

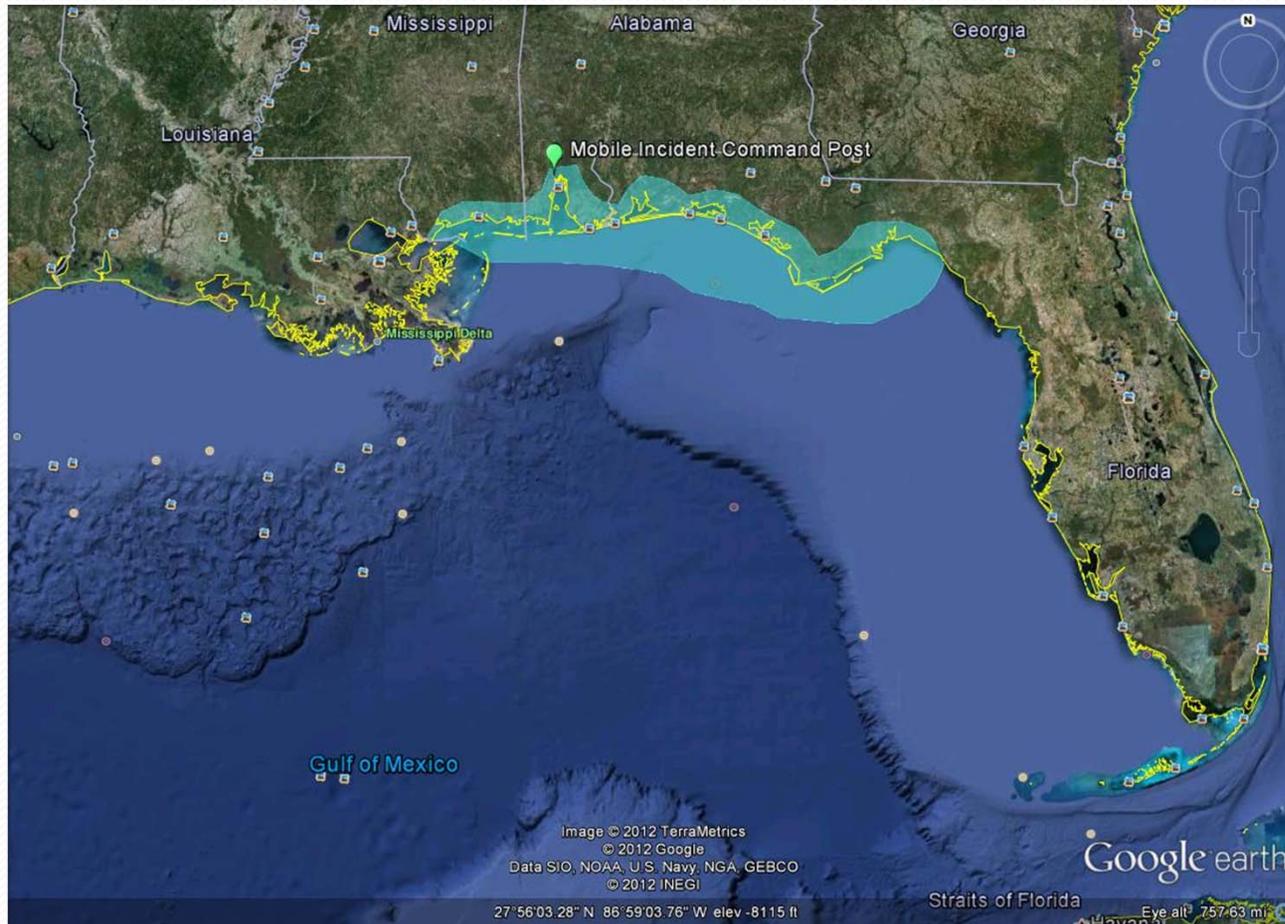
# Deepwater Horizon

## An Incident Commander's Perspective



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# Area of responsibility for ICP

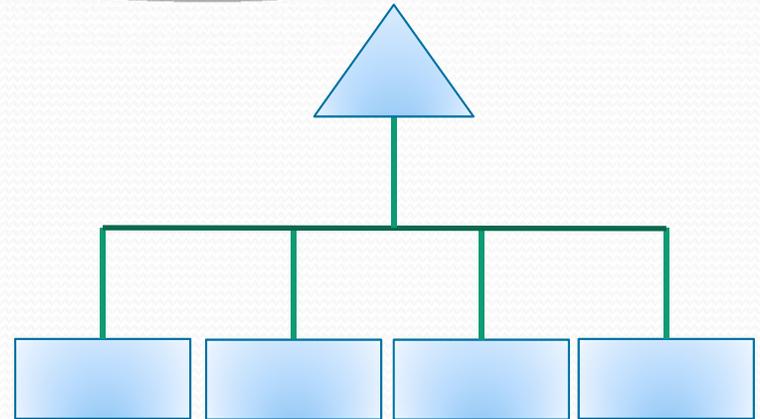


Coast of Mississippi and Alabama to Apalachicola, Florida  
and 60 miles off shore

# Successes

- ICS Works

- Objectives
- Command and General staff
- Tactics
- Planning





# Successes

- Operational period 24 or 48 hours
- USCGC 225' buoy tenders with Spilled Oil Recovery System
- Ocean busters
- Heavy oil recovery device (HORD)

# New technologies for shore



Road grader



Cherrington – oil and sand sifter





BeachTech2000



# Successes

- Applied response technologies
  - In-situ burning
  - Dispersants



# Successes

- Boom deployment
  - Mobile used trained OSRO personnel





# Successes

- Qualified community responders
- Affiliated volunteers
- California support



# Challenges

- Role of the National Incident Commander
  - 2004 SONS Drill
  - 2010 SONS Drill
  - Deepwater Horizon
  - Daily Phone call



# Challenges

- Mutual Aid
  - Releasing equipment
- Emergency Mutual Aid Compact
  - Not utilized
  - Worked well in Yellowstone River Response

# Challenges



1,100 people in  
Incident  
Command Post



# Challenges

- US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Air operations
  - Equipment and personnel not in IAP (not in Ops)
  - Separate IAP
  - Issues resolved by National Pollution Fund Center



# Challenges

- Media Relations
  - Press conference ban
  - Field personnel stopped engaging
  - “Keep the Blue in View”



# Challenges

- Liaison
  - Information flow
- Daily reports



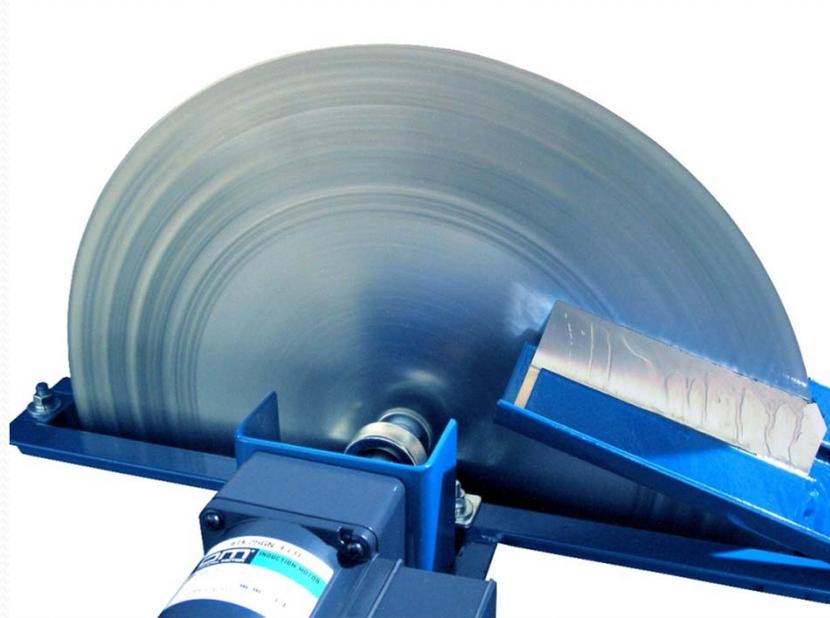
# Challenges

- Performance measures
  - Percent environmentally sensitive sites protected
  - Feet of boom
  - Number of skimmers

# Challenges



Marco Skimmer



Stingray Skimmer



# Overall

## Mobile Alabama ICP

- Increased size of response from 1,000 to 26,800 personnel
- Worked together cooperatively to protect the environment
- “Help me, help you”