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## Humboldt Bay Oil Spill

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Time: 11:30 a.m

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Humboldt Bay--Eureka, California---The California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) is responding to a bunker fuel spill in Humboldt Bay. The M/V Kure, hit the Louisiana Dock at 4:20 this morning, puncturing it's own fuel tank. The approximately 5,000-to-8,000 gallon spill was reported at 5:15 a.m.

Full response is underway, involving personnel from OSPR, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Region 1, U.S. Coast Guard, Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services (OES), and oil spill clean-up organizations Clean Pacific Alliance and Marine Spill Response Corporation. DFG will assess any impact to wildlife when the fog lifts. No affected wildlife has been reported at this time.

An Incident Command Post has been established at the Humboldt County OES in the County Courthouse. A telephone number for media inquiries and information updates will be FAXed to media outlets as soon as a Joint Information Center is established there.

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