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POLLUTION RESPONSE EFFORTS END FOR GROUNDING FISHING VESSEL

FORT BRAGG, Calif. – The U.S. Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) are ceasing the pollution response operations onboard the fishing vessel MISS KELLEY.

On early Thursday morning, January 26th, the U.S. Coast Guard rescued two fishermen from the fishing vessel MISS KELLEY and began pollution response efforts when the vessel stranded on a beach near the Noyo River entrance.

Oil-absorbent pads were placed in the fish hold to remove the oil contained in that space. The pads were removed and properly disposed. Further actions to contain and remove the oil were impossible because of the remote location of and high energy surf conditions around the vessel. On Monday, the tanks were sounded again and were found to be empty. The response and cleanup efforts have ended because there is no further threat of pollution. Though the pollution response efforts have ended, the recovery efforts of the vessel are ongoing. The owner has contracted Parker Diving Service to remove the vessel from the shoreline. The U.S. Coast Guard and OSPR will continue to monitor the removal and debris cleanup operations to ensure that further environmental damage is prevented.

No oiled wildlife have been observed during this incident.

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