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The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is a non-profit alliance of members of the U.S. shrimp industry in eight states committed to preventing the continued deterioration of America's shrimp industry and to ensuring the industry's future viability. SSA serves as the national voice for the shrimp fishermen and processors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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## **BREAKING NEWS**

### **Southern Shrimp Alliance Reacts to Oil Spill**

*Tarpon Springs, Fla.*-The Southern Shrimp Alliance, which represents the U.S. wild-caught shrimp industry, is monitoring closely the Deepwater Horizon oil spill located off of the coast of Louisiana that could negatively impact the U.S. shrimp fisheries in five states.

"The Southern Shrimp Alliance is communicating with National Marine Fisheries Service and state government officials and monitoring the containment efforts and environmental impact the spill with officials," said John Williams, Executive Director of the Southern Shrimp Alliance. "We are deeply concerned about the potential effects of the spill on the shrimp stocks, which are migrating from estuaries to the Gulf of Mexico. The Southern Shrimp Alliance will continue to collaborate with federal and state government agencies to identify measures to minimize the damage from this tragedy."

The impact on the shrimp industry depends on many variables, such as the final volume of the spill, the outcome of containment efforts, and weather conditions. According to media reports, geologists says that the oil spill has the potential to delay the shrimp season and affect this year's catch.

The offshore drilling rig Deepwater Horizon continues to release an estimated 210,000 gallons of crude oil a day during a time from three leaks in a drilling pipe located 5,000 feet below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico. Recent efforts to shut off the well have been unsuccessful. The most recent news on the oil spill

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[www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com).

The Southern Shrimp Alliance will continue to provide information on the impact to the fishery as it becomes available.

SSA is an alliance of the U.S. warmwater wild shrimp fishery from eight states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. For more information on the SSA, please visit [www.shrimpalliance.com](http://www.shrimpalliance.com).