

# A Q&A WITH THE GOV: Rick Scott steps off the boat and into a one-on-one interview with The Log

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## BEACH RESTORATION

**Q:** When you were here last, one of the leading opponents of a local beach restoration project gave you a bag of sand, which they claim is dark and full of shell shards. Did you get a chance to take a look at it?

**A:** No.

**Q:** What is your position on beach restoration?

**A:** Well, if you look at our beaches now, they are pristine, beautiful. Our fishing is really good. One thing I am trying to make sure everybody understands is how healthy our beaches are and how good the fishing is.

**Q:** You can see that they are pristine, but when you walk down (some local beaches), you can see how it has eroded over the years. Do you support beach restoration?

**A:** Absolutely. Right now we have \$75 million dollars sitting in the Department of Environmental Protection in Florida for beach restoration. It's important here in the Panhandle and all along the coast.

**Q:** It's a balancing act. What do you say to private property owners who don't want beach restoration, but have a next-door neighbor who says they need it?

**A:** I think the key is to keep our beaches beautiful. That's one of the reasons we all want to live in this area. We have a pristine environment, whether you want to be on the beach, or one of our lakes and rivers, or the Everglades. All of these things are important to us.