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CDFW and OWCN Responding to Reports of any Oiled Wildlife

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and the U.S. Coast Guard are responding to an oil spill in Long Beach. An incident command post has been established at the Hilton Huntington Beach Waterfront Hotel.

California's Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) has been activated, and their trained personnel are on-scene to provide recovery and veterinary care. Trained experts will be collecting any oiled wildlife, which will be transported to the Los Angeles Oiled Wildlife Care and Education Center in San Pedro for cleaning and rehabilitation.

OWCN staff and pre-trained volunteers from OWCN member organizations are responding. No additional volunteers for wildlife care are currently needed.

Only trained wildlife specialists should handle wildlife. For the safety of both the public and the animals, the public is advised not to touch or even approach oiled or otherwise injured wildlife. Dogs should also be kept away. Instead, anyone seeing an oiled animal is requested to call the OWCN Response Hotline at 877-UCD-OWCN (823-6926), and provide the animal's location, brief description, whether it is dead or alive, time last seen, and your contact information. This information will be passed on to trained wildlife handlers who will attempt to capture any oiled animals reported.

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