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## CMR BUSH ANNOUNCES VESSEL TURN-IN PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED IN CALHOUN COUNTY

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PORT LAVACA — Today, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced that the Vessel Turn-In program provided by the Texas General Land Office will be offered in Calhoun county on June 4th, 5th and 6th.

"Vessels, if not disposed of properly, can be detrimental to our coast," said Commissioner Bush. "Here at the Texas General Land Office, we work diligently to provide alternative ways for people to dispose of their vessels in an environmentally friendly way. This project always provides a great outcome as we collect a lot of debris that generates an untold cost from lost recreation opportunities and potential storm hazards."

June 4th, 5th and 6th 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Two Calhoun County Drop Off Locations: 900 Landfill Road Port Lavaca, TX & 448 Harbor Rd Seadrift, TX

Working with petroleum and commercial fishing industries, U.S. Coast Guard and the public, the GLO Oil Spill Prevention and Response team supports educational opportunities, daily water and shore patrols and provides firehouse-ready response teams to prevent and immediately address environmental problems - because even the smallest spill can endanger Texas' precious natural resources. Abandoned vessels can leak fluids into coastal waters that can be harmful for the wetland environment, wildlife and humans. With hundreds of millions of barrels of crude oil and petroleum products passing through ports, bays and beaches along the Texas Gulf annually, the Texas General Land Office Oil Spill Prevention and Response team is on call 24/7, ensuring oil stays out of Texas coastal waters.