

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WCSS has recently reviewed and transferred approximately 3700 contact email addresses into a more streamlined communication system that we hope will ensure better efficiency in message delivery.



We depend on the database we currently have, and appreciate the updates forwarded to us from our bulletin and exercise notification recipients – keep up the great work!

We also recognize that contact information can change from time to time and would like to encourage our member companies to take a few moments to tell us the best email addresses to use to contact you:

- Sign yourself or your colleagues up to receive this bulletin by:
 - a. Visiting the bottom of the page of our [website](#)
 - b. Attend an [open registration](#) course and select yes on your registration card to receive our newsletter
 - c. Attend a [coop exercise](#) and sign up with the Administrator on site
- To sign up for Exercise Notifications we'll need the email address and [Coop Areas](#) you are interested in. Please get in touch by email: info@wcss.ab.ca.

FEATURED EQUIPMENT: THE ADVANCING BOW SKIMMER



In 2007 WCSS purchased the advancing Bow Skimmer, designed to be mounted on one of the barges and used for the collection of hydrocarbon, oil emulsions and oily debris in relatively calm conditions. It has been deployed twice to be used in spill response since 2007.

Response crews will set out the wings that sit just beneath the surface of the water and, as the barge progresses forward, will systematically collect a swath of product that is directed towards oleophilic brushes on a conveyor belt. The product is then removed using scrapers and collected in the attached storage trough which can be pumped into storage tanks either on shore, or into temporary storage tanks on moored vessels directly from the barge.

This collection system allows for greater flexibility and time management and can be a great alternative to corralling or herding product with workboats and boom in the right conditions.

We have recently added an instructional video to our [YouTube](#) page – have a look and tell us what you think.

EQUIPMENT

Similar to the summer weather, requests for equipment have arrived somewhat later than usually anticipated this year:

| Equipment Used | Area Stored | Date taken |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| ISRU Sea Can | E | July 9 |
| ISRU Sea Can | T | July 11 |
| OSCAR unit | T | July 11 |
| Wildlife Trailer | T | July 11 |
| ISRU Sea Can | E | July 21 |
| Work Boats (2) | I/J | July 22 |
| Boom Cache Sea Can | I/J | July 22 |
| Work Boat | I/J | August 13 |
| Boom Cache Sea Can | C | August 13 |
| Work Boats (2) | T | August 13 |
| ISRU Sea Can | G | August 15 |
| Drum Skimmers w/Power Packs (3) | I/J | August 15 |
| Wildlife Unit | I/J | August 15 |
| 400' Shallow Water Boom | I/J | August 15 |
| ISRU Sea Can | H | August 15 |
| Boom Cache Sea Can | I/J | August 16 |
| Wildlife Unit | VR-1 | August 27 |

As we continue to make progress in our Capital Equipment Plan, the latest addition to the fleet is a Decontamination sea can. Initially recommended as an addition by the Steering Committee in Area U, this will enhance our member companies' ability to keep their spill sites well-managed and, in some cases, provide access to everyday items that may not be readily available at odd hours of the night. The unit is intended to provide decontamination equipment and facilities, along with additional clean PPE, for spill response personnel. We encourage you to keep this item in mind when requesting

equipment. The Decon unit will be stored in [Area I/J in Acheson](#).



TRAINING

We are pleased to see some of our member companies using the **WCSS Boat Handling Recertification Equivalency Program** to keep their operators up to date. Designed to allow companies to keep their boat operators in one place and practice with their own equipment, this equivalency program offers a significantly lower cost structure than going through the open registration program. To learn more, visit our [Boat Handling Training Page](#) and scroll to the bottom.

In addition to multiple equipment requests to supplement internal training, WCSS has been pleased to offer a mix of contract, open registration and coop exercise training through the summer months:

- 2 x Boat Handling Recertification
- 1 x Spill Responder 200
- 1 x Spill Responder 400
- 1 x Awareness Training with Equipment Deployment Coop Exercise
- 1 x (Marine Emergency Duties) MED A3
- 1 x 3-day Boat Handling
- 1 x Small Water Deployment Coop Exercise

As we move into the latter part of 2019, we'd like to ask our member companies to check the [Coop Exercise Schedule](#) to ensure adequate representation to meet their specific regulator's regulatory requirements. We still have a few more to go! Online registration is possible any time and will ensure a 2-day reminder of the upcoming event.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Name: Adam Szoke

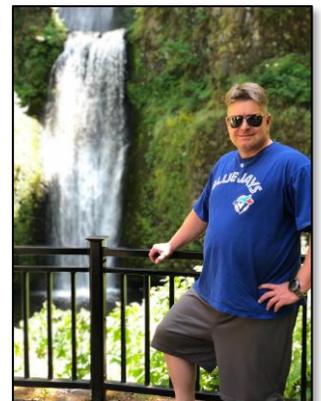
Company Represented: ConocoPhillips, Husky Energy, CNRL

Number of Years of Service: 17

Positions Held: Initial Spill Response Team member, Alternate Chairman, Chairman, Executive Sub-Committee

Coop Areas Represented: S

Reason for Volunteering: Voluntold at first. We needed representation and nobody seemed to want to volunteer and I was the new guy. Through the years, all my employers have been very supportive of my involvement with WCSS, because of the awareness of the role WCSS plays in the event of spill. I have stayed on with WCSS as I believe this is a first-class spill response organization and I believe in the work WCSS does and provides for the energy industry and public.





Name: Stephen Michalsky

Companies Represented: Orion Energy, Arc Resources, Bonavista Energy

Number of Years of Service: 22

Positions Held: Steering Committee, Alternate Chairman, Chairman, Executive Sub-Committee

Coop Area Represented: M

Reason for Volunteering: My main reason for involvement was because I have a Bachelor of Science degree from U of A and I was working in the oil patch. I thought that volunteering with the spill Co-op was a way for me to still feel like I was using some of my education in trying to make sure our impact on

the environment was as little as possible. As time went by, I could see that the advantages of being prepared were very important to not only the environment, but also to the companies involved in the industry. I think that the work of the Co-ops over the past 20 years has done a lot to educate the industry as well.

Archived versions of previous newsletters may be found in our new [Archives Page](#), which also hosts updates for the [Oil Spill Contingency Manual](#).

We welcome and encourage all comments: info@wcoss.ab.ca