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Status

- Breton National Wildlife Refuge is closed to public entry after confirmation that a silver sheen and emulsified oil had reached the shoreline. This closure includes the Chandeleur Island chain (Chandeleur, Grand Gossier, Curlew, New Harbor Island, North Islands, Free Mason). [Official news release](#).
- One live oiled pelican was recovered by Service field team. No oil was seen on the pelican nesting islands protected by booms. The Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) is conducting an overflight and shoreline survey on the Chandeleur Islands.
- Skimming operations to recover the emulsified oil on Breton had limited success.
- [Twenty four national wildlife refuges](#) could potentially be impacted.

The Response

- More than 160 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
 - Current efforts are ongoing in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the west coast of Florida.
 - Breton National Wildlife Refuge – All three nesting islands have boom totaling 14,200 feet surrounding the shoreline as a protective measure.
 - Delta National Wildlife Refuge – Roughly 16,700 feet of boom has been placed on sensitive marsh areas in the refuge. Daily flights are ongoing to assess the location of oil, status of boom, and impacts on wildlife and habitat.
 - Wildlife surveys and aerial flights continue over Breton NWR.
 - Refuges along Florida's west coast continue planning efforts as the third Incident Command Post is established in St. Petersburg.
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Oil Spill by the Numbers

- Total Vessels (including tugs and skimmers): 256
- Boom deployed: 876,936 feet
- Boom available: 1,287,764 feet
- Oil and Water Mix - Recovered: Approximately 1.89 million gallons
- Dispersant Used : 267,195 gallons
- Dispersant available: 317,591 gallons
- Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV): 4
- Overall Personnel Responding: 8,497

- In addition to the overall personnel responding, more than 2,500 volunteers have been trained to assist in the response effort.

10 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include:

- Biloxi, Miss.
- Pensacola, Fla.
- Venice, La.
- Pascagoula, Miss.
- Port Sulphur, La.
- Port Fourchon, La.
- Gulfport, Miss.
- Dauphin Island, Ala.
- Shell Beach, La.
- Slidell, La.