

DELTA WATERFOWL FOUNDATION

The future of waterfowl and waterfowl hunting

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Mr. Ken Salazar, Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Mr. Lamar McKay, President
British Petroleum
501 Westlake Park Blvd
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Dear Secretary Salazar and Mr. McKay

As members of the waterfowl conservation community we the undersigned, and our constituents from across the United States and Canada, have followed the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon rig and resultant oil leak with great interest and concern.


While the consequences of the oil spill on the Gulf's crucial waterfowl habitat and the birds themselves will likely not be fully apparent for some time, we the undersigned urge you to conduct rigorous evaluations to monitor the implications of the spill on coastal marsh habitats as well as support long-term monitoring of waterfowl populations to measure the implications of the presence of oil in the ecosystem on the birds themselves.

The Gulf Coast is a treasured resource for all Americans and especially for those of us with a passion for the conservation of North America's waterfowl populations. All of the undersigned have a commitment to ensuring abundant waterfowl populations for the future, and this disaster may compromise our collective mission.

We urge your diligence and commitment utilizing the whole of resources available to you in monitoring the consequences for migratory birds in the wake of this incident and take all necessary steps to ensure that these habitats are restored to their previous condition. This incident should further galvanize efforts to protect and restore these imperiled wetlands not only for the benefit of migratory birds but also the biodiversity, economic, cultural and other values they provide.

Please let us know if our organizations could be of service to you in the future.

Sincerely,



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