

# Possible environmental impact of Gulf oil spill



LOUISIANA

MISSISSIPPI

ALABAMA

FLORIDA

600,000 feet of protective booms laid down to protect shoreline

Pensacola

Pascagoula

Biloxi

New Orleans

Gulf Islands National Seashore

Chandeleur Islands

Delta National Wildlife Refuge

Venice

Forecast for May 1

Pass-a-Loutre Wildlife Management Area

BIRDS

■ **Brown pelican:** Only removed from U.S. Endangered Species Act last year.

**Breeding season on barrier islands has just started**

■ Other bird species under threat include Royal tern, Reddish egret, American oystercatcher, and Wilson's plover (left)

**Deepwater Horizon**  
5,000 barrels a day leaking into sea

FISHERIES

■ Shrimp and oyster industries face huge losses. **Oyster-gathering season in Louisiana starts May 1**

■ **Gulf Menhaden:** Fishery of filter-feeder species is America's third largest. **Season for Mississippi and Louisiana opened April 19**

■ **Atlantic Bluefin Tuna:** Critically endangered species at peak of spawning season

■ **Turtles:** Several species of sea turtles currently moving through Gulf as spring nesting seasons start

Gulf of Mexico

