

Attention Washington Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery Participant,

Please be aware of the following important safety notice regarding vessel operations in Grays Harbor:

- The fishing vessel "Captain Raleigh" sank just west of Westport, Washington, on May 9, 2025.
- Approximate location of the incident: Latitude 46.918871, Longitude -124.145000.
- The U.S. Coast Guard has established a mandatory 200-yard safety zone around the sunken vessel and salvage operations.
- Mariners are urged to maintain a wide clearance from the area to ensure the safety of salvage crews and responders.
- All mariners are requested to **monitor Channel 16 VHF-FM (156.8 MHz)**

Additional requests:

- Report any observed oil sheens immediately to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 or the Washington Department of Emergency Management at 1-800-258-5990.
- Report sightings of dead or distressed wildlife to 1-800-22BIRDS.

Response teams, including divers, are actively working to remove entangled netting and fuel from the vessel before its removal. Operations are tide-dependent and may vary. Your cooperation in observing these safety guidelines is crucial and greatly appreciated.

For further details, contact the U.S. Coast Guard Public Affairs at 206-408-0165 or [liaison@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:liaison@ecy.wa.gov). Additional information can also be found on the attached flyer.

If you have questions pertaining to this notice, contact Matt George at [Matthew.George@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Matthew.George@dfw.wa.gov) or 360-640-1066.



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