

More of Gulf closed to fishing because of spill

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Oil is seen on the water from the deck of the Joe Griffin at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill containment efforts in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana Friday, May 7, 2010. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

(AP) -- Federal officials have expanded an area that is off-limits to fishing because of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Friday an area from the Southwest Pass of the [Mississippi River](#) to south of Pensacola, Fla., is now closed. NOAA spokeswoman Christine Patrick said the initial closure was 6,814 square miles and the new area is 10,807 square miles.

Late Thursday, Louisiana officials closed shrimping in state waters from South Pass of the Mississippi to the eastern shore of Four Bayous Pass

just east of Grand Isle.

Earlier, state waters east of the Mississippi were closed to seafood harvesting.

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