



Aleutian Isle, San Juan Islands, 2022, WA Ecology



# 2023 Annual Meeting

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# Task Force Members

## Six West Coast spill prevention and response programs within:

- AK Department of Environmental Conservation
- B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- HI Department of Health
- OR Department of Environmental Quality
- WA Department of Ecology



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## 2019-2025 Strategic Plan Framework

# Vision: No Spilled Oil

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# Goals

1. Adapt to changes in oil movement and risks
2. Advance readiness and capacity to respond to oil spills
3. Deepen our partnerships to make better decisions and expand our knowledge
4. Build and enhance visibility and relevancy of the Task Force
5. Nurture our organizational health

# Three themes guide our work:



**A safe and clean  
environment**



**External  
partnerships**



**Organizational  
well-being**

# Task Force Structure

## **Executive Team**

Agency or Program Directors

## **Coordinating Committee**

Spill Program Managers & staff

## **Working Groups**

Many workgroups include external partners such as other state agencies, federal partners, and non-government organizations.

**The Executive Coordination Team supports the Task Force members.**



# Topic area workgroups

Crude Oil Movement

Oil Spill Data

Drills & Exercises

Spills Capacity & Mutual Aid

Stakeholder Engagement

Research & Development

Prevention Education Team (POSPET)

Abandoned and Derelict Vessels



POSPET focuses on small spill prevention and education.

# We work closely with our partners.

- State and local governments
- Tribes and First Nations
- U.S. and Canadian Federal Agencies
- Universities
- Associations
- Oil industry
- Response companies
- Citizen groups
- Public interest groups



# Key Areas of Work



Tracking data



Sharing information



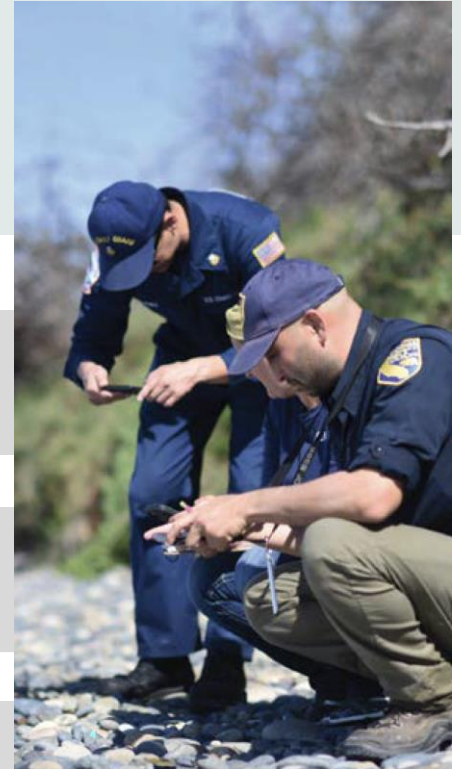
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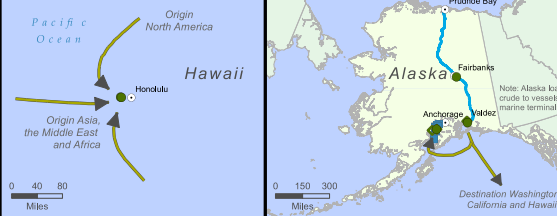


Action on priority issues



Engage with partners





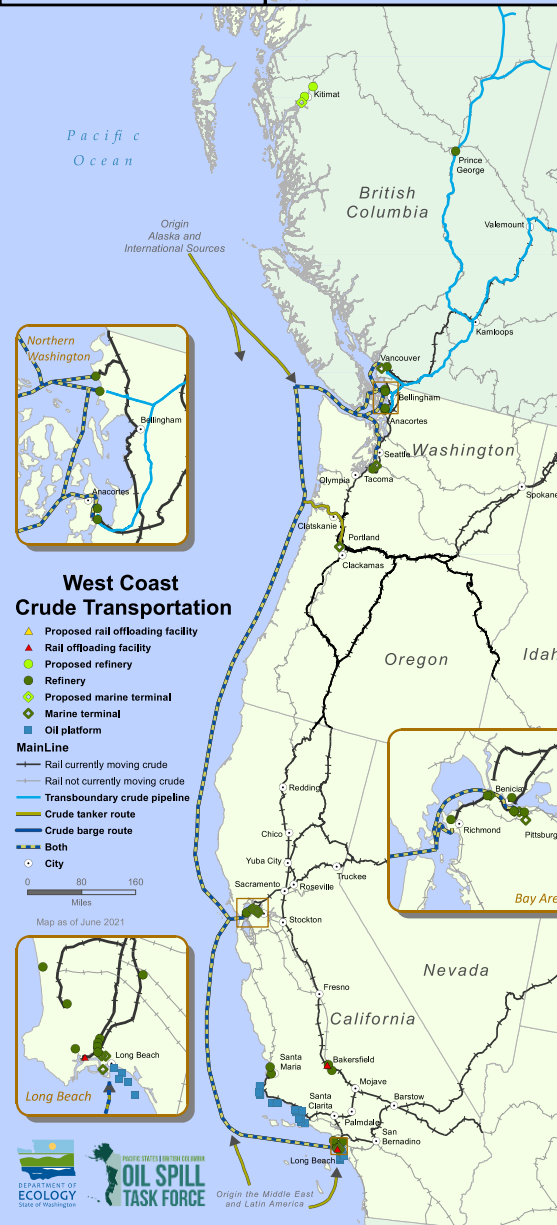
# Crude Movement Data



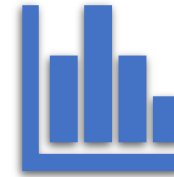
We continued to compile data on the movement of West Coast Crude Oil.

- Track crude movement by rail, pipeline, vessel, and barge.

Map of facilities, refineries, and terminals (updated annually).

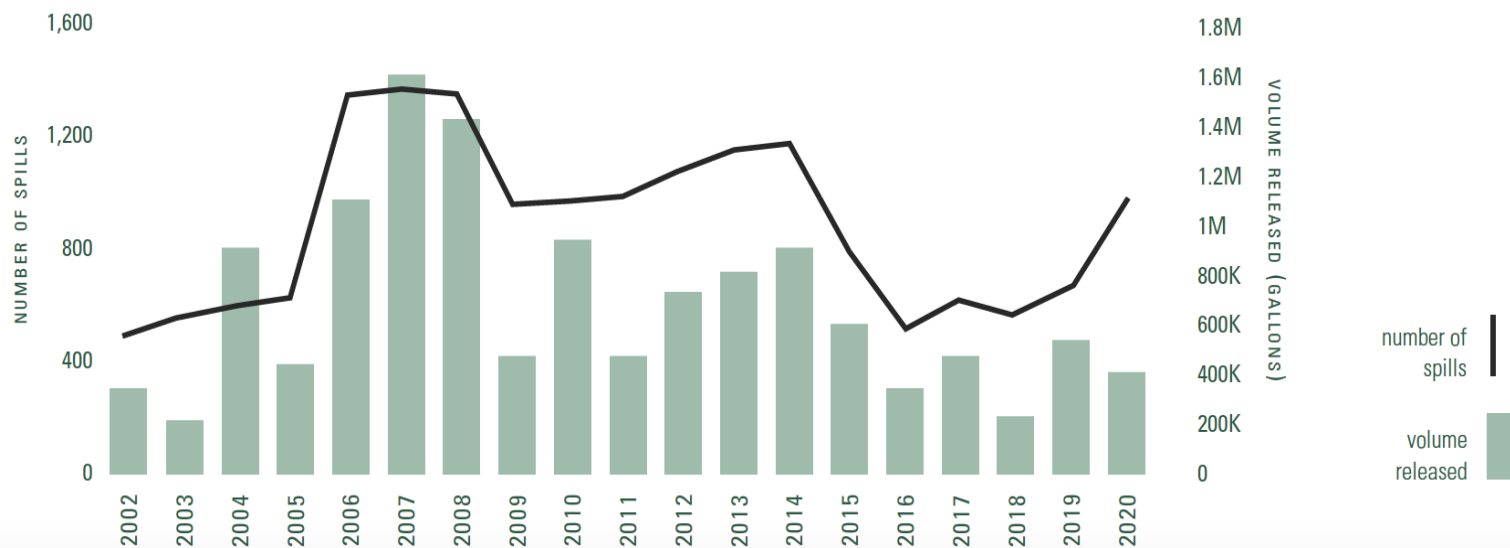


# West Coast Oil Spill Data



We paused to reflect on the West Coast Oil Spill dataset.

- This has been a significant lift by jurisdictions to compile 20 years of shared data.
- Further work is needed to understand who is using this and how it should be shared in future years.





# Sharing information



- Task Force Members continue to meet regularly.
- We have a listserv of approx. 1,500 partners.
- We provide biweekly news clippings on regional and international oil spill news.





# Joint Preparedness

- Our Drills and Exercises Workgroup meets quarterly
- We exercise the Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement (every other year)
- Members participate in local and regional planning exercises and Regional Response Teams (RRTs)





# Action on Priority Issues

- We wrapped up 5-year focus on Abandoned and Derelict Vessels (ADV)s
- Ensure that all jurisdictions have the funding resources they need.

Pacific States / British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force

## Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) Blue-Ribbon Program for Western U.S. States (AK, CA, HI, OR and WA)

Final



F/V Western, Coos Bay, OR. Photo provided by OR Marine

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# Other Priority Issues

- Satellite devices for responder communications and safety
- Adapting to the “new normal” of virtual/hybrid ICS for drills and responses
- Responding to and regulating alternate fuels
- Climate change and the impacts of meteorological events on spill frequency and type
- Financial responsibility rules & regulations



## Engage with Partners

- Members met yesterday with our Federal Partners including six US Federal Programs and three Canadian programs
- We participate in two industry-led science advisory groups.
- Here today with every one of you!





Thoughts? Questions?