Background Summary Method Oiling Deep Near Fish Surface Coasta

POTENTIAL HARM TO FISHES

Potential harm to oceanic fish

- Species: Bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, mahi-mahi, greater amberjack
- Toxic exposure of buoyant embryos and larvae of oceanic fish potentially resulted in population-level effects

Potential harm to bottom-dwelling fish

- Species: Red snapper, hake, tilefish (possibly coastal species)
- Elevated PAH levels in liver and bile of bottom-dwelling fish
- Skin lesions coincident with this contamination
- Potential population impact to fishes exposed to contaminated sediments along outer shelf

