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### COASTAL FLOOD ADVISORY FOR HURRICANE IKE

CRAWFORDVILLE, FL, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008:

The National Weather Service in Tallahassee has issued a Coastal Flood Warning for Wakulla County. People with interests in areas prone to coastal flooding should monitor this system and take steps to protect property from floodwaters. The Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the potential impacts of Hurricane Ike.

Coastal flood warning now in effect from 8 pm edt (7 pm cdt) tonight through 8 pm edt (7 pm cdt) Thursday for gulf, Franklin and Wakulla counties.

Strong east to southeasterly winds of 20 mph with higher gusts will push water into the coastline of Wakulla County beginning this evening. This rising water combining with high astronomical tides will likely produce a period of coastal flooding along the coast. The effect of this flooding will be maximized around the time of High tide. Areas previously impacted by hurricane Gustav will be especially vulnerable to coastal flooding and Beach erosion. At this time, a storm surge similar in magnitude to Gustav is expected in Wakulla County. A storm Surge of 3 feet is expected. This equates to a storm tide of 4 to 6 feet. Remember storm tide is the combination of Astronomical tide and storm surge. Storm tide values are given in reference to mean lower low water. Below are times of high tide and low tide at selected locations along the Florida panhandle and big bend coastlines.

Shell point high tide 115 am Thursday low tide 620 am Thursday high tide 1227 pm Thursday. Saint marks high tide 106 am Thursday low tide 608 am Thursday high tide 1219 pm Thursday. Note that the

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low tide amplitude at these three sites is only around half a foot lower than the high tide. This may lead to a prolonged period of inundation in low-lying areas along the coast on Thursday morning and early afternoon.

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