Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd.

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Member Newsletter

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WCSS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

WCSS Board of Directors

The following WCSS Board of Directors was identified from June 11th, 2015 to on or about the same date, 2016:

Lois Garrett, Husky Energy (Chair)	CAPP
Lorne Schmidt, Enerplus Corp.	CAPP
Gary Beuk, Imperial Oil	CAPP
Larry Bell, Bell Energy	Independent
Michael Rakus, Cequence Energy	EPAC
Dan O'Rourke, Kinder Morgan	Pipelines
Greg Carter, Enbridge Inc.	Pipelines
Al McFadyen, WCSS	WCSS

WCSS Executive Subcommittee

Lorne Schmidt, Enerplus Corp. accepted the Provincial Cooperative Chairman's role and Nolan Steinwand, Progress Energy agreed to act as the Provincial Alternate. WCSS Zone representatives are as follows:

- Zone 1 (Coop Areas P, Q and S) - Ken Chalmers, TAQA North Ltd.
- Zone 2 (Coop Areas H, M, N, O and U) - Marvin St. Louis, Ember Resources
- Zone 3 (Coop Areas G and IJ) - Darren Stang, Lightstream Resources
- Zone 4 (Coop Areas D and W) - Chris Labrie, Plains Midstream Canada
- Zone 5 (Coop Areas VR1 and Y) - Trent Myck, Imperial Oil Ltd.
- Zone 6 (Coop Areas A, C, E and T) – Nolan Steinwand, Progress Energy Canada Ltd.

WCSS Cooperative Chairmen and Alternates

	Chairman	Alternate Chairman
Zone 1		
Area P	Jared Serviss, Inter Pipeline Ltd	VACANT
Area Q	Dan Janicki, Crescent Point Energy	Scott McLean, TAQA North Ltd
Area S	Adam Szoke, Husky Energy	Gary Lobdell, Husky Energy
Zone 2		
Area H	Ed Szymanek, NAL Resources	VACANT
Area M	Stephen Michalsky, Bonavista Energy	Dayle Murray, Apache Canada
Area N	Marvin St. Louis, Ember Resources	Jack Dawbin, Ember Resources
Area O	Duane Bolin, Ember Resources	Craig Stanger, Cenovus Energy
Area U	Dale Ness, Inter Pipeline Ltd	Todd Baumgartner, Gibson Energy
Zone 3		
Area G	Kevin Oscar, Penn West	Rob Jacobi, ARC Resources
Area I/J	Mark Jones, Inter Pipeline Ltd	Bill Hawes, Plains Midstream
Zone 4		
Area D	Chris Labrie, Plains Midstream	Douglas Boisvert, Husky Energy
Area W	Neale Rushoway, Apache Canada	James Zuk, CNRL
Zone 5		
Area VR-1	Dallas Morrell, Northern Blizzard	Derren Weimer, CNRL
Area Y	Kevin Mosich, Pembina Pipeline	Ashley Forrest, Enbridge
Zone 6		
Area A	James Barnhill, Husky Energy	Mark Weinberger, Plains Midstream
Area C	Don Brown, Nexen	Trevor Purves, CNRL
Area E	Nolan Steinwand, Progress Energy	Michael Krawetz, CNRL
Area T	Allan Alstad, ConocoPhillips Canada	Arlen Hogg, CNRL

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WCSS MEMBERSHIP 2015

At June 30th, 461 of the 600 licensees of wells and pipeline in NE British Columbia, Alberta and Area 1 in Saskatchewan are members in good standing with WCSS. That means that about 139 licensees have not paid their 2015 membership fees to date.

WCSS strives to fulfill our mandate cost effectively and we have managed to maintain the same fee formula since 2011 when some of the well categories and the service fee were reduced. We depend on our members to pay their annual fees as quickly as possible. Members in good standing are listed on the WCSS website www.wcss.ab.ca under “ABOUT > MEMBERSHIP INFO”.

WCSS EQUIPMENT – NEW IN 2015

WCSS is replacing 2 of our regional OSCARs in 2015 using a different design approach from previous years; instead of 17 meter highway cargo trailers the new units are 16 meter (50’) Sea-Cans with aluminum shelving and tri-skids. We believe that there are several advantages of this new format including:

- Skid units are more durable and versatile than cargo trailers
- Access to equipment in the skid units is more user-friendly
- Annual highway inspections are not required and lower maintenance costs are anticipated
- Cost to build and shelve is about ½ of the cost of a fully shelved trailer with belly-pans

The units are scheduled for completion this summer and will replace existing OSCARs in Slave Lake and Fort McMurray.

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In addition to the 4 wildlife response units that WCSS has in its inventory, we have now added initial wildlife response equipment to the regional OSCARs in Fort St. John and Lloydminster. The equipment packages in the regional units includes fencing material, Zon Guns, scare tape and other deterrents that are typically used by wildlife responders. Our 5-year capital plan calls for more wildlife equipment including another stand-alone unit and initial response equipment that will be housed in regional OSCARs.

WCSS Wildlife Response Units

A couple of years ago an ad-hoc equipment issues committee identified the need for WCSS to have a large cache of boom(1000meters) in a stand-alone sea-can; the rationale was simple, in larger spill responses instead of disabling several OSCARs just for boom, a larger supply would be available for member companies. This year we are putting together a support unit that includes in-stream anchors and tackle, rope on reels, chain, marker buoys and other hardware that would be required to deploy the 1000 meters of boom. Our long-term capital plan calls for a second twin unit of boom and hardware.

WCSS Boats

WCSS' boat replacement program will become a higher priority over the next 5 years; this year we will deliver the new single engine barge to Ft. St. John and the plan calls for a minimum of one boat per/year plus some upgrades over the next 5 years.

WCSS SPILL INVOLVEMENT – 2015 TO JULY 7TH

WCSS has been involved in 8 spills to July 16th, 2015. Wildlife equipment was dispatched to 6 of the 8 incidents, airboats were utilized at two of the spills, winter response units at two, drum skimmers as well as containment and recovery equipment from both initial spill response units and a regional OSCAR.

Looking back 5 years WCSS was involved in the following number of spills:

2010 - 9
2011 - 13
2012 - 14
2013 - 15
2014 - 17

2015 Spill

WCSS members in good standing must sign an equipment use agreement to access equipment and are not charged for the use of the equipment; non-members have access to our equipment at our discretion and at a daily rental rate. In either case the equipment user is responsible for equipment repairs and/or replacement if necessary, costs to inventory and restock units and for consumables that are used.

BOOM VANES

Sometimes anchoring oil spill containment boom in a large river can be a real challenge; experienced and certified boat operators are required, you need access to the equipment deployment site, the type of anchor and tackle selected doesn't always hold and deploying instream anchors requires significant labor. Boom vanes just might be the answer; no boats required, as long as you have enough depth and sufficient current it really doesn't matter what the river bed looks like and the deployment crew stays on-shore.

Boom Vane – deployed

Boom Vane

WCSS currently maintains 4 boom vanes in our inventory and we now provide training on the safe and correct way of deploying boom with the vanes. The units are designed to take advantage of the current to transport the boom away from the shoreline much like the wind sails a kite.

TRAINING

Program development has been completed for the 5 courses in the spill responder series. The 5 courses include:

SR100 – Base-line training program that is offered on an open-registration basis, self-study or to individual companies on a contractual basis.

SR200 – Hands-on two-day open registration training where students learn how to identify low impact spill response strategies, contain and recover spills in small water bodies, utilize Watergate Dams, wildlife hazing equipment, drum skimmers, filter fences, straw booms and inverted weirs.

SR300 – Hands-on one-day training where students learn how to assess a sheet of ice, develop a tactical plan, organize a safety/rescue team and slot ice for containment and recovery purposes.

SR400 – The focus of this course is to provide hands-on equipment deployment experience in large rivers and lakes.

SR500 – This two-day open registration course will focus on spill management and help prepare students to organize resources and develop tactical plans for each of the key issues that are commonly linked to a large complex spill into surface water.

Late Summer/Fall Coop Exercises

Area	Date	Type of Exercise
M	July 29	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Lake
W	August 25	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
I/J	August 27	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
Y	September 2	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
A	September 9	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
VR-1	September 16	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
C (FSJ)	September 17	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
Q	September 22	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
O	September 23	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
P	September 30	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body
G	October 7	Oil Spill Containment & Recovery in a Small Water Body

Open Registration Schedule

Course Name	Date	Course Location
Spill Responder 400	July 22-23	Nisku Enform Training Centre
Spill Responder 200	August 12-13	Nisku Enform Training Centre
Spill Responder 100	October 6	Nisku Enform Training Centre
Spill Responder 500	October 7-8	Nisku Enform Training Centre

WCSS offers in-house contract training upon request. Please contact Shannon Jarrell at (403) 516-8019 or shannon.jarrell@wcss.ab.ca for all training inquiries.

If you are interested in purchasing training aids for your own in-house programs, please contact Leona Boisselle at (403) 516-8160 or leona.boisselle@wcss.ab.ca. To review WCSS training aids please visit our training page: http://www.wcss.ab.ca/training.asp.

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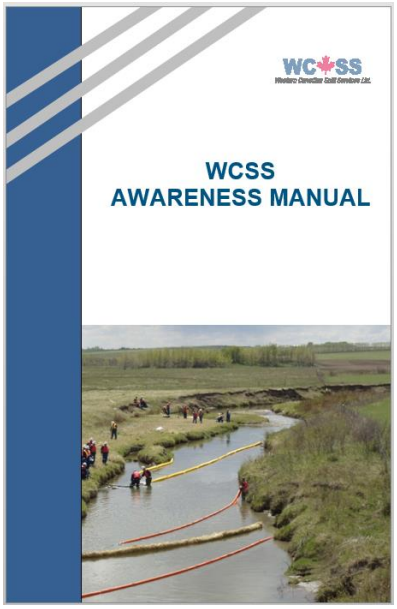
WCSS Training Aids

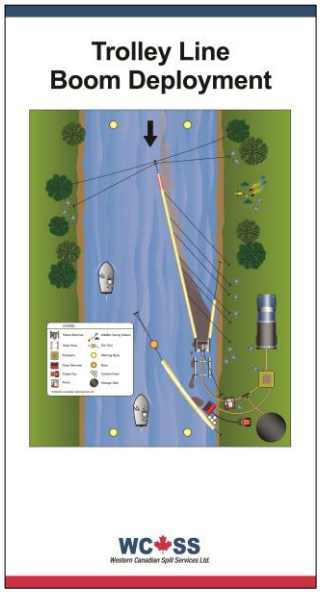
WCSS offers two types of training aids (see www.wcss.ab.ca) that will help companies with their in-house employee development, safety or oil spill training programs; they include:

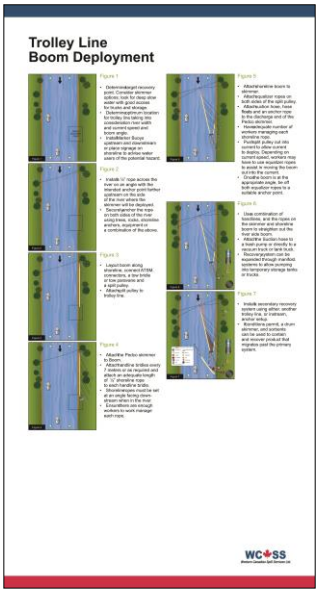
1) **WCSS Awareness Manual and Equipment Deployment video:** ideal for group meetings that can be covered in 30 to 45 minutes.

Video + 10 manuals: $399
Manual only: $17 each
Video only: $249 each



2) **WCSS Equipment Deployment Banners:**





Complete step by step guideline of how to deploy oil spill containment boom and hardware in rivers by utilizing trolley lines, in-stream anchors and/or bridge pier bridles.

Price per banner: $100
Price per set of 3 banners: $300

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