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# Human Uses

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# Outline

- Human uses and the Refugio spill
- Overview of assessment and results
- Proposed process for restoration

# Refugio Spill and Human Uses

# Scope of Trustee Analysis

- Lost public use and enjoyment of natural resources
- Compensation for lost use based on lost value
- Lost value is a net value (“consumer surplus”)
- Lost public value versus lost revenue



# Area Closures



**This area temporarily  
closed to all fishing**

Fish & Game Code 2021

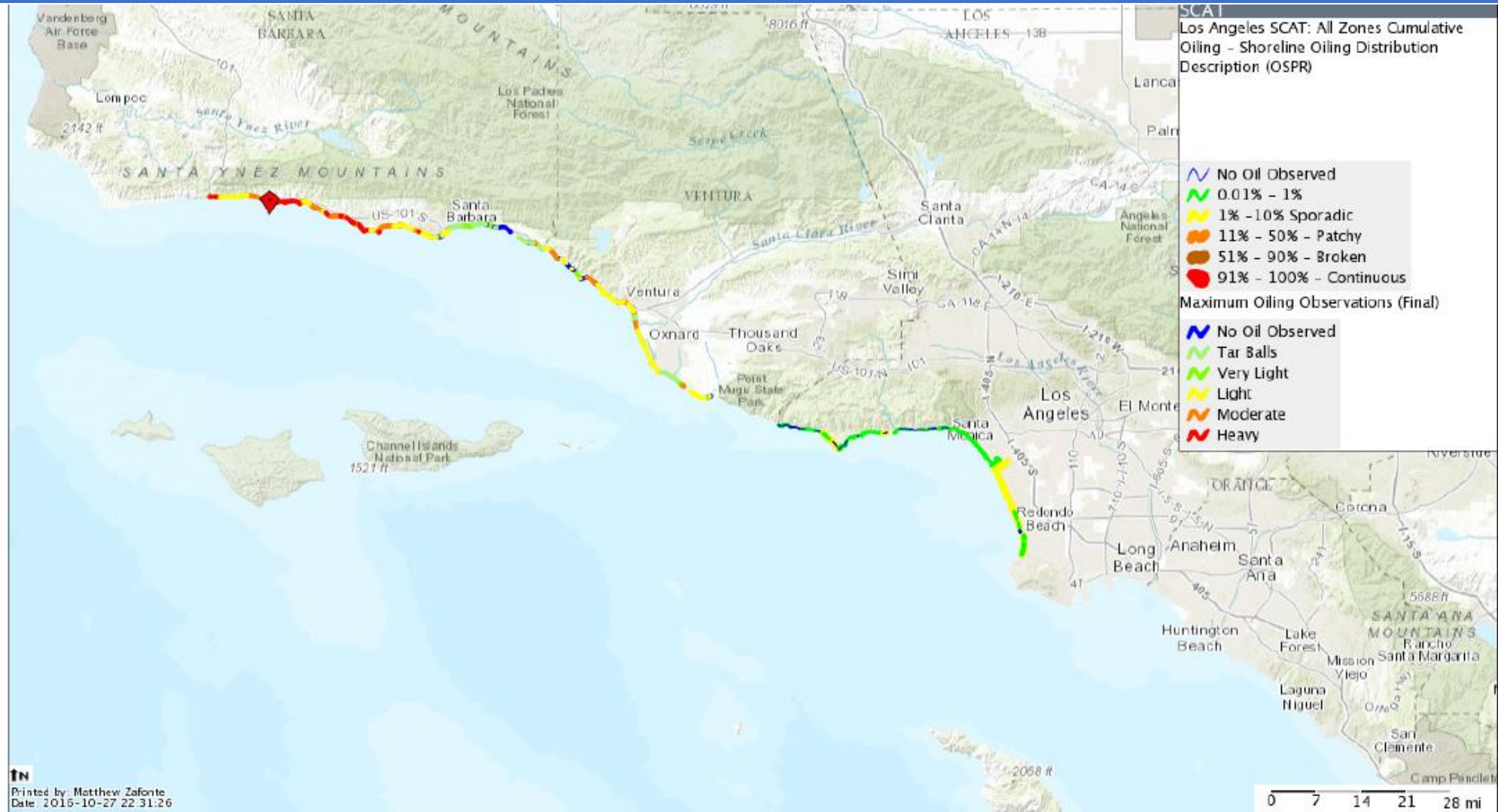


**This area temporarily  
closed to all shellfish  
harvesting & crabbing**

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# Shoreline Oiling



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# Response Activities



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# Advisories



**Santa Barbara County**

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Follow

Please stay out of the affected area for your own safety and that of the wildlife and sensitive habitats. [#refugiooilresponse](#)



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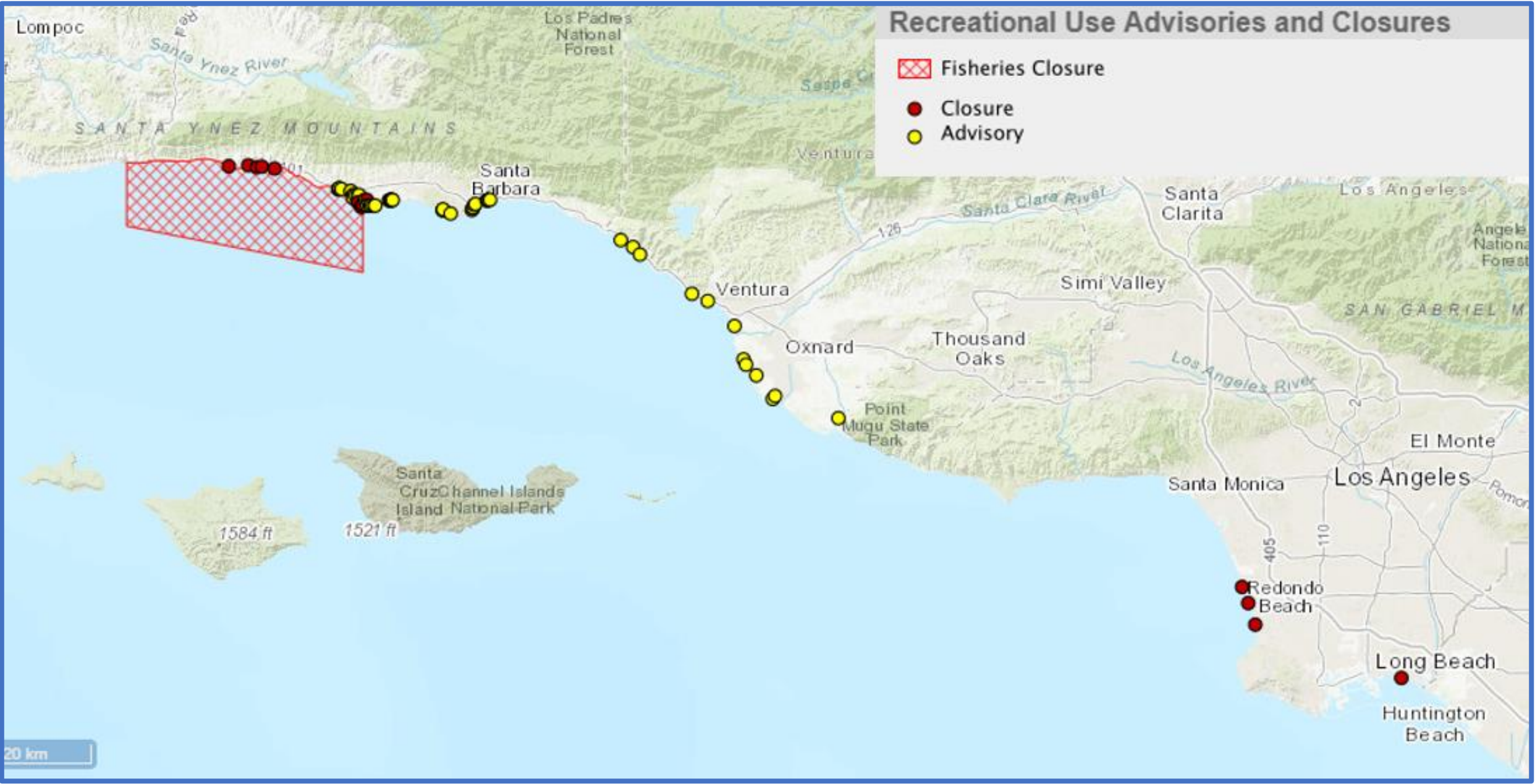


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# Recreational Use Advisories and Closures

-  Fisheries Closure
-  Closure
-  Advisory



# Activities Covered

- Coastal camping
- Shore-based recreation
- Boat-based recreation
- Research, education, outreach (University of California)



# Assessment for Human Uses

# Collection of information around time of spill

## EXAMPLES

- Documentation of closures and advisories
- Systematic counts of people at recreation areas
- Contacts to recreation businesses

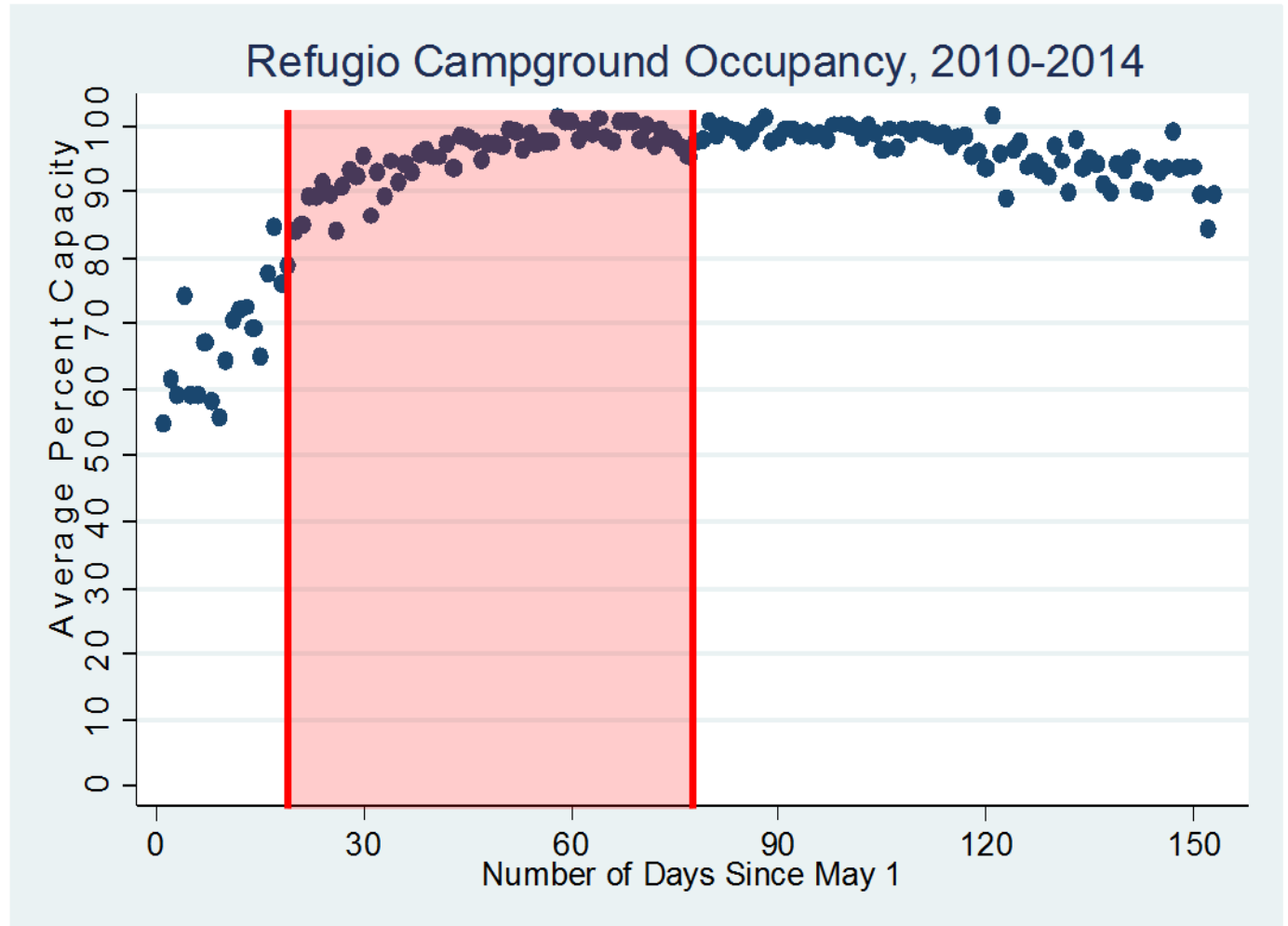




# Compilation of data collected by others

## EXAMPLES

- Vehicle counts
- User counts
- Parking fees



# Collection of data at spill anniversary

## EXAMPLES

- In-person interviews
- User counts
- Monitoring of automated car counters



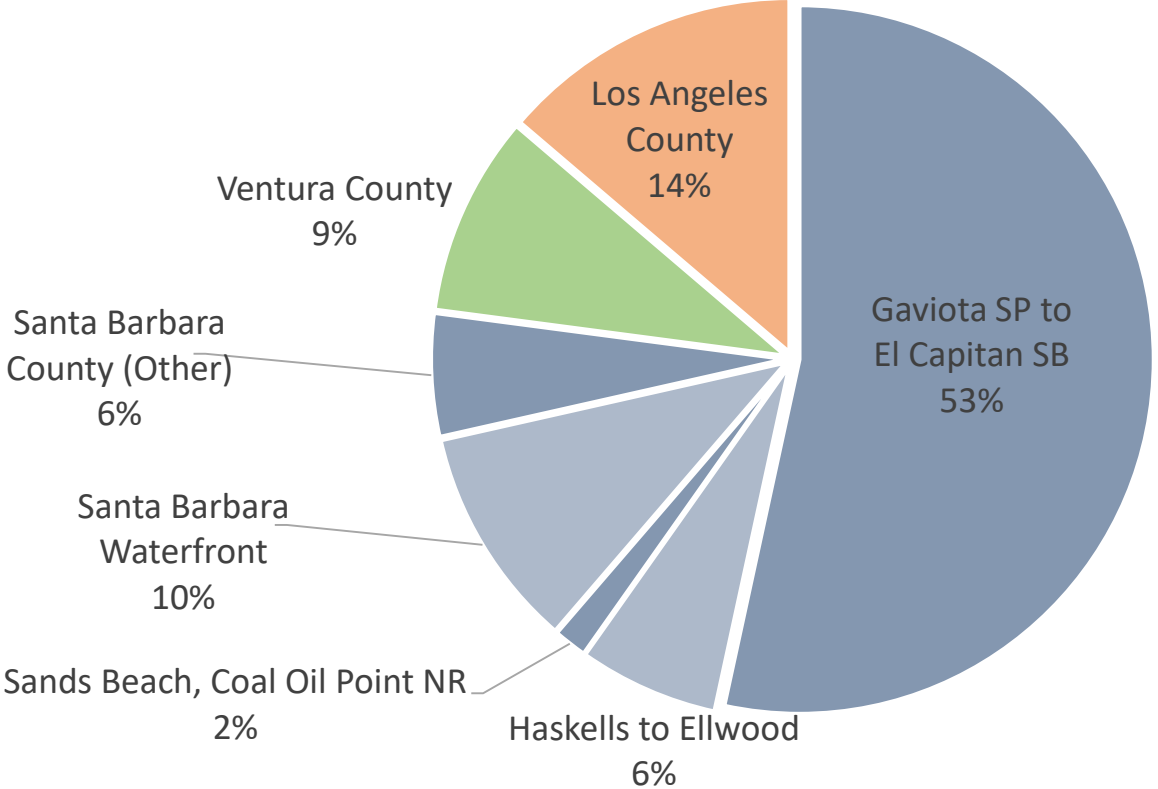
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# Piecing it all together...

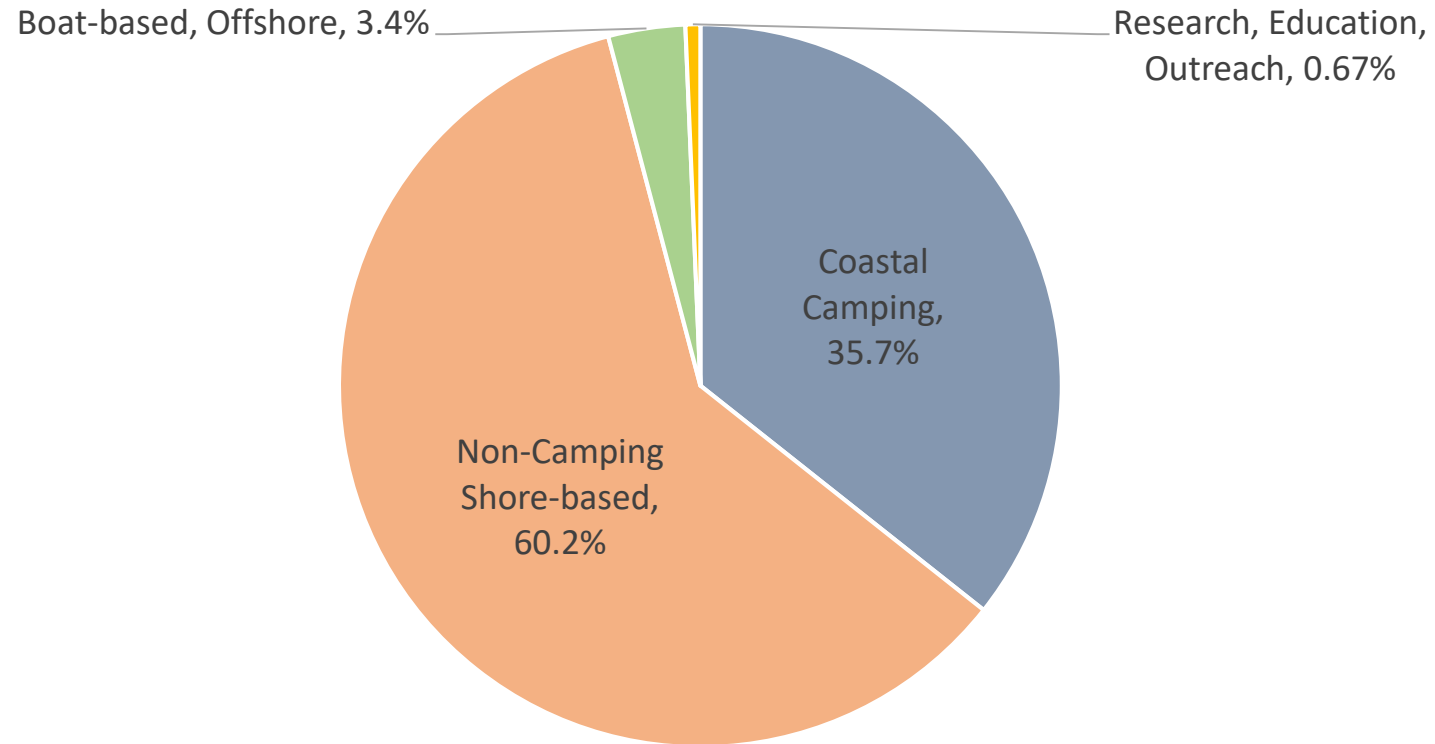
- Estimated human use had the spill not occurred
- Examined reductions due to spill
- Developed models to value camping and shoreline trips in Santa Barbara and Ventura
- Used existing studies to calculate value for shoreline trips in Los Angeles and boat-based recreation across the spill
- Total Lost Value: \$4.47 Million

# Geographic Distribution of Impacts





# Distribution of Impacts by Activity



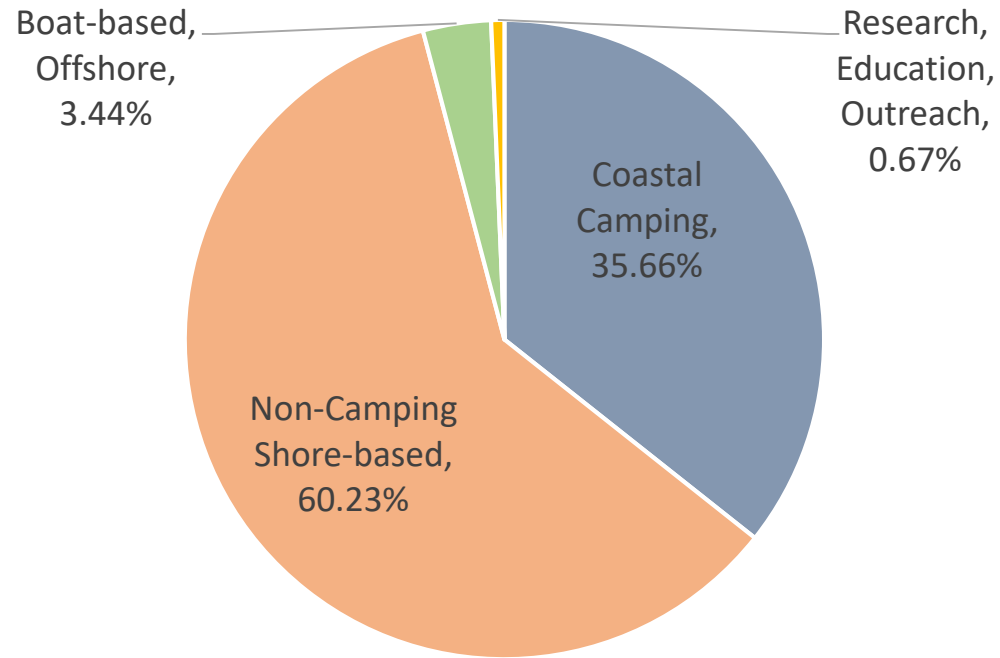
# Proposed Restoration Process



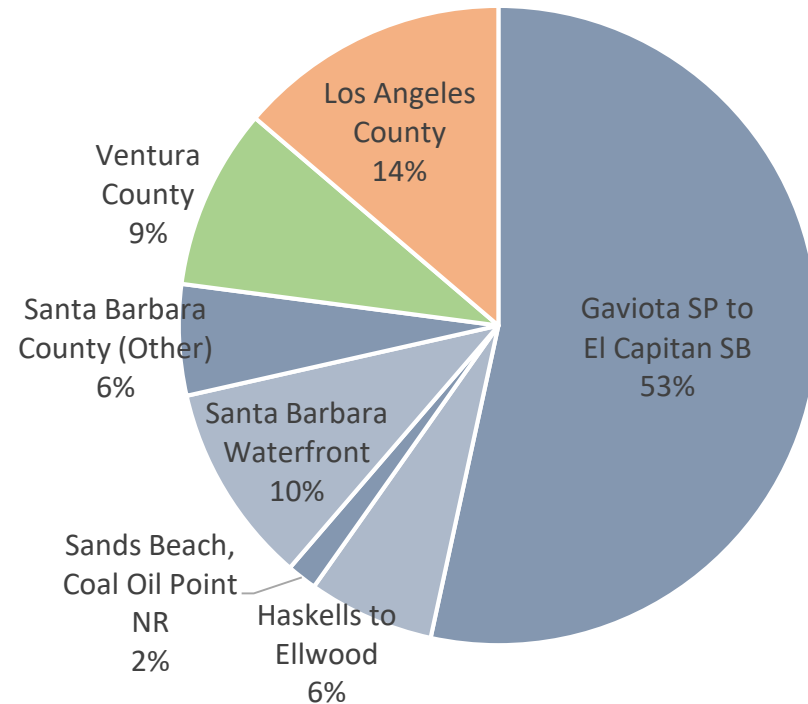
# Settlement for Human Use Claim

- \$3.9 Million to compensate for human use injuries

# Goal of Compensation: Match Quantified Impacts



Activity



Geography



# Proposed Distribution of Settlement



- California State Parks
- Administer 53.4% (\$2.08 Million)
- Projects to benefit recreational activities associated with State Parks from Gaviota to El Capitan
- State Parks will select projects in coordination with Santa Barbara County and the Trustee Council

# Proposed Distribution of Settlement



- South Coast Shoreline Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants Program
- State Trustees will oversee 45.93% (\$1.79 Million)
- Competitive grant process administered by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Projects to benefit recreation activities downcoast of El Capitan State Beach
- Request for proposals will be distributed after Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan is finalized

# Proposed Distribution of Settlement

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- University of California
- Administer 0.67% (\$26,000)
- Research, education, and outreach projects selected by University of California in coordination with the Trustee Council

# Next Steps

- We look forward to comments on the restoration plan





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