

## **Week of Saturday, September 11 - Friday, September 17, 2010**

### **Status Report**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has 218 personnel in the Gulf region responding to the BP oil spill.

Wildlife recovery teams will continue to conduct surveys for injured wildlife and respond to calls to the Wildlife Hotline.

Effective Monday, Sept. 20, a new Incident Command Structure is being put in place in New Orleans. Transition is underway to shift to a branch structure for Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

At the Houma Incident Command Center, field operations are now being significantly scaled back and Service will primarily serve in a support mode to the state of Louisiana.

At Breton National Wildlife Refuge, cleanup and boom removal will resume once weather permits. Small tarballs were reported on North Breton Island today and are being investigated.

Field crews in Cocodrie and Grand Isle have begun demobilizing.

At Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge, staff has found the last sea turtle nest. There are no more active sea turtle nests.

#### **BY THE NUMBERS**

Overall personnel responding: Approximately 25,800.

FWS personnel responding: 218

Total vessels responding: More than 2,700

Shoreline impacted as of Sept. 16: Approx. 109 miles shows moderate to heavy oil: 98 miles in Louisiana, 9 miles in Mississippi and 2 miles in Florida. Approx. 494 miles shows light to trace oil impacts.