

Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Outreach Program Overview

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What is Sea Grant?

- University-based programs (33)
- Partially funded by NOAA and states
- Three areas of emphasis
 - Research
 - Education
 - Extension
- Service-oriented
- Trusted/non-advocacy honest brokers
- **50 years** of serving the nation's coasts











Oil Spill Science Outreach Team



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Target Audiences

Primary

- Emergency Responders/managers
- Fishing Industry
- Natural resource managers
- Policymakers
- Tourism industry
- Sea Grant and outreach staff

Other

- Health professionals
- NGO staff
- University/college Researchers
- Environmental consultants
- Oil and gas industry members





Broad oil-spill related topics







- Ecosystem Level Impacts
 - Habitat
 - Fisheries
 - Animal health
- Dispersants
 - Impacts at the organism level
- Human health
 - Seafood safety
- Fate and transport of oil
- Spill response
 - Technology





Oil Spill Science – Outreach products

Our publications & seminars – Synthesize and translate peer-reviewed, published science. Topics all inspired by our target audience input.



- Seafood safety
- Fisheries impacts
- Dispersants
- Frequently asked questions
- Impact on fisheries
- Oil on our Beaches

All available on our website





Oil Spill Science – Outreach products

- Science seminars & input sessions
 - Presentations by experts
 - Continue to identify needs of coastal audiences

Recordings of our past seminars are available on our website











How can you help??

What do you want to know?

• Oil spill science topics

How do you want us to share the information?

- Outreach publications
- Presentations by experts
- Other ways?





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Share your thoughts (Click here)

Thank you

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