



This map represents the federal fishery closure due to the BP oil spill in relation to the whole Gulf of Mexico.

- The area closure covers about 16,027 square miles (41,511 square kilometers) of the north-central Gulf of Mexico, between the southwest pass of Louisiana and the eastern edge of Pensacola Bay, Florida.
- The total area of the closure covers less than 6.6% of federal waters in the Gulf.
- The vast majority of federal waters remain open to recreational and commercial fishing.
- All Gulf states have fishing areas that have not been affected by the spill.
- Recreational fishing opportunities continue to be available at ports from Texas to Florida.
- Productive fishing grounds for popular species, like grouper and snapper, are still open.
- Consumers can expect a continued supply of Gulf seafood that is safe and of the same quality that people have come to expect.