

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Status Report

499 FWS personnel are actively engaged in response efforts.

Plans are underway today to release 63 pelicans, the largest number of rehabilitated Gulf Coast pelicans since the Deepwater Horizon oil spill began. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel are collaborating with the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies to transport the cleaned birds from Louisiana to Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas where they will be safe from the oil.

On Tuesday, 214 FWS personnel based in Houma, La., participated in recovery and reconnaissance of oiled wildlife. An additional 16 teams based in Mobile, Ala., also participated.

Reconnaissance and recovery missions are planned today for Barataria Bay, Timbalier and Terrebonne Bay, SW Pass, Chandeleur Islands, Biloxi Marsh, and Breton Sound.

The Coast Guard is working on a new center at Breton Sound and additional protections of the Chandeleur Islands as part of their mid-range planning and preparations for possible tropical weather in the Caribbean.

All interior booms at Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Mississippi have been closed to help stop the light oil sheen from moving up the bayous. Light oil continues to splash over the booms at Grand Bay, but only enough to create light areas of sheen oil.

Heat continues to make heat stress an issue with field work.

By the Numbers

Total personnel responding: More than 35,000

Total active vessels responding: More than 6,210

Boom deployed: More than 1,240 miles

Boom available: More than 490 miles

Oily water recovered: nearly 25.4 million gallons

Amount estimated burned: nearly 10 million gallons

Total dispersant used: more than 1.46 million gallons