This forecast is based on the NWS spot forecast from Thursday, May 6 AM. Currents were obtained from the NOAA Gulf of Mexico, Texas A&M/TGLO, and NAVO/NRL models and HFR measurements. The model was initialized from satellite imagery analysis provided by NOAA/NESDIS obtained Wednesday and overflight observations from Thursday morning. The leading edge may contain tarballs that are not readily observable from the imagery (hence not included in the model initialization).

S winds at 5-10 kts are forecasted for this afternoon/evening, becoming SW/W on Friday. This weekend, winds are expected to be more northerly at 5-10 kts. The Mississippi Delta, Breton Sound and Chandeleur Sound continue to be threatened by shoreline contacts throughout the forecast period. Although our trajectories indicate beached oil over the SE portion of the Delta, observations to date suggest surface oil is not crossing the MS river convergence zone.