

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Order No. EO 10-23

**Temporary Suspension of Permitting for Entry into Manatee
Restricted Areas for Certain Individuals Otherwise
Authorized**

The Fish and Wildlife Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and Chapter 379, Florida Statutes, acting through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and 22, and acting pursuant to Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-99, dated April 30, 2010 and as amended by Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-100, dated May 3, 2010, and Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-106, dated May 20, 2010, hereby provides an exemption from the requirement to obtain a Commission permit to enter Manatee No Entry Zones and Manatee Motorboats Prohibited Zones as identified in Attachment 1. This action is taken in order to expedite response to the emergency caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The exemption is in effect only as follows:

1. Only individuals engaged in activities duly authorized by Unified Command, the United States Coast Guard, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service related to preparing for or responding to impacts associated with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill that would include preventative, assessment, and clean-up measures are exempt from the requirement of obtaining a permit from the Commission to enter the areas designated in Attachment 1, so long as:
 - a. Individuals acting pursuant to this order notify the nearest Commission Law Enforcement Dispatch Center in advance of entering the restricted zones (see Attachment 2); and
 - b. Vessels do not exceed Idle Speed; and
 - c. Entry is restricted to daylight hours; and
 - d. A manatee watch coordinator is present during the time that people or vessels are in the restricted area to ensure that manatees are safe during all operations; and
 - e. Individuals entering the Virginia Key Area No-Entry Zone pursuant to this order coordinate with an FWC Biologist prior to entry into the Bill Sadowski Critical Wildlife Area by calling the FWC South Region Office at (561) 625-5122.
2. This order shall take effect at 12:01a.m. EDT, June 8, 2010 and shall expire at the sooner event of either the time of expiration of the Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-99, as amended and as may be extended, or November 15, 2010, unless sooner repealed or revised by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, and 379.2431(2), Florida Statutes

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-99, dated April 30, 2010 and as amended by Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-100, dated May 3, 2010, and Executive Order of the Governor Number 10-106, dated May 20, 2010

Effective Date: 12:01a.m. EDT, June 8, 2010

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish
and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this
7th day of June 2010.

_____/signed/_____
Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest: _____/signed/_____
Agency Clerk