



The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

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Fellow citizens:

After reviewing the status of the Deepwater Horizon well blowout, meeting with affected citizens, and talking with my colleagues in the Florida House and Senate, I am establishing six workgroups with specific assignments. These workgroups are expected to uncover problems and offer meaningful legislative solutions to the issues created by the oil spill.

I have agreed with Senate President Atwater to concentrate our efforts to identify legislation that may be passed this fall to assist citizens in Florida's coastal counties. I encourage you to follow the activities and conclusions that emerge from these workgroups and to participate as we seek solutions.

*Larry Cretul
Speaker*

Goals and Guiding Principles

- Assist Florida's citizens, businesses, and state and local governments in addressing the disaster and ensuring responsible parties are held accountable.
- Assure legislative actions bring meaningful relief while preserving fiscal responsibility and transparency.
- Assure legislative actions add value and make efficient use of resources.
- Enhance coordination, eliminate barriers, and streamline processes within legislative authority to influence.
- Avoid duplicating or distracting from other efforts to respond to and recover from the disaster.