

# Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment



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## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** November 4, 2009

**SUBJECT:** SAN FRANCISCO OIL SPILL: OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on recent data collected on shoreline oiling and areas of potential fishing/shell fishing activity, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) recommends that the boundary of the existing fishing and shellfish harvesting closure be modified. Specifically, OEHHA recommends that a fishing and shellfish harvesting closure be maintained for the Alameda County shoreline along San Francisco Bay from Alameda Point (at the northwest corner of Alameda Naval Air station) to the southern boundary of the Oakland airport, pending the results of an investigation to determine and establish the degree and nature of any potential public health threat posed by the spill. With this action, we are recommending that Oakland Middle Harbor north to the Bay Bridge, the Oakland Inner Harbor and estuary between Oakland and Alameda, San Leandro Bay, and shoreline from the southern boundary of Oakland Airport to the San Mateo Bridge no longer be closed to fishing. Additionally, OEHHA further clarifies that this closure does not apply to fishing from boats in the bay. OEHHA continues to advise that fishers avoid fishing in areas where there is a visible sheen on the water.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 322-6325.

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