

CRESCENT CITY TSUNAMI FACT SHEET #03

Location: Crescent City Inner Basin Harbor, Crescent City, CA

Cause: Tsunami following 8.9 earthquake in Japan

Damage:

- 47 vessels afloat but with some level of damage
- 16 sunken vessels
- 1 vessel grounded at mouth of Elk River
- Large debris including rocks, logs, and vessel debris scattered about inner harbor and shore
- Navigable waters status unknown; boaters should use extreme caution transiting the area
- Significant damage to moorings and docks

Closures or restrictions:

- Harbor access restricted for public safety
- Harbor closed to all personnel at night, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. until further notice.
- To prevent crabs and other seafoods from being contaminated and unmarketable, commercial fisherman are advised of the following protocol:
 - Commercial vessels are advised to not run circulation pumps as they approach Crescent City Boat Harbor or within Crescent City Boat Harbor
 - Do not pull crab pots or other traps up through water if a visible sheen is present
- Safety zone in place for Crescent Harbor; no movement without consent of USCG
- Dock access limited due to safety concerns; personnel floatation device strongly advised
- No access to boom area without authorization by USCG

Harbor operations: Crescent City Harbor asks affected boat owners to contact the harbor at 707-464-6174 ext. 22 to provide the following information:

- Boat name
- Official number/vin
- Fuel capacity
- Actual fuel onboard
- All contact information

Wildlife: No observed wildlife impacts at this time. Assessment will continue

Crews deployed: US Coast Guard, California Fish and Game, Harbor District Personnel, Army Corps of Engineers, oil spill response organizations

Information numbers:

- Crescent City Harbor boat owners contact 707-464-6174 ext. 22
- Report oil 1-800-852-7550
- Report Injured Wildlife 1-877-823-6926

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