



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the lead agency on Japanese tsunami debris. NOAA is working with federal, state, and local partners to collect data, assess the debris, reduce possible impacts to natural resources and coastal communities. NOAA continues to track marine debris and organizes groups for cleanup when debris makes landfall.

NOAA coordinates with the Coast Guard to respond to marine debris issues including debris that poses a threat to marine navigation. NOAA also coordinates with the EPA to monitor marine and atmospheric radiation from the Fukushima nuclear plant.

For more information regarding tsunami debris in Alaska, contact:

NOAA Marine Debris Program
MarineDebris.Web@noaa.gov
(206) 526-4661
<http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/>



Department of Fish and Game

The Department of Fish and Game (DF&G) will take appropriate management action if marine debris were to interfere with spawning or harvest of fish. The department provides assistance with documenting entanglements and injury to marine mammals due to any marine debris and assists with education and disentanglement efforts; assists with invasive species monitoring, prevention, and cleanup of non-native organisms that can be transported on marine debris; and provides habitat monitoring and takes appropriate action should it become necessary to ensure habitat protection or restoration efforts due to marine debris.

For further information on the Department of Fish and Game's role in tsunami debris, contact:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Public Information
(907) 465-6166
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=home.main>



Department of Labor and Workforce Development

The Department of Labor (DOL) does not have requirements related to the safety of workers specifically performing cleanup of marine debris. Unless cleanup personnel are volunteers, workers must adhere to general occupational safety rules. For additional information about requirements and safety, contact:

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Occupational Safety and Health Consultation and Training Office
(800) 656-4972 or (907) 269-4955
<http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/oshhome.htm>



Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Mining, Land and Water is prepared to authorize cleanup activities that exceed what is generally allowed on state land.

If needed, the DNR Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) is prepared to:

- Authorize & monitor cleanup activities on state park managed lands.
- Provide local knowledge of coastal areas, especially state park managed areas.
- Through the Office of History & Archaeology, recommend strategies for protection of cultural and historical resources during cleanup efforts and.
- Through the Office of Boating Safety, assist the US Coast Guard in disseminating marine advisories concerning collections of debris that pose a navigation hazard.

For more information on Land ownership and cleanup permitting, contact:

DNR Public Information Office
(907) 269-8400
dnr.pic@alaska.gov
<http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/>



National Park Service

The National Park Service (NPS) is actively monitoring, surveying, and supporting marine debris clean-up efforts. As a high profile visitation based agency, the National Park Service is also providing information to visitors regarding marine debris hazards, environmental issues, and ongoing challenges. National Park Service operations are being conducted to provide data and information to all interested parties. The National Park Service stands ready to assist and facilitate marine debris response efforts on Alaska National Park coasts.

For further information on NPS's role and actions regarding tsunami debris contact:

Tahzay Jones

(907) 644-3442

<http://www.nps.gov/akso/index.cfm>



Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is participating in collective efforts to monitor for marine debris in Alaska. During the summer of 2012, National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska conducted monthly debris surveys at six remote field camps, and reported objects sighted during vessel operations. The USFWS will work with other agencies to respond to future invasive species threats and, to the extent possible, respond to marine debris threats on Alaska National Wildlife Refuges that threaten wildlife.

For further information on the USFWS role and actions regarding tsunami debris contact:

Philip Johnson

(907) 786-3483

<http://www.fws.gov/>



Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

For more information on communities that could be affected by tsunami debris, visit the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development's database here:

<http://commerce.alaska.gov/dnn/dcra/Home.aspx>