CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DECLARATION OF FISHERIES CLOSURE
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT
CAUSED BY AN OIL SPILL INTO MARINE WATERS

Amendment 1

Pursuant to Fish & Game Code section 5654, I find and declare that:

I. On October 30, 2009, I received notice of a spill of 42 gallons or more into marine waters (tidally influenced).

II. The Office of Environmental Heath & Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) recommended that a fishing and shellfish harvesting closure be initiated for impacted shorelines. Additionally, OEHHA advised that fishers avoid fishing in areas where there is visible sheen on the water.

This fishing and shellfish harvesting closure is recommended during an investigation to determine and establish the degree and nature of the public health threat posed.

III. On October 30, 2009, I issued an order prohibiting the take of all fish and shellfish in the vicinity of the Alameda County shoreline between the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and the San Mateo Bridge.

This initial closure was based primarily on oil trajectories and projections of shoreline oiling. Some of the closed shoreline areas were never actually oiled. We now have shoreline oiling data on which to base a closure, warranting a change in the extent of the closure.

IV. Therefore, I hereby ORDER that all shoreline fishing (inclusive of finfish and shellfish) is prohibited on the Alameda County shoreline along San Francisco Bay between Alameda Point (at the northwest corner of Alameda Naval Air station) and the southern boundary of the Oakland Airport. This prohibition does not apply to fishing from boats. The following areas are no longer closed to shoreline fishing: Oakland Middle Harbor north to the Bay Bridge; the Oakland Inner Harbor and San Leandro Bay; and shoreline south of the southern boundary of Oakland Airport to the San Mateo Bridge. Attached hereto is a revised map of the closed areas.

V. This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

John McCamman, Acting Director
California Department of Fish & Game

Date / Time
MEMORANDUM

TO: John McCamman
Acting Director
Department of Fish and Game
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Joan E. Denton, Ph.D.
Director

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.