

Oil Spill Professional Development for Educators INFORMATION

During the Deepwater Horizon Oil crisis in the summer of 2010, educators from the Gulf region spoke with representatives of NOAA's Office of Education (OE). Working with coastal educators, NOAA OE made funding available for oil spill professional development sessions to be held in the four affected U.S. Gulf states.

The first workshop will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at ten different locations around the Gulf. During a three-hour session, formal and informal educators will hear from experts, via video conferencing technology, in four states about their ongoing oil spill research. These will include the short- and long-term effects of oil as it relates to marine mammals, marine habitats, fisheries and seafood safety. Attendees will also participate in one or more hands-on activities that may be suitable for use in their classrooms. Educators will also receive additional curriculum and information related to the Deepwater Horizon spill.

A \$100 stipend is available to the first 20 registrants per location. Participants will be required to respond to electronic pre- and post-tests and an electronic Likert-scale evaluation for stipend eligibility. **These tests must be completed online in order to receive the stipend.**

**The deadline for registration is Friday, April 22, 2011.
For more information contact these state representatives:**

For more information, please contact the appropriate state contact. To apply, please complete the registration form and email it to the respective state contact.

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