



Refugio Response Joint Information Center

Fisheries Closures - Have there been any fisheries closures as a result of the spill?

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) lifted the fishing closure in Santa Barbara County on June 29, following official notification from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) that there is no longer a human health threat present in finfish and shellfish from oil chemicals in the Refugio Beach oil spill incident. Fishing may resume in the 138 square-mile area from Canada de Alegria at the western edge to Coal Oil Point at the eastern edge in accordance with state and federal ocean fishing regulations. The U.S. Coast Guard had already lifted the marine safety exclusion zone on June 19.