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SUBJECT: OIL SPILL FISHERIES REOPENING RECOMMENDATION, VENTURA HARBOR SPILL

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) finds that there is no longer a potential health hazard associated with fishing and shellfish harvesting as a result of the Royal Pacific diesel spill in Ventura Harbor.

Based on tests of mussels collected within the closure boundaries on November 20 and 21, and December 11, 2013, OEHHA finds that consumption of seafood from the spill zone poses no ongoing significant oil-related health risks. As a result, OEHHA recommends that the closure zone be reopened for fishing and shellfish harvesting.

OEHHA reminds the public to continue to follow the existing safe eating guidelines for consuming fish caught from Ventura Harbor to San Mateo Point, which are posted at http://oehha.ca.gov/fish/so_cal/socal061709.html.

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