

Date: November 10, 1997

Humboldt Bay Oil Spill-Update -- Images currently available in .pdf format: [Large Map](#) [Small Map](#) [Photos](#)

CONTACT:

Contact: Joint Information Center
DFG, U.S. Coast Guard, OES, SMQI Services, Inc.
Phone: (707) 441-4784 or 4785
FAX: (916) 591-2044
Time: 7:30 p.m

EUREKA -- Crews continue to make significant headway in containment and clean-up on Humboldt Bay.

The Unified Command -- which consists of the U.S. Coast Guard, California Department of Fish and Game Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response, and the responsible party -- is currently employing the following resources:

* 427 people: 38 federal, 35 state, and three local government employees; the responsible party has provided 40 employees, and 311 from three different clean-up contractors; another 100 people are working in wildlife operations, many of whom are trained volunteers.

* Eight vacuum trucks, 12 pressure washers, and two skimming vessels.

* Seven boats (work boats, skiffs, air-boats, canoes) and two aircraft;

* 5,000 feet of containment boom and 3,000 feet of sorbent and snare boom are being used throughout the bay area.

Rock-washing continues around Samoa Spit and at the Coast Guard station. There are plans to open the tide gates at Palco Marsh, tomorrow.

The Wildlife Operations staff have rescued 392 live birds and recovered 297 dead birds. They have been taken to the Marine Wildlife Care Center at Humboldt State University. The species hardest- hit are the murrelets, shorebirds, and scoters. Also affected are grebes, loons, scaups, marbled murrelets, and gulls. From the endangered list, we now have - alive - one oiled brown pelican. We have also received, dead, one brown pelican and six marbled murrelets.

The Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Game are continuing their investigation into the cause of the accident.

The Humboldt County Department of Health recommends that no fish, shellfish or algae be taken from any part of the bay until further notice.

Important Public Telephone Numbers:

- Report oiled wildlife 707-826-3450
- Damage claims 888-422-2524
- Volunteer opportunities 707-442-3711

#####