



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

Subject : Completion of Emergency Fish Clean Up in King Harbor

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The City of Redondo Beach has completed the emergency removal and disposal of millions of sardines that experienced a major die off in the King Harbor. About 140 tons of dead sardines were removed from the King Harbor since the emergency cleanup operation began after the discovery of the fish on March 8, 2011.

The emergency clean up of the King Harbor was accomplished with the cooperation from city crews from Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, Gardena, Manhattan Beach and Huntington Beach. Over 700 community volunteers lead by the Redondo Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) worked alongside city crews in the efforts of the clean up. With the demobilization of the emergency clean up, the Redondo Beach Public Works will now transition to the maintenance clean up of the King Harbor for the next week.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; the California Department of Fish and Game and the LA Conservation Corps SEA Lab provided support during the week long emergency clean up of the King Harbor.

University of Southern California biologists are continuing to review the exact reasons leading up to the depletion of dissolved oxygen which caused the mortality event.

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