

# Oil hits major seabird area

Biologists say oil from the Gulf of Mexico spill has smeared 300-400 pelicans and hundreds of terns in Louisiana's largest seabird nesting area, marking a sharp escalation in wildlife harmed by the environmental disaster



**Raccoon Island, July 10: Oil hits island after Hurricane Alex drives high seas into region. Around 10,000 birds nest on colony**

*Deepwater Horizon incident April 20*

50 miles  
80km

## WILDLIFE AFFECTED (as of July 14)

|             | Collected alive | Collected dead | Released |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| Birds       | 1,120           | 1,866          | 505      |
| Sea turtles | 197             | 463            | 11       |
| Mammals     | 5               | 59             | 1        |