

Walton County Marine Fisheries Hatchery/ Enhancement Center (WMEC)



- **Restoration of Natural Resources Impacted by Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill**
- **Serves as a Hub for Regional Restoration of Coastal Habitats and Fisheries**
 - Saltmarsh and Dune Plants, Seagrasses & Oyster Reefs
 - Red Snapper, Red Drum, Spotted Seatrout & Florida Pompano
- **Comprehensive and Integrated Approach:**
 - Restoration, Education, Conservation & Monitoring
- **State-Certified Water Quality Testing Laboratory**
- **WMEC Facilities**
 - Annual Fish Production = 400,000 Phase III Red Drum
 - 7 + Acres of Seagrass Production
 - WMEC Nutrients are Recycled as Plant Biomass
- **WMEC Restoration Benefits**
 - Restores Loss of Fishing Activity
 - Long-term Management of Gulf Resources
 - Creation of Sustainable Community Jobs (100+)
 - Commercial & Recreational
 - Construction & Maintenance
 - Tourism
 - Scientific & Education
 - Integration of Community Development
 - Tourism, Education & Municipalities
 - Developing the Future Conservationists & Anglers

