

ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSEL MANAGEMENT

Resources & Technical Assistance

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Overview

The Natural and Cultural Resources Recovery Support Function (NCR RSF) within the Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) Section of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has created this document to provide an overview of state funding opportunities and technical assistance available to support abandoned and derelict vessel management for Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

For more information about the opportunities presented within this document, as well as any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at:

LongTermRecovery@caloes.ca.gov.

State of California Grants

Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE)

- **Grantor:** California State Parks – Division of Boating & Waterways
- **Description:** The SAVE grant program is designed to remove, reduce and prevent abandoned recreational vessels from entering and/or remaining in California waterways. Administered by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), grants are awarded annually to qualified local public agencies statewide. The SAVE program, formerly called the *Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund* and the *Vessel Turn-In Program* enacted in 1998 and 2010 respectively, has provided millions of dollars in grants and has successfully removed thousands of vessels from State waterways.
- **Eligibility:** Section 525 (1)(A) of the Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) allows DBW to distribute grants to local public agencies that have jurisdiction over navigable waterways in California. Private businesses cannot apply for a SAVE grant; however, they may work through a local

public agency that is participating in the SAVE program to accomplish one or more of the following:

- Remove abandoned vessels on their private property.
- Surrender vessels they have the title to through the Surrendered Vessel Program.
- Remove navigational hazards.
- **Application Deadline**: Check back for future funding opportunities as grants are awarded annually.
- **Contact Information**:
 - Name: Ron Kent
 - Phone Number: (916) 902-8821
 - Email: Ron.Kent@parks.ca.gov
- **Website**: https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28816

Technical Assistance & Informational Resources

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife – Office of Spill Prevention and Response

- **Description**: CDFW's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) is the state's lead for response to oil spills in its inland and marine waters, aiming for the best achievable protection of California's natural resources. OSPR will sometimes put out grant opportunities related to oil spills.
- **Contact Information**: (916) 375-8580 for OSPR information.
- **Website**: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR>

Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) Blue Ribbon Program for Western US States

- **Agency**: Pacific States Oil Spill Task Force
- **Description**: The Pacific States / British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force (Task Force) identified the issue of ADVs as a common threat and a critical, emerging issue in 2017. In 2018, the Task Force formed an ADV Workgroup comprised of ADV experts and program leads from each of the five Task Force jurisdictions: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. The ADV Workgroup's initial task was to document the scope and scale of the problem of ADVs across each jurisdiction. This blue-ribbon program addresses five elements:
 - Authority
 - Prevention
 - Public outreach and education
 - Removal and deconstruction
 - Funding.

- **Website:**
http://oilspilltaskforce.org/docs/ADV_Blue_Ribbon_Program_FINAL.pdf

SAVE Participating Agency Point of Contact List

- **Agency:** CA State Parks – Division of Boating & Waterways
- **Description:** This is an informational resource detailing a list of contacts for participating agencies that may be able to provide vessel removal services under the Surrendered & Abandoned Vessel Exchange program.
- **Website:** https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30623

Best Management Practices for Removal of Marine Debris

- **Agency:** CA State Lands Commission
- **Description:** These Best Management Practices were developed in consultation with interested state and local agencies to meet the requirements of California Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) section 552. Their primary purpose is to limit environmental damage during the removal or deconstruction of marine debris authorized under sections 550 and 551 of HNC. These Best Management Practices are not intended to cover all circumstances in the removal or deconstruction of marine debris and the public agency removing such debris remains responsible for compliance with all relevant laws and regulations in their removal activities. Inquiries should be made of appropriate agencies concerning required permits, especially when removing vessels that exceed 100 feet in length or more than 100 gross tons.
- **Website:** <https://www.slc.ca.gov/abandoned-vessels/best-management-practices-for-removal-of-marine-debris/>

Abandoned Commercial Vessel Removal Plan

- **Agency:** CA State Lands Commission
- **Description:** This is an informational resource detailing the full program details for the Abandoned Commercial Vessel Removal Plan, including project scope, identified region, and steps of implementation.
- **Website:**
<https://slcprwordpressstorage.blob.core.windows.net/wordpressdata/2019/06/AB2441-Plan-final-062819.pdf>

Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Info Hub

- **Agency:** NOAA Marine Debris Program – Office of Response and Restoration

- **Description:** The ADV Info Hub was created as a central source of information regarding ADVs and the policies surrounding them. It explains how ADVs are handled by each coastal state to bring together information and to create a comprehensive look at this subject. Be sure to click the map (or use the pull-down menu) for a state-by-state snapshot and additional ADV information for each coastal state's ADV legislation, funding, case studies, contact information and other publications.
- **Website:** <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/resources/abandoned-and-derelect-vessels-info-hub>