

## EX CONSTANCE BANK SPILL RESPONSE

# MEDIA STATEMENT

11:00 a.m.

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**Victoria, B.C.** – A spill response is underway following an incident on Feb. 3, 2025, involving a tanker which has resulted in an oil spill in the Juan de Fuca Strait.

A Unified Command has been established to coordinate all aspects of the response. The Unified Command includes the Canadian Coast Guard, Teekay Tankers Ltd., Capital Regional District, City of Victoria, Sc'ianew First Nation, Tseycum First Nation, Xwsepsum Nation and BC Ministry of Environment.

WCMRC is on site and leading clean-up operations with 12 vessels responding on the water with protection booming, skimming vessels and current buster operations to manage and contain the spill.

### SAFETY

Safety is the primary concern for both first responders and the public. Security and safety plans are continually being developed and implemented. The public is requested to avoid contact with water and contaminated beaches in the Greater Victoria area.

Air quality monitoring is also ongoing to ensure safety for first responders and the public. If the public detects fumes, they are recommended to avoid the area and report the odour to the 24-hour public call-in line at 1-888-801-5860. Members of the public are asked to call 9-1-1 **only** if they have an emergency.

### SHORELINE IMPACT

If you see oil on beaches, please call the 24-hour reporting line at 1-888-801-5860. Please do not attempt to clean up the oil yourself. Oil is a hazardous material and requires proper disposal by professionals. If beaches have been impacted by oil, Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique teams will be deployed to assess the impact and recommend appropriate cleanup tactics.

### WILDLIFE

The public is advised to avoid contact with oiled wildlife but are encouraged to report any oiled wildlife sightings to the 24-hour reporting line at 1-888-801-5860.

Additional updates will be provided, including a planned news conference today, Feb. 4 at 1600.

Visit: [www.spillresponsebc.ca](http://www.spillresponsebc.ca)

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