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2013 Farallon Islands Exercise Active Response Underway

SAN FRANCISCO – A combined response team from the US Coast Guard, The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and SeaRiver Maritime and local emergency response authorities is active and deployed to the site of an offshore collision that occurred earlier this morning.

The double hulled tanker, TT Carrier and Shanghai XP, a container ship, collided 25 miles west of San Francisco and 8 miles south of the Farallon Islands earlier this morning. The tanker was carrying Alaska North Slope crude oil. Two of the tankers tanks were damaged and the ship has reported that some oil leaked into the water. The ship was carrying 645,000 barrels (27 million gallons) of oil.

“Our first priorities are the safety of the crew and the emergency responders, as well as the protection of environmental resources in this sensitive area,” said Capt. Greg Stump, USCG, Captain of the Port of San Francisco. “Our partners with the State of California and SeaRiver are first rate professionals and they understand the important work required in protecting the sensitive environmental resources in this area.”

There are no reports of wildlife impacted but California’s Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) has been activated. Their trained personnel will be on-scene to provide any needed veterinary care.

Anyone seeing an oiled animal should call the OWCN hotline at 832-6926 and provide the animal’s location, the last time seen and your contact information.

At this time, the cause of the incident and size of the spill are not known. There are no reports of injuries to the crew and both the Coast Guard and the State of California will conduct a full investigation of the incident.

For information updates please visit www.sfresponse2013.com.

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