



## Press Release from The Dauphin Island Sea Lab

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**What:** Community Forum on the Deepwater Horizon Event  
What are scientists learning about its impact?

**When:** Saturday, December 3 – 10:00am to 12:00pm

**Where:** Dauphin Island Sea Lab Shelby Center  
101 Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island  
251-861-2141

Auburn High School  
405 South Dean Rd, Auburn  
334-887-497

Southern Environmental Center, Birmingham Southern College  
900 Arkadelphia Rd, Birmingham  
205-226-4934

All sites will be networked via video-conferencing technology, and audiences will hear from and be able to ask questions of scientists at each location

**Admission:** FREE; open to the general public, families, students and teachers.  
No pre-registration is required.

The Deepwater Horizon event stimulated a great deal of scientific research in the Gulf of Mexico region. On Saturday December 3, join the Dauphin Island Sea Lab for a conversation with some of the scientists doing this research. Three locations across Alabama will host the event and will be networked via video-conferencing technology. Audiences will hear from and be able to ask questions of scientists at each location.

Scheduled speakers and talks are:

- Dr. Marcus Drymon, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, *Implications of the Deepwater Horizon explosion on Alabama's fisheries.*
- Dr. Asim Bej, University of Alabama at Birmingham, *Little things rule the world: microbial responses to oil.*

- Dr. Ken Halanych, Auburn University, *Oil spill impacts on sediment dwelling animals in the Gulf of Mexico.*
- Dr. Thane Wibbels, University of Alabama at Birmingham, *Oil spill impacts on terrapins and turtles in coastal waters.*

Please visit [http://cosee-central-gom.org/community\\_forum\\_al.htm](http://cosee-central-gom.org/community_forum_al.htm) for more information on the speakers and their research interests. For further event details, please call listed locations or the Dauphin Island Sea Lab at 251-861-2141 for more information.

This Community Forum is sponsored by the National Science Foundation through the Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence, Central Gulf of Mexico Program (COSEE:CGOM). For more information on COSEE, please go to <http://cosee-central-gom.org>.