



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Membership Packages are On the Way

As with each transition from winter to spring, the Accounting and Support team put forth their organizational prowess in record time while protecting each other at a physical distance.

Now that our boardroom has been restored, we would like to encourage our member companies to watch for the 2021 membership invoice and [Information Package](#) in their mailboxes. Please note that the invoices have been sent directly to Accounts Payable, and the information packages have been sent to the attention of Operations Managers.



Contact Information Update

We recognize that on occasion, contact information will change. Certainly, the past year has seen a significant number of mergers & acquisitions, and as a result WCSS is a proud cooperative of 483 oil and gas companies.

To ensure prompt communication with each of these member companies, we'd like to take this opportunity to encourage our readers to:

1. Pass this issue of The Stream on to your neighbor – extra points if they read those in the [archives](#)
2. Confirm that we have the right contacts for sending out [exercise notifications](#)

If you are unsure about the contact information we have on file for exercise notifications, please contact amy.grenier@wcss.ab.ca.

WCSS Board of Directors

Please join us in welcoming our newest member of the Board, Scott Andrews with Cenovus, representing the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), and welcoming back Stephen Lloyd with Enbridge. We continue to proudly engage with our [Board of Directors](#) on behalf of our member companies and wish to thank them for their commitment to ensuring that spill preparedness and response support remains a priority for industry.

CAPP	Jonathan Schindlbeck	Suncor Energy
	Tara Payment	CAPP
	Scott Andrews	Cenovus Energy
Coops	Nolan Steinwand	PETRONAS Energy Canada Ltd
Independent	Mike Nerbas	Whitecap Resources
Pipelines	Stephen Lloyd	Enbridge Inc.
	Jamie Kereliuk (Chair)	Trans Mountain

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

It is difficult to believe that we are only one year away from celebrating the 50th anniversary of the inception of the cooperatives. Since that time, we have collectively accomplished a great deal and continue to charge forward with a solid foundation of collaborative spirit, ingenuity, and commitment to excellence. As we enter our 49th operating year, we'd like to bring your attention to the 2021 strategic initiatives presented to and approved by the Board of Directors in Q4 2020:

1. **Development of a Zone Management Model** - The goal is to create a Zone Management Model that is more efficient and cost effective than the current model and takes into consideration how our industry environment is changing.
2. **Optimize Equipment Capital and Inventory** - The goal is to find opportunities to reduce the planned capital spend on equipment and to ensure our inventory is matched to the needs of our members.
3. **Maximize Training Opportunities** - The goal is to increase the number and types of training activities conducted by WCSS.

Stay tuned for more information related to the above initiatives and be prepared to provide your input as we work with our executive sub committee, coop leadership and steering committees throughout 2021.

EQUIPMENT

The Operations Team has been working steadily towards open water season by prepping [boats and response vessels](#), renewing licenses and conducting annual commercial vehicle inspections (CVIPs) for applicable trailers. All [equipment custodians](#) have been contacted and have been updated accordingly in [Section 2.3](#) of the [Oil Spill Contingency Manual](#).

We are happy to report that very little equipment was in use for the first quarter of 2021:

EQUIPMENT TYPE	EQUIPMENT #	USUAL STORAGE LOCATION (READY STATE)	DATE REMOVED	DATE RETURNED
Wildlife Trailer	28	Clean Harbors Grande Prairie	22-Jan-21	4-Feb-21
Groovy Drum Skimmer, Power Pak, Skim Pak and Absorbent Boom	9	Clean Harbors Fort St. John	25-Mar-21	

Remember to check the [Regular Updates](#) on our website homepage to find out what equipment is out of service. Need some equipment for a spill response? Give us a call on our **24/7 Emergency Line: 1-866-541-8888**. For all other equipment inquiries, contact our Operations Manager: Darren.stang@wcsc.ab.ca.

[Equipment Inventories](#) will be checked when the Operations Team heads out on the road as soon as boats are ready to be water-tested. In total, there are 118 pieces of equipment that must be inventoried or inspected each year. How many pieces of this equipment are located near you? (hint: this is a good time to check the live equipment report on our website to re-familiarize yourself with the regional and coop equipment in your areas).

CONTROL POINT PROGRAM

This year WCSS will be working with our contract instructors to inspect 106 [Critical Control Points](#) in areas D, N, Q, VR-1, and Y. This initiative ensures consistency in data that is gathered and contributes to cost savings for member companies as we strive to coordinate schedules to coincide with training events.

It is important to remember that WCSS does not maintain control point sites. Spill response pre-planning for any oil and gas company should include identification of any access considerations like fencing, brush clearing and specific contact requests. While the inventory of control point information for each Coop area that has been collected over the years may not be representative of a site that is closer to your operations, the type of information collected offers an ideal template to work from.

TRAINING

Some major initiatives have been underway since last year, and we are excited that we will soon be able to share them with you!

We have held 3 successful webinars on behalf of Zones 1, 3 and 5 ([Coop Areas P, Q, S, G, I/J, VR-1 and Y](#)), and we have 3 more planned for those same coops on April [20th](#), [21st](#) and [22nd](#) to address those that work in leadership positions within their companies. Copies of the webinars will be made available on our [YouTube](#) page at the end of April.

<https://wcss.xactlms.com/courses> is going to become a familiar page to many of you very soon for a few reasons. Feel free to check it out now and know that it will be a live link available in multiple locations on our website. In fact, many of you are likely already familiar with it because that is where you can find Spill Responder 100 – still available at no cost.

1. This is where you will begin your coop exercise experience when you complete the review and knowledge checks in the WCSS Orientation. Consider it a bit of a brag when you share the link with others in your company – the oil and gas industry have access to this cooperative by its own design. This is a great way to expand the message to anyone who is not aware of what member companies have available to them to support their in-house spill preparedness programs.
2. This is also where you will soon see the four eLearning modules that we are just putting the finishing touches on, but here is a sneak peek:



3. This site is going to be the bridge for people to register online for our Open Registration courses. This includes our [Spill Responder Series](#), [Marine Emergency Duties \(MED\) A3](#), [Boat Handling and Boat Handling Recertification](#). Soon you will be able to track your own progress after you have created an account but rest assured, we will continue to help you every step of the way. If you'd prefer to give us a call to register for training, no problem!

Coop Exercise Attendance

WCSS is keeping a close eye on how to best mitigate the planned [exercise schedule](#) for our member companies as we enter a third wave of the coronavirus pandemic. We are committed to ensuring the highest standard of care in our execution of the training but will only plan to carry out in-person training within government recommended guidelines. Rest assured that we have identified multiple options for our member companies to ensure regulatory compliance as it relates to training exercise attendance. For more information, please contact shannon.jarrell@wcss.ab.ca / (403) 650-4765.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Name: Rodney Cardinal

Companies I've Represented: Pembina Pipeline

Positions Held for WCSS: Steering Committee, Alternate Chairman

Number of Years of Volunteer Service: 6

Coop Areas Represented: D

Reason for Volunteering: I became involved in WCSS because I enjoy volunteering and it also is a nice addition to a resume. Now it has given me skills that complement my job and has introduced me to new people.

Name: Duane Bolin

Companies I've Represented: PanCanadian, Encana, Ember Resources

Positions Held for WCSS: Initial Spill Response Team member, Steering Committee, Alternate Chairman, Chairman

Number of Years of Volunteer Service: 24

Coop Areas Represented: O & P

Reason for Volunteering: part of my job was to respond to spills, interested in the extra training for work and fire department.

