

# Mobile Manatees Sighting Network

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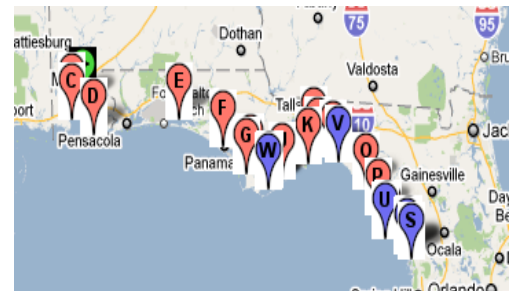
## Oil invades our local beaches!

Weathered oil began washing ashore on Dauphin Island Tuesday, June 1. The possibility of oil contamination has complicated ongoing manatee studies. The manatees' seasonal migration to the northern Gulf, including Alabama, puts them close to the oil and poses a risk of intoxication or death. MMSN researchers are conducting aerial surveys with collaborators in Florida to monitor manatee locations relative to oil. "There is almost no information to assess or predict what could happen to manatees if they encounter oil," Dr. R. Carmichael (MMSN Founder) told reporters on NewsRadio 1620. What we do know is that manatees are currently residing in our rivers and bays, and others are still migrating along the coastline, heading to Alabama waters.



## MMSN keeps close watch on two tagged manatees

"Bama" and "Bumpy", the first manatees tagged in Alabama, are making their way back to our area after wintering near Crystal River, FL. Although "Bama" left peninsular Florida several weeks before "Bumpy", the pair met again last week approximately 250 miles from Mobile, in Apalachicola Bay, FL. As of this printing, the pair is also with another manatee, "Dash", who was tagged by researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey's Sirenia Project. MMSN researchers will track and observe the tagged manatees later this month. You can follow Bama's travels on our website at <http://manatee.disl.org/bamatrack>.



## Manatee license plate update

It's not too late to pre-commit for a manatee tag. MMSN is resubmitting our plate application. If you already committed to purchase a tag, we will reapply for you and you do NOT REPAY. Resubmit your signed paperwork (the back of this newsletter) to MMSN, and we'll do the rest. We also are accepting NEW applications without payment. If you did not yet pre-commit, also fill out the application on back and mail it in. You can no longer pre-commit at the DMV, only through MMSN. Questions? Please call or email.

## Report Sightings 24/7

MMSN received its first sighting this year in early May. We are off to a great start, but sightings are more important than ever with oil in our waters. Last year was a great success with 144 sightings.

THANKS to everyone for calling in! A special thank you to boom monitors and vessel of opportunity operators for keeping your eyes out for manatees.



## MMSN OUTREACH

### 2010 Events

- DISL Discovery Day
- Dog River Dog Paddle
- Mobile Boat Show
- Cocktails with Critters

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# Power of Attorney

STATE OF Alabama

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby appoint Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Mobile Manatees Sighting Network  
NAME  
 of 101 Bienville Blvd. Dauphin Island, AL ADDRESS Zip 36528

as my attorney-in-fact to sign my name and do all things necessary for the purpose(s) of: **(Owner shall initial each purpose for which appointment intended)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ making application for certificate of title;
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- \_\_\_\_\_ to receive my certificate of title;
- \_\_\_\_\_ to register and to purchase license plate;
- \_\_\_\_\_ other purpose, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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YEAR MODEL	MAKE	MODEL	BODY STYLE
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Sworn to and subscribed before me  
on Date above stated.

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My commission expires:

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Signature of Appointee: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If a business firm or corporation is appointed, the signature shall be of an authorized representative of the firm who will perform as attorney-in-fact for the owner.

**SPECIAL NOTICE: Any alterations or strikeovers shall void this Power of Attorney. Original signatures are required on all Power of Attorneys.**

**LEGAL NOTICE:** A person acting for the motor vehicle owner under this Power of Attorney should be aware of the statute under the *Alabama Uniform Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act* as follows: **Code of Alabama 1975, §32-8-11.** "Aiding, abetting, etc., in violations. A person who, whether present or absent, aids, abets, induces, procures or causes the commission of an act which if done directly by him, would be a felony or a misdemeanor under provisions of this chapter, is guilty of the same felony or misdemeanor. (Acts 1973, No. 765, p. 1147, §43.)"

**Please Initial to Indicate Preference:**

\_\_\_\_\_ If 1,000 commitments are not made, **MMSN may keep \$48.75**(tax deductible) as a charitable donation.

\_\_\_\_\_ If 1,000 commitments are not made, please **RETURN** my funds. I will forfeit my tax deduction.

\$1.25 is retained by AL DMV.

**Checks payable to:** Dauphin Island Sea Lab

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