

Subject: Thanks for working to save those oil rigs!
Date: Monday, June 18, 2012 11:12 AM
From: Jeremy Lamb <lambjer@gmail.com>
To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Thanks for working to save those oil rigs!

Dear Sirs,

I couldn't find the proper forum to make a public comment, so I'd just like to let you know that I'm very happy to see you working to save these strange but valuable ecosystems. Who would've thought that something GOOD for the environment could come of those things??

Jeremy Lamb

Subject: Oil Structures as Essential Habitat
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 3:08 PM
From: tree <treehalpc@gmail.com>
To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Oil Structures as Essential Habitat

Gentlemen: Please vote to make Oil Production Structures protected as Essential Fish Habitat. It's about the only reefs the fish have out there.....

Thank you.

L. T. Lambertz

Subject: Fwd: E. F. H.
Date: Monday, April 16, 2012 3:51 PM
From: goindeep@cox.net
To: John Milner <GulfCouncil@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: E. F. H.

> Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 14:35:23 -0400
> From: <goindeep@cox.net>
> To: gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org
> Subject: E. F. H.

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> Hello

> I am an avid user of offshore oil and gas platforms for both fishing and sight seeing. I am a diver and can attest to the massive eco system that comes from having such a structure. I also own a dive shop in the New Orleans area and approximately 80% of my annual business is directly tied to diving the oil and gas wells of our coast. Please don't allow the federal government to destroy any more of our reef systems. This has to stop immediately. It is a direct violation of the Magnuson Stevens Act. You have the ability to make a huge positive impact on the health of our fisheries.

> In many parts of the world there are pinnacles and small islands that jut out of the open sea. These are listed on navigational maps and good captains avoid them. That's all the liability coverage we need. Post the sites coordinates on navigational maps and advise not running into them.

> Thank You

> Steven Hartley

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Subject: Oil Rigs

Date: Monday, April 16, 2012 11:43 AM

From: bradley leopol <yellowmouth33@yahoo.com>

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To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>

Conversation: Oil Rigs

Can you all please vote to make the oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico Essential Fish Habitat? There has been countless evidence proven to show how fish make these rigs their home, as well as sites for spawning. Without them, the natural muddy bottom does not provide much cover or structure for marine life to live on. Every time a rig is removed, colonies of all kinds of fish are being destroyed; not to mention the variety of coral species and invertebrates that live on these metal legs. Especially in Louisiana, these oil rigs provide excellent habitat to the animals living in our near shore, and offshore waters.

Thanks,

Bradley Leopold

Subject: Fwd: Essential Fish Habitat
Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012 3:49 PM
From: vincent wall <vincejwall@gmail.com>
To: Info <Info@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: Essential Fish Habitat

Dear Council Members,

I have been fishing offshore in the Gulf for five years (about 20 trips per year). I go to rigs about every other time out, and there is absolutely no question in my mind that the rigs should be considered EFH's. Every time I go to a rig it is teeming with fish. They are known spots for fish to gather and that is why so many anglers fish the rigs. In addition to the fish there is all kinds of marine growth on the support legs of the structures. Why anyone would want to remove these structures is beyond me as they definitely provide a prosperous habitat for fish and other marine life.

Please take this in to consideration when determining whether you should classify the rigs as EFH's.

Sincererly,

Vincent J. Wall
Retired Oil Company employee and avid offshore angler.

Subject: Re: News from Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012 6:52 PM
From: Bryan Kelley <screamndrag@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: "Bryan Kelley" <screamndrag@yahoo.com>
To: Charlene Ponce <charlene.ponce@gulfcouncil.org>
Conversation: News from Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

To whom it concerns,

It is my believe that you can no longer go by pounds. You are going to have to go by number of fish caught. Obviously these fish are larger, and are blowing up your "quotas". There is a problem building up out there that you don't realize, these snappers are in fact destroying the rest of your reef . These arwe pack hunters they go on a frenzy and destroy almost everything in there path. The only two fish that are safe are "jack's and large grouper". All of your other smaller fish are beeing eaten by an ever growing lynch mob. They are hungry, and untill you take into account the wrewcks that are out there you will never have true data. You are missing about 8,000 wrecks just from the PC Fl. to Orange Bch. Al. area. Most of these wrecks are coops and produce more than 8,000 lbs each. If you do the math there are about 64,000,000 lbs of fish you do not even take into account, and that needs to change fast, before you do any more damage to the well established eco-system here in the northern Gulf.

Cpt. Bryan Kelley

From: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
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To: screamndrag@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 10:16 AM
Subject: News from Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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