

What can we do to save ...



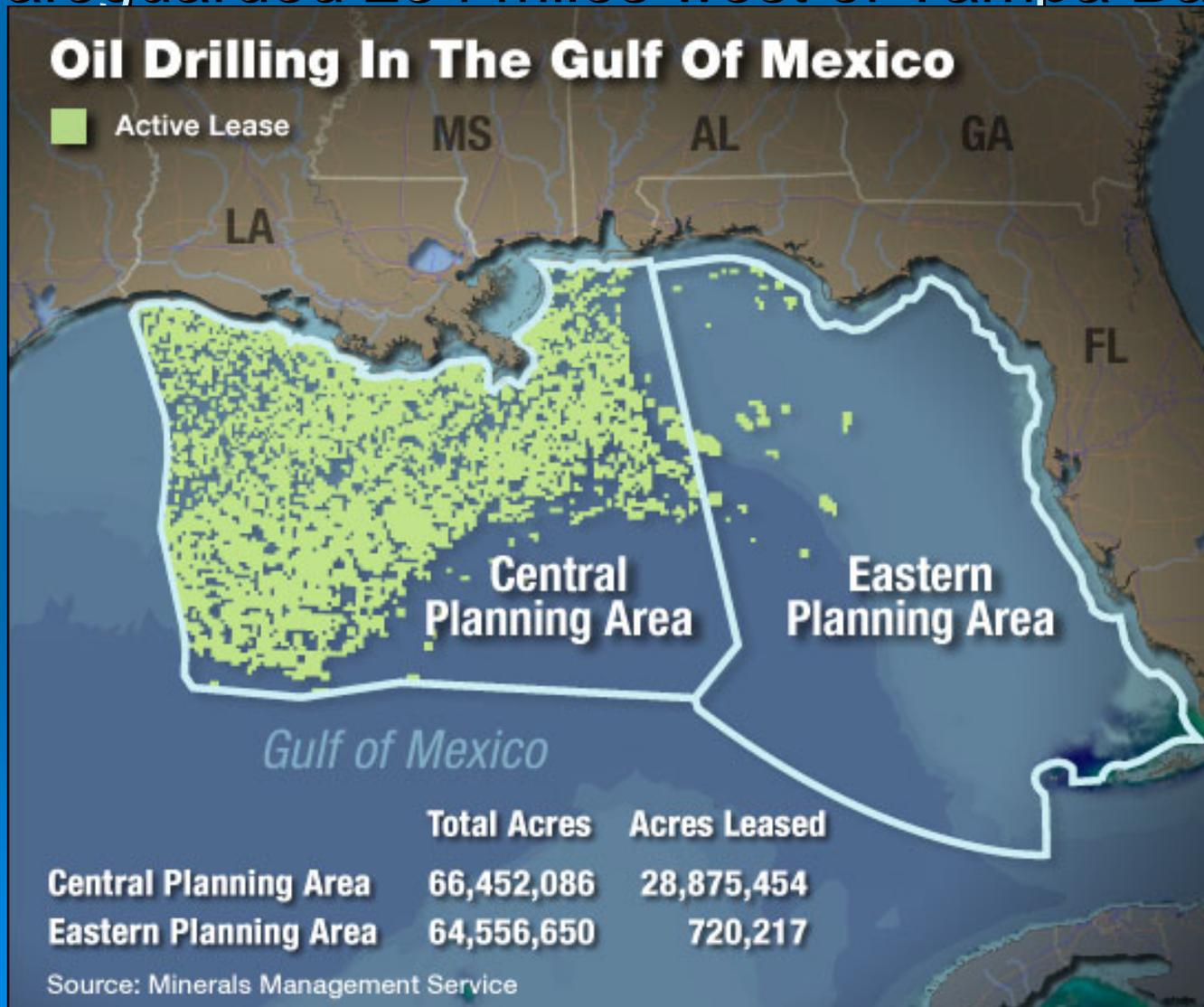
2006: Florida's U.S. Senators stood together to protect our coasts from offshore drilling



Announcement of **2006 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA)**

Left to right: US. Senators Bill Nelson and Mel Martinez, Sierra Club's Frank Jackalone, St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker.

Where we are today – Under GOMESA safeguarded 234 miles west of Tampa Bay



Sept 2009: FL Tourism Spoke Out



D.T. Minich, Exec. Director, *Visit St. Petersburg Clearwater*

February 13, 2010: Thousands of Floridians stood together on over 90 beaches... Led by U.S. Rep. CW Bill Young, Florida's elected officials from the Gulf Coast stood together in bi-partisan opposition to offshore oil drilling in the eastern Gulf.



Joined by the coastal tourism business
community that generates \$65 Billion for Florida:
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
President Robin Grabowski



Senator Dennis Jones, D.C., Florida District 13 (R-Seminole)



Senator Charlie Justice, Florida District 16 (D-St. Petersburg)



We joined hands to say: “Make our energy clean, & make it American”



Hands Across the Sand Message

- The image is powerful, the message simple," said event founder Dave Rauschkolb. "No to offshore oil drilling, yes to clean energy. We are drawing a line in the sand against offshore oil drilling along America's beaches... No one industry should be able to place entire coastal economies and marine environments at risk with dangerous, dirty mistakes."

We joined hands to warn that sooner or later, *someone* would make a big mistake.



Oil Drilling Myth : The drilling process is safe...



Deepwater Horizon, April 20, 2010

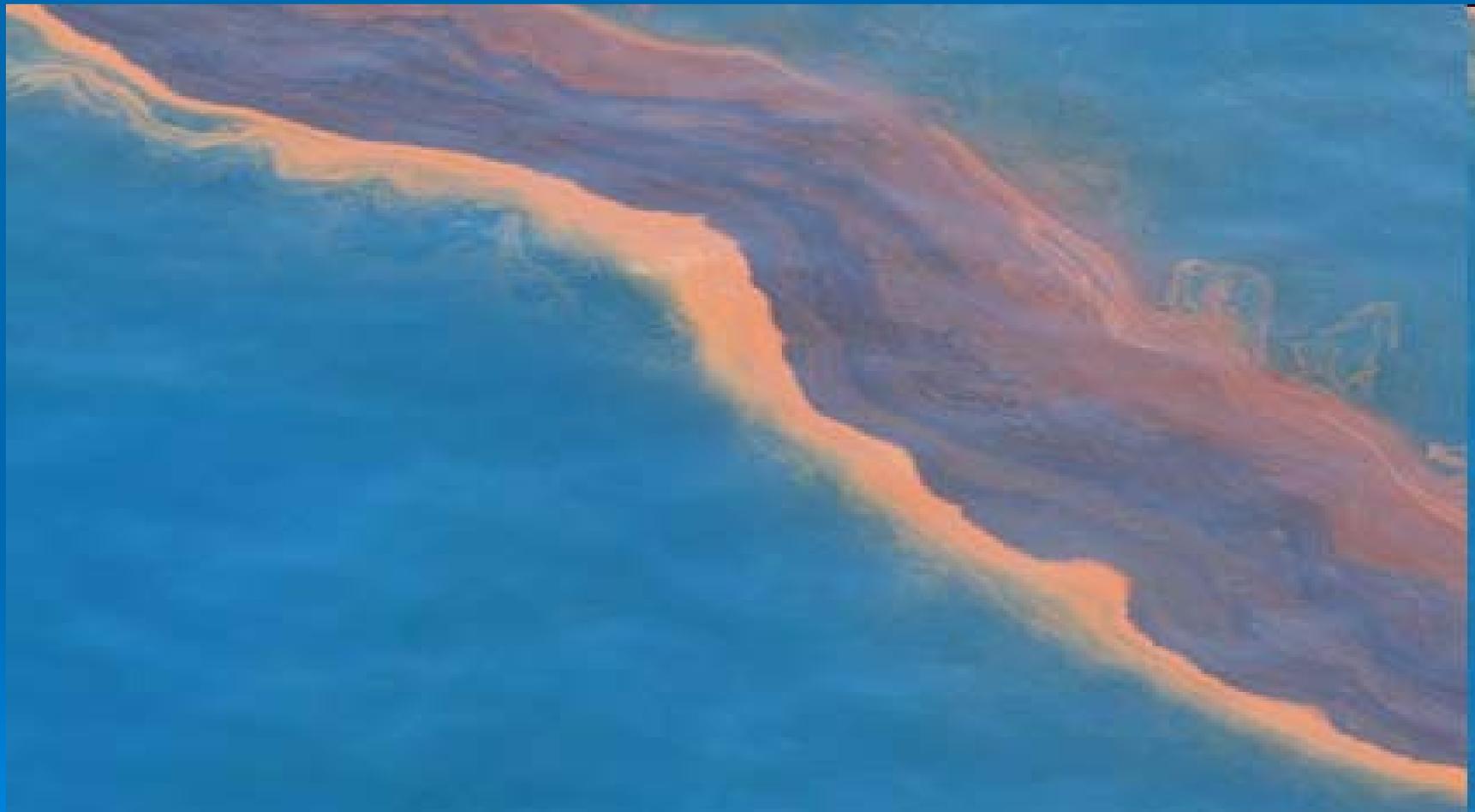


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May 7th: Florida's U.S. Senator **Bill Nelson** briefed Pinellas tourism officials, state legislators and environmental leaders.



Heavy band of oil seen during an overflight
on May 12. Credit: NOAA.



Surface Oil Near Pass-a-Loutre, Louisiana, May 2010
showing dark brown and red emulsion entering the shallow shelf.
Credit NOAA.



Striped Dolphins

Striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*) observed in emulsified oil on April 29. Credit: NOAA.



A close-up of a tar ball found on the beach in Dauphin Island, Alabama (May 13, 2010).
Possibly what we can expect here? Credit: NOAA.



Training has started to rescue the victims



Turtles brought in to the Audubon Nature Institute are distressed and oiled. Turtles are given toxiban (activated charcoal); their mouths are cleaned with mayonnaise; they are given fluids and antibiotics; and they are cleaned. This image shows a cleaned Kemp's Ridley turtle. Credit: NOAA.



Sierra Club is creating teams
locally and all over FL & US



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But how do we get off our addiction to oil?
We are moving forward with transportation
alternatives and the jobs and redevelopment that
come with it.

Hillsborough County light rail initiative on ballot
November 2010 ; Pinellas could do same in 2011 or
2012.



Communities Speak Out with Resolutions

- [Bay County Commission](#)
- [Barrier Islands Governmental Council, 'Big C'](#)
- [Broward County Commission](#)
- [Captiva Erosion Prevention District](#)
- [Clearwater, City of](#)
- [Cocoa Beach Surfrider](#)
- [Collier County Commission](#)
- [Destin Area Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Destin City Council](#)
- [Escambia County Commission](#)
- [Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association](#)
- [Florida's Great Northwest \(Military Interests\)](#)
- [Indian Rocks, City of](#)
- [Indian Shores Town Council](#)
- [Lee County Commission](#)
- [Lee County Tourist Council](#)
- [Manatee County Commission](#)
- [Miami Beach, City of](#)
- [Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Pensacola City Council](#)
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- [St. Petersburg, City of](#)
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- [Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Tarpon Springs, City of](#)
- [Treasure Island, City of](#)
- [Wakulla County Commission](#)
- [Walton Area Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Walton County Commission](#)

Florida's newspapers join the chorus against drilling

The Miami Herald 

pnj.com

 TBO.com
Tampa Bay Online

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We're Seeing What We Have At Stake

Clean beaches on Gulf coast counties =

- **31% of Florida's total employment in 2006,**
- **2.4 million jobs. ***
- **30% of Florida's state GDP (\$210 Billion).**

A large oil spill affecting coastal tourism impacts this huge economic engine. We are now seeing that economic devastation.

Transforming our state from a tourist destination to an industrial site clearly detracts from our state's economic productivity, even if there were no more accidents.

*"Phase II, Florida's Ocean and Coastal Economies Report". Judith Kildow. Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute. June 2008. P. 10 Table 4.3. Available at:
http://www.floridaoceanscouncil.org/reports/Florida_Phase_II_Report.pdf

Which is worth *more*?

- **\$30.2 Billion** value of sustainable coastal dependent business on Florida Gulf Coast.
- ratio of 3 to 1 when compared to the value of oil and gas reserves in E. Gulf (a little over \$10 Billion).

Sources of our Coastal Wealth

➤ Value of Coastal Dependent Business in the Gulf of Mexico Areas

Coastal Tourism (2007)	\$ 25.36B*
Commercial Fishing (2006)	\$ 674M**
Recreational Fishing (2006)	\$ 5.79B***
Total \$31.82 Billion	

➤ * "National Ocean Economics Program, 2007" 15 October, 2009

<http://noep.mbari.org?Market?coastal/coastalEcon.asp>

➤ ** Fisheries Economics of the United States 2006, NOAA Fisheries: Office of Science and Technology.

http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st5/publication/economics_communities.html

➤ *** "Sportfishing in America" American Sportfishing Association 1 July 2008. 3 June 2009.

<http://www.asafishing.org/asa/images/statistics/resources/Sportfishing%20in%20America%20Rev.%207%2008.pdf>

American Oystercatcher with two VERY young chicks North Point Ft DeSoto on June 12th.
Credit: Lorraine Margeson



A Wilson's
Plover chick
with parent..
Ft DeSoto,
June 12, 2010

Credit: Don Margeson



Endangered human visitors on Ft DeSoto Beach, Saturday, June 12, 2010



Safeguard our state's economic engine by opposing expanded offshore oil exploration and drilling:
keep *The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006*
buffer zone of 235 miles west of Tampa



Our Message

New Energy in America

- The Gulf Coast Oil Spill Disaster highlights the importance of a new approach to energy in America. While we hold BP accountable, Congress needs to act now to pass comprehensive energy and climate legislation that cuts our dependence on oil, creates clean, renewable energy jobs and cuts dangerous pollution.

Clean Energy Works

- Clean Energy Works (CEW) is a coalition of organizations, including National Wildlife Federation, Environmental Defense Fund, Environment America, League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, The Audubon Society, The Alliance for Climate Protection, and others working to pass clean energy and climate legislation in Congress this year.

Americans Will Join Hands in Largest Gathering Against Offshore Drilling and For Renewable Energy Solutions in our Nation's History

- On Saturday, June 26, the nation will join hands on beaches and in parks and cities all across America, united against the dangers offshore oil drilling present to our oceans and marine wildlife, fishing industries and coastal economies, in Hands Across The Sand.
- **Hands Across The Sand's mission is to steer America's energy policy away from its dependence on fossil fuels and into the light of clean energy. The aim is to convince our leaders to abandon expanded offshore oil drilling and adopt policies that encourage clean and renewable energy sources.**

**NO OFFSHORE
OIL DRILLING
-YES TO CLEAN ENERGY-**



join hands with us
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JUNE 26TH 2010

HANDS ACROSS THE SAND

Hands Across The Sand Is Coming Soon To Your Beach



Hands Across the Sand-Nationwide Saturday, June 26th, Noon

- When? Saturday, June 26th – be at your “Hands” location by 11:00AM; Join hands from Noon to 12:15PM
 - Where? For current Hands locations & coordinator information please RSVP to the event & check Google map on Facebook at Hands Across the Sand-Pinellas June 26, 2010; for more national & local information check websites; www.handsacrossthesand.com
 - Wear RED WHITE & BLUE or BLACK
 - For more information please contact Cathy Harrelson, 727-415-8805; cathy_bam@earthlink.net; Follow us on Twitter: #NoDrillFL
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- Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, Tradewinds Island Resort, Sirata Beach Resort

