



WESTERN MAUI WILDFIRE VESSEL STAKEHOLDER GUIDE

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USCG Priorities

Safety of public and responders - Environmental impact - Property protection - Support to State and Local authorities - Information management and situation awareness - Embed cultural considerations in all operations

Objectives

- Provide for the safety and security of citizens and response personnel.
- Assess, contain, and recover oil/hazmat from vessel/waterfront facility sources.
- Enforce safety zone to restrict access, maintain on scene control, and allow limited access to facilitate response and recovery in coordination with local authorities.
- Support joint-agency recovery efforts, prioritize agency assist requests, and maintain ability to conduct statutory missions.
- Inform the public, media, and stakeholders of response activities.

Situation Update & Current Actions

- In response to the Western Maui Wildfires, the USCG conducted search and rescue operations and initial pollution mitigation efforts in consultation with federal, state, and local partners. USCG is facilitating access to local fire and dive teams to continue underwater searches for victims in and outside the harbor.
- Navigation: Completed initial assessments of the Lahaina harbor and channel with underwater remote operated vehicles and side-scan sonar to determine depth and identify any obstructions.
- Hazardous Materials: Currently conducting air monitoring and hazard identification activities for the safety of responders. Conducting outreach to our partners for future safety planning.
- Pollution: Ongoing monitoring of pollution boom installed throughout the harbor and along the waterfront in strategic locations to mitigate the pollution risk to the marine ecosystem. USCG contracted commercial services to conduct these initial pollution measures and are providing direction and oversight.
- Outreach: Conducted initial port assessments to determine location and preliminary status of vessels in the harbor. Conducted initial stakeholder outreach meetings to provide updates on actions taken.

Future Actions

- Hazardous Materials: Work with local safety officials to facilitate the sharing of information, ensure proper personal protective equipment measures are employed and available, and increase hazardous materials monitoring efforts in the area that responders will access.
- Pollution: Continue to monitor pollution boom throughout the harbor to mitigate the risk to the marine ecosystem.
- Outreach: Increase outreach activities with vessel owner, operators, and other stakeholders to collect information for future salvage planning efforts. Liaise with insurance companies and other parties to coordinate efforts.
- Port Access: When the circumstances permit, allow owners, operators, assessors, and other stakeholders access to vessels. This will occur in close coordination with local authorities.
- Prepare to conduct salvage operations in coordination with FEMA and other federal, state and local officials, and in consideration of environmental and cultural sensitivity to facilitate the removal of vessels and debris.

What Can You Do To Help?

Gather information if available, such as insurance, known hazards onboard, and pictures of your property for future identification activities. We want to ensure that access is granted as soon as possible when it is safe.

Lahaina Harbor Access Information

Access to vessels and property within the established safety zone, for removal and/or other actions, may be considered by the USCG when:

Safety Concerns are Mitigated:

- Harmful airborne chemicals are deemed to be at safe levels.
- Chemicals in the water do not pose a safety risk to humans.
- Waterside infrastructure necessary to gain access is deemed structurally sound.
- Rescue teams and emergency services are available in the event of a medical emergency.
- The navigational channel is free of debris.
- Aids to navigation are verified.
- Channel depth is verified.

In consultation with Federal, State, and Local Officials when following considerations are satisfied:

- Victim recovery efforts are complete.
- Cultural and historic preservation equities are considered.
- Best management practices for the protection of the environment and threatened or endangered species/critical habitats are finalized.
- Landside access is authorized.

Resources

Business Recovery Center

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has partnered with the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and the Hawaii Small Business Development Center to open an SBA Business Recovery Center in Kihei.

The center will provide a one-stop location for businesses to access a variety of specialized help. SBA customer service representatives will be available to meet individually with each business owner. No appointment is necessary. All services are provided free of charge. The center will open as indicated below.

MAUI COUNTY

Business Recovery Center

Hawaii Technology Development Corporation

Maui Research Technology Center

Building # A, Ste. 119 (Conference Room)

590 Lipoa Pkwy.

Kihei, HI 96753

- Opens at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16
- Mondays - Fridays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Salvage Scope of Work

- The Coast Guard contracted with a pre-arranged contractor to rapidly provide the initial pollution response and mitigation measures in the harbor under the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and the State of Hawaii.
- The USCG has three pre-arranged contractors in Hawaii: Global Diving & Salvage, Pacific Environmental Corporation (PENCO), and National Response Corporation. Sea Engineering, Inc. (SEI) works under the Global Diving and Salvage agreement and was hired by the Coast Guard for the initial pollution response.
- Once a Mission Assignment (MA) for the Coast Guard is agreed upon between the State and FEMA delineating the work for salvage operations, the response will transition and focus on salvage operations authorized and funded under the Stafford Act. We will work to evaluate and contract with available salvage companies to include the review of insurance, equipment, technical capability and training in accordance with Stafford Act requirements.
- The USCG does not restrict who insurance companies or private owners hire. Often, we work with local contractors when owners and/or insurance companies hire them.



Maritime



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Security



Search and
Rescue



Fatality
Management

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