



Fisheries Re-opening Process After Oil Spills



Evaluate public health threat from consuming fish or shellfish from oiled area or where oil may spread *

Spill Notification

Fisheries Closure 48+ hours after notification

1st Round of Sampling
1 – 2 weeks post-spill

Develop sampling plans for seafood species

Lab Analysis
3+ weeks
(shipping, analysis, QA/QC)

2nd Round of Sampling
3 – 4 weeks post-spill

Lab Analysis
3+ weeks
(shipping, analysis, QA/QC)

Repeat Sampling

If any results are above level of concern

Risk Assessment
2 – 3 days

If all results are below level of concern

Fisheries Re-open

* Fish and Game Code § 5654 establishes the initial timeline for fisheries closure after notification of an oil spill.