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Wakulla County Celebrates Completion of Rock Landing Boat Ramp & Pier

Crawfordville, Florida – On Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 1:30p.m., Wakulla County will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of Rock Landing Boat Ramp & Pier in Panacea, Florida.

In the fall of 2006, Rock Landing Dock was closed to the public due to the extreme deteriorated conditions. The Board of County Commissioners submitted an application for funding to the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and was later awarded a grant under the Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) for \$522,685.

Over the last three years the Panacea Waterfronts Committee, commercial fisherman, and active citizens have worked hand in hand as the project progressed. “The new Rock Landing Boat Ramp and Pier continues the recreational and working waterfront traditions of our coastal communities. This project is important not only for Panacea but for our entire County, said Commissioner Howard Kessler”.

A team approach between County staff, the project engineer and construction contractor has led to successful completion of this project. The County is excited about adding a new accessible public boat ramp to be used for commercial and recreational fisherman. In addition, to adding another recreational opportunity for Wakulla citizens, the boat ramp is anticipated to generate additional fishing tournaments, and bring tourists to Wakulla County. The new and improved features include:

- Double launch area and one charter boat launch
- Off load floating dock adjacent to boat ramp to assist with boat launching
- Vehicle access permitted for off loading commercial fishing boats
- 10 available boat slips for lease
- Improved parking area with 13 vehicle/trailer spaces and 10 individual vehicle parking spaces
- Boat Ramp open 24 hours

Please join Wakulla County on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 1:30p.m. at Rock Landing Boat Ramp to celebrate the completion of this project.