



Alaska Department of  
**Environmental  
Conservation**



**Unified Command: *St. Lawrence Oiled Wildlife Incident***

**Subsistence Advisory for St Lawrence Island  
November 9, 2012**

**Known Facts:**

- Local oil observations indicate that oil from an unknown source may be present along the shoreline and on the water surface in certain areas of St Lawrence Island.
- Shoreline areas may appear to be free of oil; however, it is important to check the whole shoreline before gathering items for consumption.
- Beaches that appear clean on the surface may have oil below the surface. When digging for resources, check the subsurface for signs of oil before collecting subsurface resources such as clams.
- Oil may generally appear to be brown or black in color, or appear as a sheen on the water.

**If you are a subsistence user:**

- Take care when collecting fish, shellfish, plants, or intertidal species in areas where oil has been observed.
- Special care should be taken in inspecting consumable items prior to use.
- Oil may be detected on food by visually inspecting and smelling for oil.
- If you suspect or find oil on a subsistence item, do not use or consume the item.

If you find any signs of oil on items harvested in the area, or if you observe any signs of oil on the beach or in the water, please report your findings to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation 1-800-478-9300 or the U.S. Coast Guard at 1-866-396-1361. Any oiled wildlife should be reported to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife at 1-877-277-4392.