

OIL SPILL  
MEMORANDUM  
OF  
CO-OPERATION

*Between the*  
Province of British Columbia  
*the*  
State of Washington  
*the*  
State of Oregon  
*and the*  
State of Alaska

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June 1989

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Whereas the Province of British Columbia (the "Province") and the States of Washington, Alaska and Oregon (the "States") have a mandate to enhance the environment and protect it from oil spills; and

Whereas the Province and the States share and manage common transboundary fish and wildlife particularly in and near the waters of the Pacific Ocean; and

Whereas the Province and the States concur that such fish and wildlife and the supporting environment must be given the fullest protection from damage caused by spills and other discharges of oil; and

Whereas it is paramount to maintain and improve a co-ordinated response to prevent, reduce, or overcome the effects of an oil spill in our respective waters, within the framework of the Canada-U.S.A. Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan; and

Whereas the future requires continued need for co-operation in preventing or abating oil spills in the aforementioned waters, including the participation of the Federal Governments of Canada and the United States;

Now therefore, in recognition of the spirit of co-operation which has characterized their efforts thus far, the Province of British Columbia, through its Premier, the Honourable W. N. Vander Zalm, and the State of Washington, through its Governor, the Honourable Booth Gardner, the State of Oregon, through its Governor, the Honourable Neil Goldschmidt, and the State of Alaska, through its Governor, the Honourable Steve Cowper, join together in this memorandum of co-operation pertaining to the resolution of mutual problems of oil spill pollution in the aforementioned waters. In this regard the Province and the States have formed an Oil Spill Task Force to develop co-ordinated programs for oil pollution prevention, abatement and response.

The Task Force is chaired jointly by the British Columbia Deputy Minister of Environment, the Washington Director of Department of Ecology, the Oregon Director of Department of Environmental Quality, and the Alaska Commissioner of Department of Environmental Conservation. To ensure future effective co-ordination of intergovernmental efforts, representatives of each government will be appointed to maintain this memorandum. This responsibility will be included in the job descriptions of these representatives and written notification of their appointment will be provided to all other parties to this memorandum. These representatives will meet annually to review progress and plan future co-operation. Four subcommittees have been established to address:

- (1) Prevention Alternatives
- (2) Technology Sharing
- (3) Emergency Response
- (4) Financial Recovery.

Issues addressed by the subcommittees will include:

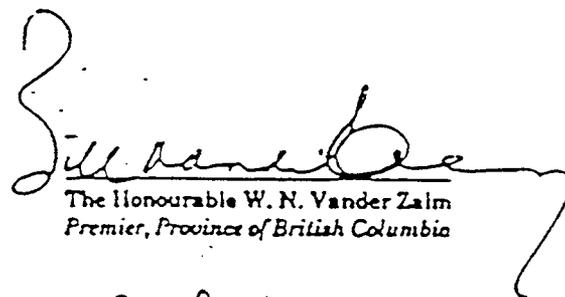
- (1) the creation of a joint emergency response plan;
- (2) an evaluation of capabilities and technologies for spill prevention, response and containment;
- (3) a review of tanker safety, routes and operating requirements;
- (4) an inventory of equipment, material, and personnel available to either the Province or the States for use in oil spill control and clean-up operations;
- (5) joint spill response drills and training.

The duration of this memorandum is intended to be perpetual, but each party may terminate at will its agreement by giving written notice to the other parties.

The parties do not intend by this memorandum to create any separate legal or administrative entity.

Each party shall bear its own expenses of co-operating pursuant to this memorandum.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1989.



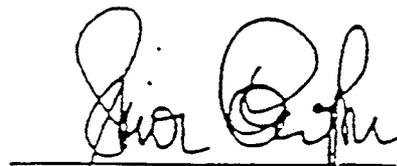
The Honourable W. N. Vander Zalm  
Premier, Province of British Columbia

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1989.



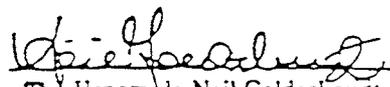
The Honourable Booth Gardner  
Governor, State of Washington

Signed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1989.



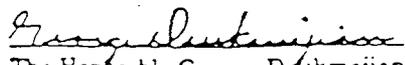
The Honourable Steve Cowper  
Governor, State of Alaska

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1989.



The Honourable Neil Goldschmidt  
Governor, State of Oregon

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1989.



The Honourable George Deukmejian  
Governor, State of California