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CDFW closes fishery following spill in Santa Barbara

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) closed fishing and shell fish harvesting in Santa Barbara County from 1 mile west of Refugio State Beach to 1 mile east of the beach at the recommendation of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) following the crude oil pipeline spill May 19.

The closure takes effect immediately. It remains in place until OEHHA, part of the California Environmental Protection Agency, advises CDFW that it is safe for fishing to resume. Land markers for the closure are near the intersection of Highway 101 and Calle Real Road (west) to near the intersection of Highway 101 and Venadito Canyon Road (east). OEHHA also advises that anglers avoid fishing in areas where there is visible sheen on the water.

USCG and CDFW responded to the initial report of 21,000 gallon spill. The source was secured, but an unknown amount reached the Pacific Ocean.

Clean up operations and investigation into the incident is ongoing. The Oiled Wildlife Care Network has activated recovery teams to collect oiled animals. Anyone seeing oiled wildlife should report it to **1-877-UCD-OWCN** (877-823-6926).

Fishery closure document: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=100210>

Fishery closure map: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=100211>

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