



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject : Fish Die Off in Redondo Beach King Harbor

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The City of Redondo Beach's King Harbor today experienced a major fish die off in the waters within the Harbor. Emergency personnel responded to the scene at approximately 8:00 A.M. Millions of sardines were found dead among the boats and docks.

An examination of the waters did not show signs of pollution or toxins as the cause of the die off. Preliminary reports from University of Southern California biologists reviewing the event indicate the water in the Harbor experienced oxygen deprivation. City crews and volunteers have been mobilized to clean up the dead fish and transport them to a composting facility for organic re-use.

Assistance has been received from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the LA Conservation Corps SEA Lab located at Redondo Beach. Determination of the cause of the massive sardine presence and the cause of their death should be completed within the next couple of days.

Mayor Mike Gin said that the clean up is anticipated to take 5 to 7 days and cost approximately \$100,000. Additional research is being conducted to determine cause of the oxygen deprivation in the ocean waters of King Harbor.

Mayor Mike Gin or Fire Chief Dan Madrigal may be reached for additional information through the following points of contact:

- Sergeant Phil Keenan, Police Department (Daywatch)
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- Lieutenant Paul Wrightsman, Police Department (Nightwatch)
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