

## **ADEM Sand Fencing Construction Guidelines**

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has developed sand fencing guidelines to help improve the restoration of beach dunes and to protect the Peninsula from hurricane erosion. Aligning fencing in short 10-foot long sections, from northeast to southwest diagonally to the water, with fencing sections 10 feet apart also allows sea turtles the space necessary to pass through the fencing and lay their nests high on the beach and safer from storm tides. See our Links Page for specifics on fencing layout, direction and materials.

Owners of Gulf-front property may fence their beachfront boundaries using sand fencing or rope and post materials as long as concrete is not used. Property boundaries should be verified before fence construction. If boundaries are not previously marked, there may be a requirement for a professional survey. In any case, the owner should consult with ADEM before constructing a fence on the beach-front.