

Wildlife Resiliency Course Schedule

Day 2 October 21, 2026

0800 – 0830 Doors Open

0830 – 1030 Contaminated Wildlife and Decontamination Course

1030 – 1045 Break / Transit to Next Class

1045 – 1145

Avian Identification

Natural Resource
Damage Assessment

Biosecurity

1145 – 1245

Lunch
Wildlife Preparedness & Response Community of Practice

1245 – 1300 Break / Transit to Next Class

1300 – 1400

ESA Section
7 Consultation

Wildlife
Deterrence

Shoreline
Cleanup
Assessment
Technique

1400 – 1415

Break / Transit to Next Class

1415 – 1600

Wildlife Rehabilitation
Course w/ Port Corpus Christi
Center for Wildlife Rescue Tour

Environmental
Unit Training

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Day 2 - Wildlife Resiliency Workshop (0800 – 1600)

1. Course: Contaminated Wildlife and Decontamination Course

Time: 0830 – 1030

Course Description: This course provides participants with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to safely assess, handle, stabilize, and decontaminate wildlife affected by oil spills and hazardous substances. The course focuses on responder safety, and effective decontamination techniques used in wildlife response and rehabilitation operations focused on birds, sea turtles, and cetaceans.

2. Course: Avian Identification

Time: 1045 – 1145

Course Description: This course provides participants with the knowledge and practical skills needed to identify bird species commonly encountered during wildlife response operations. Participants will learn the fundamentals of avian identification, including bird anatomy, plumage characteristics, behavior, habitat associations, vocalizations, and field observation techniques.

3. Course: Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Training

Time: 1045 – 1145

Course Description: This course provides participants with a comprehensive introduction to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process used to evaluate injuries to natural resources resulting from oil spills, hazardous substance releases, and other environmental incidents. The course explores the legal and regulatory framework governing NRDA, as well as the roles of federal, state, tribal, and co-trustee agencies in assessing damages and planning restoration.

4. Course: Biosecurity

Time: 1045 – 1145

Course Description: This course provides participants with a foundational understanding of biosecurity principles and practices used to prevent the introduction, spread, and amplification of biological hazards in wildlife response, animal care, environmental operations, and field-based work environments. The course emphasizes practical measures to protect animal populations, human health, ecosystems, and operational assets from infectious diseases and biological contamination.

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5. Course: Wildlife Preparedness & Response Community of Practice (CoP)

Time: 1145 – 1245

Course Description: This course discusses the Wildlife Preparedness & Response Community of Practice (CoP), a collaborative forum designed to connect professionals involved in international wildlife emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. This community provides a platform for participants to exchange knowledge, share best practices, discuss lessons learned, and strengthen coordination among agencies, organizations, and subject matter experts.

6. Course: Endangered Species Act Consultation

Time: 1300 – 1400

Course Description: This course provides participants with a practical understanding of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the federal consultation process used to ensure that federal actions do not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or adversely modify designated critical habitat. The course focuses on the roles, responsibilities, and procedures involved in formal consultations between action agencies and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or NOAA Fisheries.

7. Course: Wildlife Deterrence

Time: 1300 – 1400

Course Description: This course provides participants with a practical understanding of wildlife deterrence as a management tool for reducing wildlife impacts during all-hazards events. Participants will learn the principles of effective wildlife hazing, including appropriate techniques and species-specific considerations.

8. Course: Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT)

Time: 1300 – 1400

Course Description: This course provides participants with an introductory understanding of the Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Techniques, a systematic method used to assess, document, and guide shoreline cleanup operations following oil spills and other coastal contamination incidents. The course focuses on standardized field survey methods used to characterize shoreline conditions, evaluate oiling impacts, and support cleanup decision-making within the Incident Command System (ICS).

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9. Course: Wildlife Rehabilitation Course w/ Port Corpus Christi Center for Wildlife Rescue Tour

Time: 1415 – 1600

Course Description: This course provides participants with the knowledge and practical skills required to safely transport, stabilize, rehabilitate, and release wildlife affected by oil spills, hazardous materials, natural disasters, and other environmental incidents. The course focuses on, safe handling, transport protocols, initial intake and stabilization, and long-term rehabilitation procedures designed to reduce stress, prevent further injury, and improve survival outcomes. The course combines classroom instruction with an exclusive guided tour of the Port Corpus Christi Center for Wildlife Rescue, offering participants a firsthand look at one of the nation's premier wildlife rehabilitation facilities.

10.Course: Environmental Unit Training

Time: 1415 – 1600

Course Description: This course provides participants with an overview of the roles, responsibilities, and functions of the Environmental Unit within the Planning Section. The course focuses on the Environmental Unit's role in assessing environmental impacts, supporting operational decision-making, and coordinating environmental compliance and protection activities during an incident. The course also examines common Environmental Unit products, documentation requirements, and coordination processes within a Unified Command structure, along with the TGLO Toolkit and its available resources.