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## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Black Warrior River, Bankhead Lake Clean Up a Success**

Bessemer, AL, (September 23, 2003) – R.O.W. (Reclaim Our Waterways) held it's first annual Waterway clean up on the Black Warrior River at Clevenger's Marina on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Eighty volunteers gave up their Saturday morning to remove garbage, debris, old tires, plastic bottles, etc. from the scenic Black Warrior River. A total of 4.35 tons (8700 lbs.) of scrap metal, and 11.91 tons (23,820 lbs.) pounds of garbage were removed including seven abandoned or submerged boats and dozens of basketball, soccer and beach balls. The volunteers worked from motorboats, the shoreline, boat docks and canoes to remove the discarded debris. A barbeque lunch followed the event with each volunteer receiving a t-shirt and goody bag. The event coincided with the National Public Lands Day and Renew Our Rivers Events. The event was a combined effort of several corporations, government agencies, non-state agencies, citizens groups and individuals coming together to help clean up a public waterway. For further information contact Kellie Johnston (205) 251-8139x461