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Weeks Bay Foundation's Fish River Kayak Cleanup set for February 11

FAIRHOPE, AL -- Ready to do some spring cleaning—on the water? Join the Weeks Bay Foundation and Thompson Engineering on February 11 and get out on Fish River—by boat—to pick up trash.

Every year, trash gets stuck along the river banks and is only accessible by water. The Weeks Bay Foundation invites all community members to get the trash out of these hard to reach spots. Thompson Engineering will shuttle paddlers and their boats upstream in their project barge, which will then act as a "floating dumpster" so paddlers can bring items to the barge rather than paddling back to the boat ramp.

"This is a great opportunity to get out on the water, meet new people, and help clean up our amazing Fish River," Yael Girard, Foundation executive director said. "As spring approaches, the river and Weeks Bay will begin to see a lot more recreational use, so now is the time to take advantage of quieter days and get in to those shoreline spots where the trash accumulates."

Kayak Cleanup starts at 10 a.m. at the Fish River boat ramp under the Highway 98 bridge at Weeks Bay. Paddlers should bring their own boat (canoe, kayak or stand up paddle board), life jacket and paddle. For those who don't have a boat, the Foundation can also arrange a rental for a small fee from 17 Turtles Outfitters. Trash bags will be provided courtesy of American Rivers, and rubber gloves will also be provided.

For more information and sign up, contact the Foundation at 251-990-5004