

Friday, May 14, 2010

Status

- Poor weather and seas continues to impact operations. Conditions are expected to improve along the Louisiana coast on Saturday.
- Breton National Wildlife Refuge remains closed to public entry and low-level over-flights continue to be prohibited to protect nesting birds. Oil remains scattered over a small part of the west side of Breton's North Island.
- Aerial surveys will continue across the coast with emphasis focused on Louisiana's coast, the Chandeleur Islands, Breton and Delta NWRs, and the coasts of Mississippi and Alabama.
- Service personnel working with BP to ensure over-flights occur twice daily in the morning and evening over Delta and Breton NWRs to ensure booming is deployed appropriately and any required maintenance is completed quickly.
- Personnel have been deployed to Bon Secour NWR along coastal Alabama to assist refuge staff with clean-up after the presence of tar balls was confirmed on its shores.
- This morning an adult Little Green Heron was released at Sherburne Wildlife Management Area, which is managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and located near the Atchafalaya NWR between the Atchafalaya River and the East Protection Guide Levee. The heron was fitted with bird bands from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It was transported to the Fort Jackson Wildlife Rehabilitation facility for evaluation by Tri-State and International Bird Rescue and Research Centers' oiled wildlife specialists, after it was captured off the Louisiana coast on May 7.
- [Twenty four national wildlife refuges](#) could potentially be impacted.

The Response

- 184 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 across coast-line of 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 Rehabilitation Centers

- Theodore, AL.
- Pensacola, FL.
- Fort Jackson, LA
- Gulfport, MS

The Spill by the numbers

- Total Vessels (including tugs and skimmers): More than 559
- Boom deployed: More than 1.5 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Boom available: More than 1 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)

- Oil and Water Mix - Recovered: Approximately 6 million gallons
- Dispersant Used: Approximately 517,000 gallons
- Dispersant available: Approximately 250,000 gallons
- Overall Personnel Responding: Approximately 17,000
- 14 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include:

Dauphin Island, Ala.

Orange Beach, Ala.

Theodore, Ala.

Panama City, Fla.

Pensacola, Fla.

Amelia, La.

Cocodrie, La.

Grand Isle, La.

Shell Beach, La.

Slidell, La.

Venice, La.

Biloxi, Miss.

Pascagoula, Miss.

Pass Christian, Miss.