

Monday, May 10, 2010

[First two birds, oiled from the Gulf spill, readied for release at Pelican Island NWR](#)

Status

- Oil present on the shoreline of Breton's North Island where roughly two-thirds of west side of the island scattered with thick, emulsified oil. Search and rescue for oiled birds continues weather conditions permitting. Beyond that no new shoreline impacts reported on refuges.
- The Service announced late Sunday two birds are ready to be released after being cleaned at the wildlife rehabilitation center in Fort Jackson, Louisiana. The release will take place at the Service's Pelican Island NWR, northeast of Vero Beach, Florida.
- Focus continues to be placed on Mississippi coast's barrier islands out of Mobile Command Center. Mobile sector reported Sunday no evidence of oiled shoreline or sheen on water near coastline.
- A temporary dune berm was completed on Sunday to prevent oil from getting into Bon Secour NWR's Little Lagoon near Fort Morgan.
- Field teams reported few sighting of oiled birds.
- Breton National Wildlife Refuge remains closed to public entry.
- The Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) continues conducting overflights and shoreline surveys on the Chandeleur Islands.
- Sunday eight field crews for search and capture were deployed at Dennis Pass covering an area from Lake Bogrne to the southwest pass of the Mississippi River. LDFW deployed 21 boat crews focusing on the Hopedale area and Louisiana coast west of the River.
- [Twenty four national wildlife refuges](#) could potentially be impacted.
- Weather conditions expected improve over next 48 hours.

The Response

- 177 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
- Acting Service Director Rowan Gould has been dispatched to the Houma Incident Command Center by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to help lead efforts to protect coastal communities and natural resources.
- 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.
- 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): 294
- Boom deployed: 974,895 feet

- Boom available: 557,193 feet
- Oil and Water Mix - Recovered: Approximately 3.66 million gallons
- Dispersant Used :372,000 gallons
- Dispersant available: 179,395 gallons
- Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV): 4
- Overall Personnel Responding: 9,395
- 13 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include:

Cocodrie, La

Biloxi, Miss

Pensacola, Fla.

Venice, La.

Pascagoula, Miss.

Grand Isle, La.

Pass Christian, Miss.

Panama City, Fla.

Dauphin Island, Ala.

Shell Beach, La.

Slidell, La.

Theodore, Ala.

Orange Beach, Ala.