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**Public Information**

**Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government**

**Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**

**August 3, 2010-4:00PM**

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**Terrebonne Parish Information**

1) Coast Guard representatives in Cocodrie reported:

- Cleanup and boom maintenance are the crews' top priorities.
- Personnel: 1168

**Weather**

**Wednesday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Heat index values as high as 113. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 80. West wind around 5 mph.

**Thursday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. West wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Thursday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Vessels:**

Boats working in Cocodrie: 203

Skimmers working in Cocodrie: 16

**Cleanup Progress**

- Continued beach reconnaissance and manual recovery of discovered oil.
- All recovery operations are to follow the general shoreline treatment recommendations established for Timbalier Bay and Terrebonne Bay.

## 2) Oil impact reports:

- Assessment team reports the following:

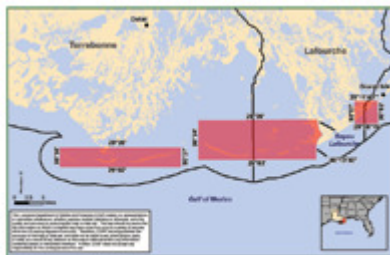
- Team reported from the western end of West Timbalier Island that they observed a long line of sea foam and emulsion, running north-south approximately 1/4 mile-1/2 mile long by 3 feet in dimension.

## 3) Fishing Closures:

- Louisiana state officials on Friday reopened a large section of waters east of the Mississippi River for shrimp and finfish harvesting after consultation and lab tests approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

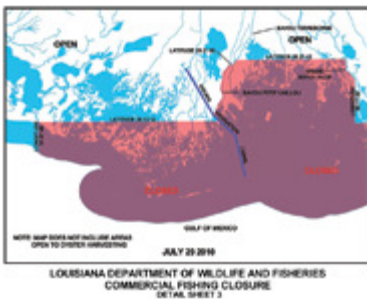
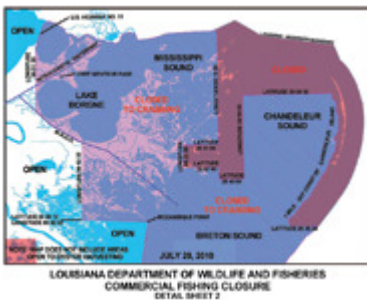
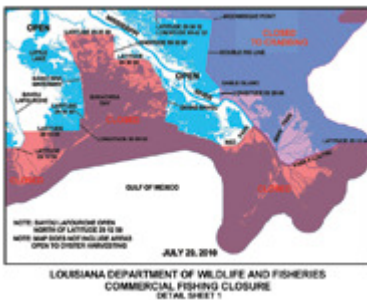
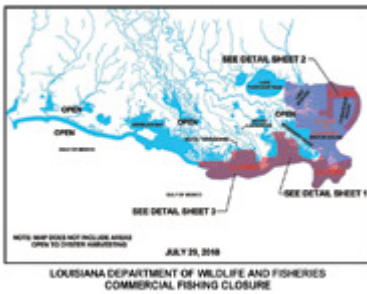
- The only closures that remain are mapped below.

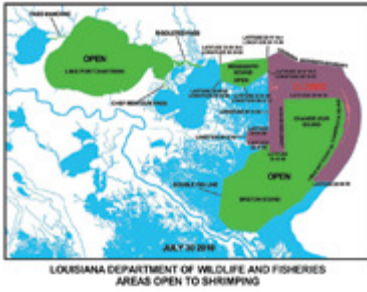
### Recreational Fishing Closures:





Commercial Fishing Closures:





Federal Closures:



### Helpful Information

#### British Petroleum Claims Center

BP has opened the following claims centers in Terrebonne to process claims for those who have lost income due to the recent spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

1. **814 Grand Caillou Rd. Suites 2 & 3- Plaza Caillou Shopping Center - (8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, seven days a week).**
  
2. **5703 Highway 56, Chauvin - (7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, seven days a week).**

Those wishing to seek claims should bring photo identification as well as all necessary documentation to verify income from previous years.

BP has set up a toll free hotline. For oil spill related damage claims call 1-800-440-0858.

### Department of Social Services

A temporary Food Stamp distribution center has been set up at the Chauvin Senior Center to take applications for their regular program. This is **not** emergency food stamps. Applications will be taken from 8:00 am to 3:00pm Monday through Friday until further notice. For more information call the main office at 857-3620.

### SBA

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has also opened an office on **the first floor of the Government Tower located at 8026 Main Street**. Their operating hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

The Small Business Administration is taking applications for low-interest loans. This program is available to Louisiana Gulf Coast small businesses suffering financial losses related to the BP oil spill. Contact SBA's customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 for further details

### LIHEAP

Funds are available to assist persons with a utility disconnect notice. Call 985-873-6817 for more information.

### Crisis Rent and Mortgage Assistance

Persons that have been laid off or suffered a reduction in work hours may qualify for assistance with delinquent mortgage or rental payments. Documentation of need and household income is required to determine eligibility. For more information call 985-873-6817.

### Beautiful Beginnings Center

The Beautiful Beginnings Center provides temporary shelter to eligible families with children. To be considered eligible families must be considered homeless. Parents must be working or willing to gain employment. Call 985-580-8105 for more information.

### Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing

Both Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services and START Corporation are providing homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services which includes, but is not limited to, rental assistance, utility deposits and utility payments.

Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services - 985-851-4488

START Corporation - 985-879-3966

### Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Regular unemployment benefits are available to qualified individuals who have lost their job due to the oil spill. For more information call 866-783-5567 or visit their website at [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net).

*Crisis Counseling*

Counseling is available to those affected by the oil spill through the Terrebonne Mental Health Center. They can be contacted at 985-857-3615. Crisis counseling is also available through the Center for Child and Family Development at 985-873-7221 and Options for Independence at 985-876-8630.

*Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (DSNAP) (aka Disaster Food Stamps)*

There is a public information campaign making people aware that all low- to moderate-income Louisianians may be eligible for **Disaster Food Stamp** benefits in the event of a natural disaster and should pre-apply now for benefits online or by phone. Current Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients do not need to pre-apply and would receive disaster benefits automatically. Please visit online at [dss.louisiana.gov](http://dss.louisiana.gov) or call 1-888-524-3578.