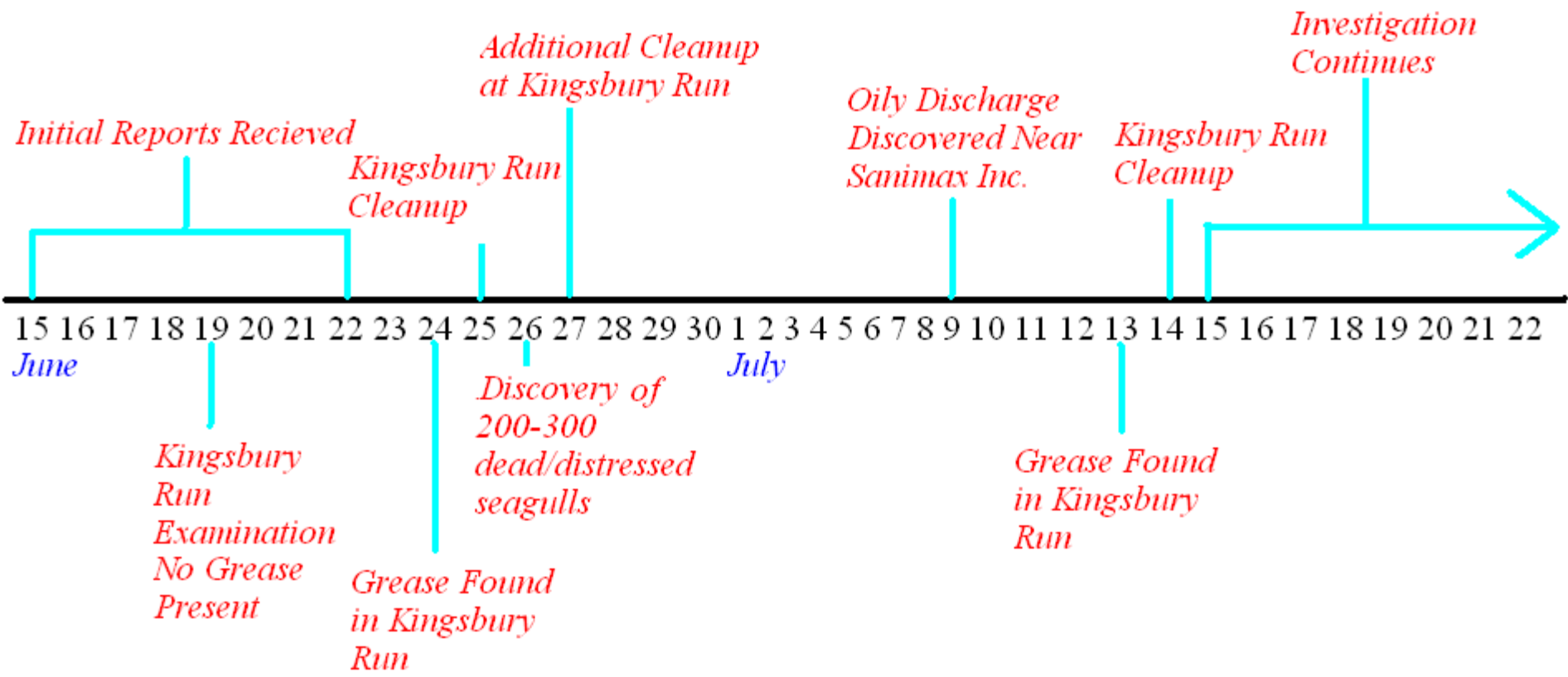
A large flock of gulls is captured in flight over a blue body of water. The birds are scattered across the frame, with some in sharp focus and others blurred, creating a sense of movement and a large gathering. The sky is a pale, clear blue, and the water below is a deep, textured blue.

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Investigators blaming oil spill from sewer pipe for gull kill on Cuyahoga River (see video)

CLEVELAND — Investigators said this afternoon that several hundred gallons of what appears to be a type of cooking oil pouring out of a sewer pipe has killed or disabled hundreds of gulls on the Cuyahoga River.

Gulls killed, maimed by cooking oil in Ohio river

CLEVELAND — Hundreds of gulls were killed or maimed in Cleveland after what investigators believe was cooking oil spewed from a sewer pipe into the Cuyahoga (key-uh-HOH'-guh) River.

Investigators identify oil spill that killed Cuyahoga River gulls

More than 500 gulls found dead in Cuyahoga River

Gulls killed by cooking oil spill on Cuyahoga River

Near site of Ohio's infamous Cuyahoga River fire, gulls killed and maimed by cooking oil spill

In an unfortunate irony, hundreds of Ring-Billed Gulls were killed when a substance appearing to be cooking oil flowed out of a sewer pipe into the Cuyahoga River in Ohio. Environmentalists had just celebrated the river's remarkable comeback 40 years after it became an icon of industrial pollution and a major inspiration for the passage of the Clean Water Act.

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Cuyahoga River littered with dead, oily gulls

This was supposed to be a triumphant week for the Cuyahoga River.

Instead — during the week of the 40th anniversary of the June 22, 1969, fire on the river — it turned into an ecological nightmare.

More that 500 ring-billed gulls were found dead and 30 or 40 others covered in oil near the ArcelorMittal Steel plant, EPA investigator Jim Irwin said Friday.



Hundreds of gulls were killed by what appeared to be a cooking oil spill

Questions?

