



# Texas General Land Office

## Oil Spill Prevention and Response

### Oiled Wildlife Response Information Guide

#### General Response

- Federal regulations prohibit handling of migratory birds.
- Untrained personnel should not attempt to rescue oiled wildlife because of the potential for serious, sometimes fatal, zoonotic diseases (transmission of disease from animal to human).
- Untrained personnel can inflict serious injury or be injured by oiled animals.
- Only personnel from state fish and game agencies and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service or properly trained and permitted rehabilitators designated by these agencies are allowed to capture oiled wildlife.
- Appropriately notify and await instructions from permitted personnel for handling affected wildlife.
- Only personnel permitted by the State of Texas are allowed to handle oiled wildlife.

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#### Resources

##### Texas General Land Office 24 Hour Oil Spill Notification 800-832-8224

##### Wildlife Center of Texas

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#### UPPER COAST

Region 1 (Beaumont/Port Arthur)

Region 2 (LaPorte/Houston)

#### LOWER COAST

Region 3 (Corpus Christi) Region 4 (Brownsville)

Region 5 (Port Lavaca)

Texas Parks and Wildlife  
Austin Communication Center  
512-389-4848 (24 hr)  
[le.communications@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:le.communications@tpwd.texas.gov)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
281-286-8282 Ext. 245

Texas Parks and Wildlife  
Kills and Spills · Brownsville  
956-350-4490

Kills and Spills · Corpus Christi  
361-825-3246

U.S. Fish and Wildlife · Office  
512-994-9005 Ext. 248

Animal Rehabilitation Keep (ARK) · Port Aransas, TX  
361-749-6793