This forecast is based on the NWS spot forecast from Tuesday, May 4 PM. 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 SLAR data obtained during a Transport Canada overflight Tuesday AM and afternoon overflight observations. The leading edge may contain tarballs that are not readily observable from the imagery (hence not included in the model initialization).

Winds are forecast to be light (5 kts) and variable continuing through Wednesday. S/SE winds at 10 kts are expected to resume again later in the week. The Mississippi Delta, Breton Sound and Chandeleur Sound continue to be threatened by shoreline contacts throughout the forecast period. All three ocean models show a westward current developing south of the Delta transporting oil to the west of the Delta.

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