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Marine Patrol Assists in Recovery of Bodies of Two Children in MS Sound

BILOXI, Miss. —A multi-agency response that included the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) Marine Patrol, Hancock County Search and Rescue, Hancock County Sheriff's Department, and Waveland Police and Fire departments resulted in the recovery of the bodies of two Louisiana children who drowned in the Mississippi Sound in Waveland today.

The children were playing in the water between Oak Boulevard and Waveland Avenue off of Waveland Beach and went missing. The call for assistance came in to DMR Marine Patrol at 3:35 p.m. from Hancock County Sheriff's Department and DMR responded with marine officers and dive team and two boats. When DMR Marine Patrol arrived at the scene emergency personnel were administering CPR to the first child, a 6-year-old girl, but were unable to revive her.

DMR Marine Patrol Captain Donnie Armes said, "It was a real joint effort. Hancock County Search and Rescue used horses and 4-wheelers to help in the search. We formed a human chain of more than 20 emergency responders and waded through the water in the area where the first child was recovered and we found the 8-year-old boy. We were in knee-deep water but there were areas where it would drop off to 5 feet or more."

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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