

CRESCENT CITY TSUNAMI OPERATIONAL UPDATE #05

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- The sunken 30-foot commercial fishing vessel, Tamara, has been raised and removed. Sunken vessel recovery continues as weather permits.
- National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration on-scene performing assessment of the harbor sea floor using sonar technology. Assessment will determine exact locations of navigational hazards, debris and shoal water to guide operations to make the harbor safe for mariners to transit.
- Approximately 1,500-feet of hard and absorbent boom deployed to contain sources of sheen in the inner harbor and to mitigate harmful effects on the environment.
- Underwater assessments continue to confirm locations of sunken vessels. Two contracted dive teams have assisted in the response efforts. Divers assist in raising sunken vessels.
- Significant amounts of debris have been secured along the west side of the harbor for removal and disposal.
- In the next 24-48 hours, heavy equipment and excavators will be moving into the harbor area to begin debris removal operations. Primary concern is public and responder safety.

MEDIA ALERT: To gain access to the operations area, please be equipped with hardhat, reflective vest, steel-toed shoes and eye protection.

Damage:

- 47 vessels afloat but with some level of damage
- 16 total known sunken vessels; assessments for additional sunken vessels ongoing
- 1 recovered and removed
- 15 remaining 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:

- Response operation concentrated in NE harbor area. Access to dock A expanded for public, but personal floatation devices strongly advised on dock.
- Harbor remains closed to the public at night, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. until further notice

- To prevent crabs and other seafood from being contaminated and unmarketable, commercial fisherman are advised of the following protocol:
 - Do not run circulation pumps on approach to Crescent City 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 the Coast Guard
- Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., C, D, E, and F docks are open to owners of vessels within the boomed area. For emergencies only, owners wishing to access their vessels outside of that time frame may contact the Coast Guard. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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. Assessments will continue.

Crews deployed: U.S. Coast Guard, California Fish and Game, Harbor District Personnel, NOAA, oil spill response organizations

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