



The Shrimp e-Advocate

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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The BP Claims Work Group met yesterday and received public testimony from realtors, charter boat captains, restaurateurs, vacation rental home operators, and hoteliers. Testimonies indicated:

1. Loss of business across Northwest Florida continues, primarily due to public perception of all the beaches being covered in oil.
2. Critical need for claims handlers to have an understanding of the business model for the industry they're administering claims for.
3. Streamline and provide transparency for the Claims Process.
4. Clarify the process for Large Loss Claims.
5. Increase claims staff - taking an inordinate amount of time to reach a claims handler by phone.

The next scheduled meeting of the Governor's Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force is:

June 30, 2010 10 AM - 3 PM
The University of West Florida
11000 University Parkway
Conference Center, Building # 22
Pensacola, Florida 32514

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