

PHOTO RELEASE: Oil mats and tar balls present on Elmer's Island following Hurricane Isaac

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<p style="text-align: left">BATON ROUGE -- Oil mats and tar

balls have been documented by state officials along Elmer's Island in Jefferson Parish, La., following Hurricane Isaac.</p>

<p style="text-align: left">Some oil mats photographed yesterday by state officials

were up to the length of three parked cars. Numerous oil mats were counted along the beach, as well as tar balls. Some tar balls were found on the back side of the island

brought inland by storm waters from Hurricane Isaac.</p>

<p style="text-align: left">Elmer's Island remains closed to the public. The initial closure was issued on Sept. 27 by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

A portion of state waters near Elmer's Island also remain closed to commercial fishing following the storm. The official closure can be found here: <a target="_blank"

href="http://ra.louisiana.gov/action.cfm?md=emaillist&task=addMessageClickThru&

<p style="text-align: left">Members of the public should not handle any oil or oily material, including tar balls, tar mats, or other oily debris. Reports of any oil, oily

material, or oiled debris should be made to both of the following numbers: (1) the