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# News Release

## UPDATE 5: COAST GUARD REMOVES SAFETY ZONE; CHANNEL OPEN TO ALL VESSEL TRAFFIC IN LA HARBOR; CLEAN-UP OF OIL CONTINUES

LOS ANGELES — The safety zone issued by the Coast Guard, restricting recreational and commercial vessel traffic in the affected area has been removed Thursday. The channel is now open to all vessel traffic.

The responsible party for spilled oil in the vicinity of the 577-foot cargo ship, Istra Ace, continues their clean-up efforts that began Sunday evening. Contractors are continuing to clean in the affected area, including vessels, docks, pilings and other structures.

Members of the Coast Guard and California Fish and Wildlife are overseeing all response efforts, while the Los Angeles Port Police and Los Angeles City Fire are assisting in monitoring the area.

California Fish and Wildlife recovery teams have reported observations of potentially-oiled birds. The teams remain actively engaged in wildlife recovery. If you encounter oiled wildlife, please do not attempt to capture the animal, instead please call the Oiled Wildlife Care Network at the following number: 1-877-UCD-OWCN or 1-877-823-6926.

The Unified Command currently has team members in the affected marina's addressing the needs of the recreational boaters. If you feel that this pollution incident has impacted you, a claims process has been established by the responsible party. To make a claim, please call 1-888-850-8486.



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