

A diesel spill occurred in Neva Strait starting on March 21, 2022, which lasted several days. At its maximum observed extent, surface sheen was seen as far north as southern Salisbury Sound. And to the south, the maximum observed extent was seen on March 24, 2022, into Krestof Sound as far as the north end of the Magoun Islands and into Olga Strait.

Oil is composed of a mixture of many different polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), most of which occur naturally in many environments. Available data support the conclusion that any potential risk from PAHs has decreased in the year since the spill.

Based on available data, the public can resume harvesting resources such as shellfish from the beaches around Neva Strait and St. John Baptist Bay, but – **as is general advice for all harvesting activities, regardless of a known oil spill in the area** – the state recommends that you:

- **Do not eat** any harvested food if you see, smell, or taste oil on it, and
- **Avoid setting gear or harvesting** wherever oil sheens can be seen or smelled on the beach or water.

Additional information will be posted at <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr> as it becomes available. For more information about food safety contact the Department of Health at 907-269-8000.

