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WHO: Scientists from the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

WHAT: Panel Discussion on Impact of Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

WHEN: Friday, June 4, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Performing Arts Center

Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies Scientists to Hold First of Four Panel Discussions on Gulf Horizon Oil Spill Catastrophe
HRI Director will return from Louisiana coast to give first-hand account of situation

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Scientists with the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies (HRI) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will hold a panel discussion to address questions about the long-term impacts of the ongoing Deepwater Horizon oil spill on Friday, June 4, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Since the April 20 blowout off the southeast coast of Louisiana, HRI scientists have been providing knowledge and information to national and international media about the consequences and long-term affects of the catastrophe which has already eclipsed the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill as the largest environmental disaster in U. S. history. HRI scientists are currently in Louisiana helping access the damage to the coastal region’s ecology and economy.

HRI Executive Director Larry McKinney, who will return from Louisiana for the discussion, will open with a first-hand account of the situation on the Gulf coast. Drs. Thomas Shirley, Paul Montagna and David Yoskowitz will make a brief presentation on a topic related to the disaster before opening the floor to questions from the audience.

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