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I spent thirty years in state service working with and strengthening statutes and regulations. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation already has a set of the best rules for prevention and clean up of oil spills. Unlike other state and federal agencies, ADEC does not own anything to protect except their regulations. The state and federal Forest Service protects land and trees. Fish and Game and Fish and Wildlife have land and are responsible for maintaining healthy fish and game populations. Fishermen are all about protecting their own resources. ADEC has the responsibility to maintain regulations and keep things running in a clean and responsible manner. Please do not water down Alaska's environmental regulations. History has shown us over and over that whatever money you think you might save by relaxing an environmental law will end up costing a lot more further down the road. This really is about money. Changing environmental regulations for the sake of a dollar is a big mistake. You are regulators, not profiteers.