



# State of Alabama

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## **ALABAMA MARINE RESOURCES RELEASES HOTLINE NUMBER TO REPORT VANDALISM TO BOOM**

The Marine Resources Division has released a 24 hour hotline number, 251-476-1256, for boaters and the public to call to report sightings of boom theft or vandalism along Alabama's Gulf Coast.

The move to provide the hotline number comes as a result of reports of boaters driving and cutting through boom. Thousands of feet of boom has been placed along the state's coast to protect its vital resources and waterways. Officials are also concerned that broken or loose boom poses a navigational hazard to the boaters and commercial shipping traffic.

"Cutting or vandalizing the booms can expose sensitive areas to environmental harm," said Major Chris Blankenship, Chief Enforcement Officer with the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "Anyone caught destroying, disturbing or stealing boom will be prosecuted," he added

Report damaged, vandalized, drifting or stolen boom to Alabama's Marine Resources:  
251-476-1256

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is the lead agency for the state's response to the oil spill under the Unified Command. ADEM is coordinating efforts for a wide range of state agencies that are involved in responding to the situation. Additional information and updates regarding the oil spill and Alabama's response may be obtained at [www.adem.alabama.gov](http://www.adem.alabama.gov).

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