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DFG Lifts Fishing Ban in Long Beach Harbor

LONG BEACH - The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) lifted fishing restrictions in areas of Long Beach harbor closed due to the Da Tang 18 oil spill.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) recommended lifting the fishing restrictions after concluding that no likely significant health risks exist from the oil spill, based on current conditions in the spill area. As a general precaution, OEHHA recommends that anglers avoid fishing in areas where there is a visible sheen on the water.

The spill occurred late Sunday night during bunkering operations (taking on fuel) of the vessel Da Tang 18. The cause is under investigation.

DFG activated the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) to manage wildlife rescue operations if needed. Anyone seeing oiled wildlife should call 1-877-UCD-OWCN (1-877-823-6926).

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