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Humboldt Bay oil spill clean up continues

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EUREKA, Calif. — The Humboldt Bay Unified Command announced at 10 a.m. today it has reopened Humboldt Bay from the entrance channel north to Woodley Island. Vessel restrictions remain in the Eureka Channel Inner Reach, and the South Bay due to the continued clean-up efforts.

Crews continued collecting IFO 180 fuel oil spilled early Wednesday from the general cargo carrier Kure (pronounced "CURRY"). Response personnel from the Unified Command are made up of U.S. Coast Guard, California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response, local government agencies, responsible party representatives and contractors.

Today, marine skimmers will be cleaning heavy concentrations of oil in and around Woodley Island Marina. Booming operations will continue in the area. Similar efforts are continuing in the South Bay with skimming and booming operations to collect heavy concentrations of oil.

The Clean Bay II is involved in clean-up outside Humboldt Bay in the Pacific. A concentration of oil has been sighted 4 miles north of the entrance channel to Humboldt Bay.

Forty-five birds have been recovered and removed to the Wildlife Care Center at Humboldt State University. Fifteen birds have been reported dead.