



# Fisheries Re-opening Process After Oil Spills



Assess risk of consuming fish and shellfish from oiled area or where oil may spread

Spill Notification

Fisheries Closure Declaration  $\leq 24$  hours

Onshore Sampling  
1 – 2 weeks post-spill

Develop sampling plans for onshore and offshore species

Lab Analysis  
3+ weeks  
(shipping, analysis, QA/QC)

Offshore Sampling  
3 – 4 weeks post-spill

Repeat Onshore Sampling  
3 – 4 weeks post-spill

Lab Analysis  
3+ weeks  
(shipping, analysis, QA/QC)

If any results are above level of concern

Risk Assessment  
2 – 3 days

If all results are below level of concern

Fisheries Re-open