

Liaison Update #4

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****INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF 1500****

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date of Report: Monday, September 4, 2023

Name of Incident: Mazapeta Tug Incident

Location: San Joaquin Delta (San Joaquin County)

Product details: Diesel and engine oil

INCIDENT UPDATE

A Unified Command with representatives of the United States Coast Guard (USCG), California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR), and San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office continues to respond to a submerged tugboat (*Mazapeta*) in Little Potato Slough within the San Joaquin Delta, northwest of Stockton (San Joaquin County). A report to CalOES on Monday, September 4, indicated the *Mazapeta*, a 1940's-era military tugboat that was being renovated, was sinking, resulting in a release of diesel and engine oil.

Current efforts are focused on removing any petroleum threat to the waterway. Over the coming week, crews will continue to maintain the boom around the vessel and impacted vegetation. The Unified Command is reviewing plans from Parker Diving and Salvage to address the petroleum threat and assess the vessel's structural integrity to safely perform the pollution removal operations. The USCG is consulting with additional salvage specialists throughout the agency and will also seek a second opinion from another salvage contractor. More detailed plans are expected in the coming week.

CDFW-OSPR consulted with the California Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment and there is no fisheries closure. No impacted wildlife has been observed, but the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) remains on standby to assist if necessary. Anyone observing oiled wildlife should not attempt to capture it. Instead, please report observations of oiled wildlife to the oiled wildlife hotline at 1-877-UCD-OWCN (1-877-823-6926).

Media inquiries can be directed to CDFW-OSPR Public Information Officer Mary Salas Fricke at 916-417-0210.

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