

Share the Beach



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Laguna Key Team

Just a Reminder

Last Meeting- Oct. 10th, 6:30 PM
GSP Resort Hotel

We will have refreshments and
a slide show!

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Share the Beach Update

Thankfully our nests have survived yet another storm. Since the beginning of August, we have had three tropical systems move through the area. This past weekend's Tropical Storm Hanna was the worst. Hanna hit Mobile Bay on Saturday morning (Gulf Shores and Orange Beach were east of the storm where more of the precipitation and strong winds were concentrated). Winds were clocked up to 65 mph and the beaches, especially West Beach and Fort Morgan, took a beating from the 10 to 12 foot waves.

The storm had moved into Central Alabama by Saturday afternoon and on Sunday the eggs were returned to the ground. On Sunday, Hanna continued to do damage in Georgia. Southwestern Georgia had almost 15 inches of rain in 24 hours, and many families had to evacuate. If we are lucky, Hanna will be the most destructive storm of the season. However, there are more brewing in the tropics, so keep your eyes on the weather!

Please bring all USFWS supplies to the last meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting or you are still monitoring a nest, the supplies can be dropped off at the GSP Nature Center or Bon Secour Refuge sometime during the week of October 14th. Also we would like to get any suggestions you have for next season. You can bring those to the last meeting or email them to us at seaturtle2002@hotmail.com.



Hatchlings from H6

Nest Update

Averages for season as of 9/11:

Survival Percentage: 70.4%

Total Hatchlings: 3573

Average Incubation Day: 63 Days

Nests that have hatched during the past two weeks with hatchling totals:

Laguna Key: B7=29 Bon Secour: A22=21

Orange Beach: H3=95 A25=59

H5=84 A26=35

AL Point: I8=93 A27=82

I10=102 A30=102

Storm Update

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Relocated for TS Hanna

Laguna Key: B8, B9, B10, B11

West Beach: D3

Orange Beach: H6 & H7

AL Point: I11

Bon Secour: A24, A28, A29

Note: B8 and B9 were found with hatchlings in them and H6 had hatchlings emerge while in the cooler.

Important Dates

Please try to be at the last meeting on Oct. 10. It's a perfect opportunity to have a wrap-up with your team, and we would like the chance to say good-bye to all the friends we have made during this season.