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Water Quality Study Scheduled for Baldwin County

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has scheduled a water quality study to start Monday in Baldwin County. ADEM will be conducting the study on Fish River, Magnolia River, and Weeks Bay from July 29 through August 1.

The data collected as part of this study will serve to aid in the development and calibration of a water quality model for the Weeks Bay watershed that will help ADEM better protect these waterbodies.

The study includes collection of instream data, streamflow data, injection of Rhodamine dye for a time-of-travel study, and sampling of wastewater treatment discharges.

People should not be alarmed seeing red coloring in the waterbodies. ADEM will be injecting red dye (Rhodamine) at three locations along Fish River: US Highway 90, Alabama Highway 104, and Baldwin County Road 32.

The dye will be visible in Fish River downstream of the injection locations. Rhodamine dye in the concentrations being utilized for the study is not harmful to humans or the environment.

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