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DFG May Restrict Fishing in Long Beach Harbor Due to Oil Spill

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is considering closing some areas to fishing in the Long Beach Harbor due to an oil spill. The vessel Da Tang spilled an unknown amount of bunker fuel into the harbor while taking on fuel at Anchorage B-11 late Sunday night. The U.S. Coast Guard and the Department of Fish and Game are overseeing the cleanup operations.

DFG, in coordination with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), is evaluating whether a fisheries closure is necessary in the impacted area. A closure would mean some or all fishing and shellfish harvesting would be prohibited in the designated area for public health reasons until further notice. Agencies will have a decision by tomorrow morning.

DFG has activated the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) to manage wildlife rescue operations if needed. Only trained staff from OWCN are authorized to recover oiled wildlife. The public is asked to not attempt to capture oiled animals instead they should report sighting to OWCN at 1-877-UCD-OWCN (1-877-823-6926).

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