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Vessel will conduct research on BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill underwater plume

Key contact numbers

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• Report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information: (866) 448-5816

• Submit alternative response technology, services or products: (281) 366-5511

• Submit your vessel for the Vessel of Opportunity Program: (281) 366-5511

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Contact: David Miller, 202-482-0013, david.p.miller@noaa.gov

The NOAA Ship *Gordon Gunter*, a 224-foot fisheries research vessel, will embark on a water column and fisheries sampling mission in the Gulf of Mexico using its sophisticated sonar equipment to help define the plume near the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill site and adjacent waters. The mission is a collaborative project between NOAA, the University of New Hampshire, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute and the University of South Florida. Prior to leaving port the scientific crew and NOAA Corps officers will be available for a media briefing.

WHAT: Dockside media briefing

WHO:

- Cmdr. Dave Score, NOAA Corps, commanding officer
- Russell Brown, NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center, mission chief scientist

WHEN: Wednesday, May 26, 2:00 p.m. CDT

WHERE: Singing River Island, Jackson County Port Authority, Pascagoula, Miss.

NOTE: This is a secure location and media must contact David Miller no later than noon CDT, May 26, and provide the name and affiliation of the news personnel attending this news briefing.

Directions: Heading East on Highway 90 toward Pascagoula – take Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding exit to the South (this exit is just before crossing the Pascagoula River Bridge). At first traffic light turn Right. Proceed across access Bridge to Singing River Island. Go through the entrance, then bear to the left. Take first road to the left which leads to the pier.

For information about the response effort, visit www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com.

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