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Fuel Released from Sunken Fishing Vessel at Pillar Point Harbor

PILLAR POINT, Calif. — The U.S. Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response are responding to a small diesel fuel spill in Pillar Point Harbor.

At 9:40 A.M., the Pillar Point Harbor Master reported the spill from the 42-foot fishing vessel DELAWARE to the Coast Guard. Pillar Point is at the north end of Half Moon Bay.

According to the owner of the vessel, there were approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel on board the vessel when it sank. There is a visible sheen on the water that measures approximately six feet wide and 1500 feet long. Oil-absorbent boom has been placed around the vessel to collect and contain the leaked fuel. The Coast Guard has hired National Response Corporation (NRC) to place hard boom around the vessel tonight. NRC will employ divers to attempt to remove the remaining fuel from the tanks tomorrow morning.

There are currently no reports of oiled wildlife in the area.

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