July 30, participated in a White House Intergovernmental Affairs call with Gulf Coast Governors on BP Deepwater Horizon Response.
- July 29, announced BP will provide \$7 million to the Northwest Florida Travel Council for tourism marketing and advertising. Requested \$43 million from BP to complete a second round of a tourism marketing and advertising campaign, as requested on June 30, 2010.
- July 23, met with David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management.
- July 21, signed Executive Order 10-169, authorizing property appraisers to provide interim assessments of properties affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster.
- July 20, expressed disappointment and frustration over inaction by Florida Legislature to address offshore drilling during special session.

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- July 20, visited with representatives from the environmental community, Seafood Workers Association, small business owners and hotel and lodging industry in Tallahassee.
- July 16, met with Secretary Mike Sole, Department Of Environmental Protection; and David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management.
- July 14, hosted roundtable meeting in Miami with elected officials and community leaders
- July 13, attended a briefing in St. Petersburg with U.S. Coast Guard Captain Sheryl Dickinson.
- July 13, hosted roundtable meeting in St. Petersburg with elected officials and community leaders.
- July 13, participated in a White House Intergovernmental Affairs call with Gulf Coast Governors on BP Deepwater Horizon Response.
- July 13, held meeting via phone with Governor Bob Riley of Alabama.
- July 12, toured impacted beach in Pensacola with Ken Feinberg, Senator Alex Villalobos and Secretary Mike Sole, Department Of Environmental Protection
- July 12, held a roundtable meeting in Pensacola with Kenneth Feinberg, independent administrator of the \$20-billion escrow compensation fund.
- July 11, met with Secretary Mike Sole, Department Of Environmental Protection; and David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management.
- July 11, participated in a roundtable meeting in Pensacola with Senator Bob Graham and community leaders.
- July 10, met with Secretary Mike Sole, Department Of Environmental Protection; and David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management.
- July 9, met with Secretary Mike Sole, Department Of Environmental Protection; and David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management.
- July 9, visited the Escambia County BP Claims Center.
- July 8, met with Secretary Mike Sole, Department Of Environmental Protection
- July 8, visited Lake Talquin for the release of pied-billed grebes impacted by oil spill.
- July 8, called a special session of the Florida Legislature from July 20, 2010 through July 23, to address a constitutional amendment banning offshore drilling in Florida waters.
- July 7, in Pensacola, opened the first oil spill response branch office in Florida bringing together federal, state and local agencies to streamline response efforts.
- July 6, participated in a Pensacola roundtable discussion with local elected officials.
- July 5, briefed by Secretary Mike Sole, Department of Environmental Protection; and David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management.
- July 2, requested BP immediately begin distributing reimbursement funds to local governments.
- July 2, participated in a White House Intergovernmental Affairs Call with other Gulf Coast Governors regarding BP Deepwater Horizon Response.
- July 1, met with Secretary Janet Napolitano, Department of Homeland Security, via phone.
- July 1, met with Kenneth Feinberg, independent administrator of the \$20-billion compensation fund, in Tampa.
- June 30, requested an additional \$50 million for the second round of a tourism marketing and advertising campaign to assist business owners and families in counties.
- June 30, briefed by Secretary Mike Sole, Department of Environmental Protection; and David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management.
- June 30, announced \$7-million National Emergency Grant as result of May 6 request.

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- June 29, briefed by Secretary Mike Sole, Department of Environmental Protection; David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management; and Nick Wiley, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- June 29, participated in Regional Incident Briefing in Pensacola.
- June 29, participated in a White House Intergovernmental Affairs Call with other Gulf Coast Governors regarding BP Deepwater Horizon Response.
- June 28, briefed by Secretary Mike Sole, Department of Environmental Protection, in Pensacola.
- June 27, participated in aerial inspection of Gulf Coast shoreline with Secretary Mike Sole of the Department of Environmental Protection, Director Dave Halstead of the Division of Emergency Management, and Major General Emmett Titshaw of the Florida National Guard.
- June 27, briefed at Mobile Command Vehicle in Pensacola.
- June 27, announced BP funding for innovative technology solutions for protecting Panhandle against oil impacts.
- June 26, participated in Hands Across the Sand, in Pensacola Beach.
- June 26, toured Gulf Coast on the Orion to view skimmers oil-spill cleanup efforts with Secretary Mike Sole, Department of Environmental Protection.
- June 26, briefing by Secretary Mike Sole, Department of Environmental Protection, and Director David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management in Pensacola
- June 25, briefed on Gulf Coast Shoreline oil cleanup with Secretary Mike Sole, Department of Environmental Protection, and Director David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management, and Commander Joe Boudrow, United States Coast Guard.
- June 25, participated in a White House Intergovernmental Affairs Call with other Gulf Coast Governors regarding BP Deepwater Horizon Response.
- June 25, met with Executive Director Nick Wiley of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regarding BP Deepwater Horizon Response.
- June 24, requested from Senior White House Advisor Valerie Jarrett faster cleanup and more skimmers and boom.
- June 23, joined oceanography experts in Pensacola for an aerial and shoreline inspection: Philippe Cousteau, CEO of the non-profit environmental education organization EarthEcho International, and Dennis Takahashai-Kelso, the Alaska Commissioner of Environmental Conservation at the time of the Exxon Valdez spill.
- June 23, met with Admiral Robert Papp, Commandant, United States Coast Guard.
- June 22, sent letter to Doug Suttles, Chief Operating Officer of Exploration and Production for BP America Inc., requesting a complete electronic file of every business, individual, and government claim, to be updated weekly, with indications whether the claim was approved, denied, or is still pending a decision. Data will be used to evaluate the claims process and measure the economic impact of the losses to all level of governments throughout Florida.
- June 21, announced Commander Joe Boudrow, United States Coast Guard, as Florida's Deputy Incident Commander.
- June 20, visited Port St. Joe in Gulf County to view deployed boom and skimmer and toured Gulf on FWC boat.
- June 18, signed Executive Order 10-132, extending the declaration of a State of Emergency due to the Deepwater Horizon Incident.
- June 18, met with Department Of Environmental Protection Secretary Mike Sole via phone
- June 18, met with Division Of Emergency Management Director David Halstead via phone

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- June 17, launched the Florida Gulf Recovery Jobs Web site – [www.floridagulfrecoveryjobs.com](http://www.floridagulfrecoveryjobs.com)
- June 17, met with management of Osprey Biotechnics and Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium in Sarasota on gulf recovery capabilities
- June 16, met with Department Of Environmental Protection Secretary Mike Sole via phone
- June 16, met with Division Of Emergency Management Director David Halstead via phone
- June 16, participated in a White House Intergovernmental Affairs Call with other Gulf Coast Governors regarding BP Deepwater Horizon Response
- June 15, announced free fishing weekend in honor of Father's Day to encourage people to get out and fish off of Florida's beautiful beaches.
- June 15, briefing with the President in Pensacola.
- June 14, visited businesses impacted by the oil spill and held a roundtable with local hospitality and business leaders in Miami.
- June 11, briefing by Secretary Mike Sole, Department of Environmental Protection, and Director David Halstead, Division of Emergency Management.
- June 11, announced seafood licenses set to expire on July 1, 2010, are extended and the 2010 recreational harvest season for bay scallops will open nearly two weeks early.
- June 10, signed the Memorandum of Understanding for an additional \$25-million block grant for state preparation and response costs as result of June 4 request for additional funding from BP to support recovery efforts.
- 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.

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- June 4, announced his request for a Fishery Failure Determination for Florida had been granted by the United States Department of Commerce.
- 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

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- May 17, met with Tony Hayward, CEO of BP, who announced \$25-million grant for a national tourism advertising campaign.
- 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 Jarrett.
- 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 Jarrett. 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 Jarrett.
- 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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