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Unified Command to temporarily suspend night cleanups due to wildlife sensitivity



Cleanup operations of tar balls on beaches in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange counties have the potential to impact beach and near-shore animals including California grunion. Grunion spawning on sandy beach habitat is expected to begin June 2 and continue through June 3. Cleanup operations will not occur at night when the grunion spawning runs occur. Grunion eggs on shore emerge during the high tides at night, and cleanup crews will be instructed to minimize disturbance to the sand as much as possible during the grunion run period.

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