



Thomas M. Cullen Jr.

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Thomas Cullen was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown as the Administrator of the California Office of Spill Prevention & Response (OSPR) in June 2012. As Administrator, he also serves as one of two Chief Deputy Directors of the California Department of Fish & Game. Captain Cullen directs a team of scientists, environmental specialists, game wardens, and support personnel in protecting and preserving 3,427 miles of shoreline and 7,734 square miles of State waters from oil and other deleterious substances as well as invasive, non-indigenous marine species.

Captain Cullen served in the United States Coast Guard for 31 years, retiring with the rank of Captain. From 2008 to 2010 he served as Deputy Commander of Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, CA. As the principal deputy and advisor to the Sector Commander, he performed a wide-range of federal authorities in the San Francisco Bay region including Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On-Scene Coordinator (for maritime oil spills and chemical releases), Officer-in-Charge of Maritime Inspections, and Search & Rescue Mission Coordinator in our nation's busiest and most diverse coastal region. He led 775 active duty, reserve & civilian personnel in protecting a strategic multi-port complex with the U.S.'s 4th largest container port, 9 other commercial ports, and 6 major refineries. Prior to his tour at Sector San Francisco, Captain Cullen served as the first Chief of Response of the Eleventh Coast Guard District, where he directed the interdiction and apprehension phase of day-to-day counter-drug operations in the Eastern Pacific, resulting attained four consecutive record-breaking years for cocaine seizures. In 2006, he provided the tactical direction of the historic at-sea capture of the leader of Mexico's most violent drug cartel kingpin and the seizure of the Panamanian Motor Vessel GATUN, the largest maritime cocaine seizure in history.

Captain Cullen's previous Coast Guard assignments include Chief of Search and Rescue of the Eleventh Coast Guard District, Chief of the Aeronautical Engineering Department at Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Chief of Aircraft Systems in the Office of Aeronautical Engineering at Coast Guard Headquarters. He managed a portfolio of 17 aircraft improvement or sustainability projects totaling more than \$373M in operating and capital funds for all Coast Guard aircraft types and models. A Coast Guard aviator, Captain Cullen flew more than 5,000 hours as pilot-in-command of the HU-25 aircraft and was one of their first counter-drug air intercept pilots. His first Coast Guard assignment was as a Deck Watch Officer onboard the USCG Cutter CHASE in Boston, MA. Captain Cullen received his commission and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering from the Coast Guard Academy and a Masters Degree in Industrial Administration from the Krannert Graduate School of Management at Purdue University. He is also a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and a licensed Airline Transport Pilot (ATP).

A native of West Hartford, Connecticut, and currently living in Novato California, Captain Cullen is married to the former Mary Marmaud of St. Petersburg, Florida. They have five children: Matthew, Caitlin, Brian, Therese, and Kelly.