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DFG to Co-Host Clean Pacific 2012 Conference

California Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) co-hosts the 2012 Clean Pacific Conference and Exposition, May 16-17 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

OSPR joins other leading oil spill prevention and response organizations in providing conference sessions that focus on all aspects of oil pollution response. Titled "Tsunamis, Spills, Shipwrecks - Meeting Multiple Pacific Challenges," the conference's theme reflects OSPR's 2011 experiences and commitment to conserving California's natural resources before, during and after a pollution event. OSPR staff will lend their unique and vast expertise to many presentations covering spill prevention, preparedness, response and restoration.

Topics featured at the conference include advancing technologies including Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and aerial remote sensing technologies. These tools, developed collaboratively by OSPR, played a significant role in the cleanup and response efforts of the Deepwater Horizon.

The Deepwater Horizon event features prominently in discussions of lessons learned for California and West Coast when responding to a spill of that magnitude. Attendees will hear the perspective of OSPR's Acting Administrator Capt. Scott Schaefer, who served as Deputy Incident Commander at the Mobile, Alabama incident command post and Capt. Roger Laferriere who served as Incident Commander at Houma, Louisiana.

The S/S Montebello shipwreck off the California coast presented state and federal partners with an opportunity to again be on the cutting edge of oil spill prevention and new technologies (for more information, please see <http://dfg.ca.gov/ospr/NewsPubs/Montebello/index.aspx>). The presentation describes the investigation and multi-agency effort to determine the pollution threat of this historic wreck.

Additional OSPR staff will discuss navigational safety and the evolution of emission control issues that affect boats coming into California ports and waters (<http://dfg.ca.gov/ospr/Marine/>).

To learn more about oil spill prevention and response in California, please see <http://dfg.ca.gov/ospr/>. Information on Clean Pacific can be found at <http://cleanpacific.org/>.

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