

SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES FOR WILDLIFE REPORTING BY BEACHED BIRD SURVEY TEAMS

1. Records of observations of oiled, free-flying birds

- 1.1. This guideline applies to observations of live, free-flying birds. It does not apply to debilitated birds (i.e., cannot fly, swim, and/or walk).
- 1.2. Scope includes oiled free-flying birds observed on—and off—survey segments. Note, however, that it does not include oiled birds observed and reported in the Live Bird Assessment.
- 1.3. For each observation that meets the criteria (oiled, can fly), record the following in your field notebook:
 - 1.3.1. Date, time, and segment
 - 1.3.2. Species or class of birds (e.g., gull, tern, sandpiper, plover, etc.)
 - 1.3.3. Number of birds
 - 1.3.4. Extent of oiling: (trace (<5%); light (6-20%); moderate (21-40%); and heavy (>40%).
 - 1.3.5. Note: live, oiled, and apparently debilitated birds should be called in to the Wildlife Hotline #866-557-1401 from the site of discovery.

2. Dead birds observed outside survey segments

- 2.1. When a dead bird is observed outside a segment, promptly phone the Hotline (#866-557-1401) and report the observation.
- 2.2. Be prepared to report to the Hotline dispatcher the observer, bird species/taxa, specific location (LAT/LONG), general location (e.g., Fort Morgan beach area of Ben Secour NWR, AL), and carcass condition (whole, partial, skeleton).

3. Other dead fish and wildlife observed inside and outside segment

- 3.1. Use the record area of the bottom of the shoreline assessment form for recording carcass observations. Data shall include:
 - 3.1.1. Marine mammal (e.g., porpoise) and sea turtles. Record date, species/taxa to most identifiable level, specific location (LAT/LONG), general location (e.g., Fort Morgan beach area of Ben Secour NWR, AL),

and carcass condition (whole, partial, skeleton). Report this observation type to the Hotline from the site of discovery.

- 3.1.2. Fish and crabs. Compile segment observations, especially where evidence indicates significant die-off (>10 in group). Record date, species/taxa to most identifiable level, specific location (LAT/LONG), and general location (e.g., Fort Morgan beach area of Ben Secour NWR, AL). REPORT a summary of observations to the Hotline after survey of the segment is completed.