Water Quality on the Gulf of Mexico Coast:
Lessons from the Grand Bay estuary

We invite you to use this edutainment packet/ factsheet as part of your ecotour business, in your classroom, at your agency, or any time during your daily activities.

If you use this tool, we want to know about it! We encourage you to contact us with new ideas and changes. If you find ways to modify this factsheet to better suit your purposes, let us know! Once approved, we will post a revised version on our website for you and others to use. Please email us at wastewaterfootprint@disl.org with your feedback!

To use in the field: Print the factsheet double-sided and in color to create a single page. Laminate the page, distribute to your audience, and let them know about our project here on the Gulf of Mexico coast! You can find more information at www.disl.org/wastewaterfootprint.

To help us measure the impact of our factsheet tool, please distribute the questionnaire found below. Use the back of the factsheet as a guide to recognize potential sources of wastewater to our local waters and learn more about issues and concerns associated with these sources and how to reduce negative impacts on water quality.

Collect the completed questionnaires and send to Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Attn: Carmichael-Wastewater Footprint, 101 Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island, AL 36528 or email us to arrange pick-up! You may request promotional materials, including a free gift for you and your guests or clients, which can be distributed upon completion of the questionnaire.

Thank you for your interest in our program and dedication to improved water quality on the northern Gulf of Mexico coast!

Please complete the questions below.

1. Did you see any potential sources of wastewater today? Please circle: Yes or No

2. If yes, what did you see? Next to each source, please write how many you saw today.

   ______ Outfall pipes  ______ Houseboats or fish camps
   ______ Septic tank mound or pumping station  ______ Impervious surfaces
   ______ Other; please explain: ____________________________________________________________

3. Did you learn anything new about water quality after reading and using this factsheet? If so, please tell us one piece of info you are taking home with you today.

4. How likely are you to incorporate our suggested tips/practices for improving water quality into your home, business, or community? Please circle your response below.

   I am not interested/ I will not use these tips.

   I am somewhat likely to use these tips.

   I will definitely use these tips!