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BATON ROUGE -- State response teams located tar balls and an oil mat this week along Louisiana's shorelines in areas that were historically heavily or persistently impacted by oil from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Reconnaissance teams began surveying additional portions of the coastline yesterday, and will continue throughout the week.<p>

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries issued an immediate closure in the area of the oil mat off Elmer's Island this afternoon to commercial fishing. For more information on the closure, click here: PHOTO RELEASE: State response teams locate tar balls and oil mat following Hurricane Isaac<p>

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 National Response Center at 225.358.5361 and (2) the Louisiana Emergency Hazardous Materials Hotline at 877-925-6595.