

Saturday, May 8, 2010

Status

- Breton National Wildlife Refuge remains closed to public entry. Sheen and emulsified oil continue to be present. Booms holding as intended as of Friday night protecting pelican nesting islands Search and rescue for oiled birds continues.
- The Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) continues conducting overflights and shoreline surveys on the Chandeleur Islands.
- So far, 20 wildlife teams have been deployed out of the Houma (LA.) Command Center for wildlife recovery and related activities.
- [Twenty four national wildlife refuges](#) could potentially be impacted.
- Weather expected to deteriorate Saturday evening and into Sunday.

The Response

- 177 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
- Current efforts to mitigate impacts to refuges and wildlife in Louisiana continue as well as significant ongoing work to prepare for potential impacts on Mississippi, Alabama and the west coast of Florida.
- Refuges along Florida's west coast continue planning efforts as the third Incident Command Post is established in St. Petersburg.
- 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.

The Spill by the numbers

- Total Vessels (including tugs and skimmers): 270
- Boom deployed: 923,000 feet
- Boom available: 1,300,000 feet
- Oil and Water Mix - Recovered: Approximately 2.1 million gallons
- Dispersant Used : 290,000 gallons
- Dispersant available: 185,000 gallons
- Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV): 4
- Overall Personnel Responding: 10,000
- 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.