

Subject: CORRECTION: Florida Peninsula Command Post Develops Plans to Mitigate Impact to Wildlife in Florida Peninsula and Keys Should Need Arise
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Key contact numbers

Deepwater Horizon Incident Joint Information Center

- 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: (866) 279-7983 or (877) 847-7470 **(713) 323-1671**
- Submit a claim for damages: (800) 440-0858
- Report oiled wildlife: (866) 557-1401

Phone: (713) 323-1670

Eds. note: Editors who used the June 18 press release "Florida Peninsula Command Post Develops Plans to Mitigate Impact to Wildlife in Florida Peninsula and Keys Should Need Arise" are asked to use the following story; disregarding the oiled wildlife numbers which do not apply to the Florida Peninsula Command Post area of responsibility.

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- The Florida Peninsula Command Post continues with its planning efforts to mitigate potential wildlife impacts should they be needed in the Florida Peninsula and Florida Keys arising from the Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill.

Under federal and state law, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) have the responsibility to regulate activities affecting migratory birds, marine mammals, sea turtles, fish, and other wildlife potentially impacted by the Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill. In consultation with these agencies, Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research has been contracted to rescue, treat, and rehabilitate birds and other wildlife across the Gulf of Mexico, including the Florida Peninsula. The Southeast Regional Marine Mammal Stranding Network will be activated to respond to marine mammal and manatee issues, if required. Sea turtle response activities will be coordinated FWS, NMFS and FWC with the support of permit holders and experts from the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network.

Individuals who do not have federal or state wildlife permits are not authorized to handle impacted wildlife. Individuals interested in volunteering in other capacities should register at www.volunteerflorida.org.

Members of the public should call the Oiled Wildlife Hotline at (866) 557-1401 if they observe any wildlife that appears to be oiled. The public is advised not to attempt to rescue or capture oiled or injured birds or wildlife on their own. Doing so can cause more harm to the wildlife and injure the handler. If oiled wildlife appears on Florida Peninsula shorelines, Tri-State will generally coordinate with the local wildlife rehabilitation centers closest to where the oiled wildlife are found.

Although the risk remains low for pollution threats to the Florida Peninsula, the Florida Peninsula Command Post is continuing its planning and surveillance efforts in the event that a response is needed.

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

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