



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Chairmen's Meeting wrapped up November 26<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton, highlighting yet another positive year for WCSS and its volunteers. Lorne Schmidt with Tidewater Midstream, our Provincial Chairman, announced that he was stepping down from the role after 35 years of dedicated service. Nolan Steinwand with Petronas will step in as the new Provincial Chairman and will represent the Coops on the Board of Directors. Refer to our [list of member company volunteers](#) to learn more about how to become more involved.

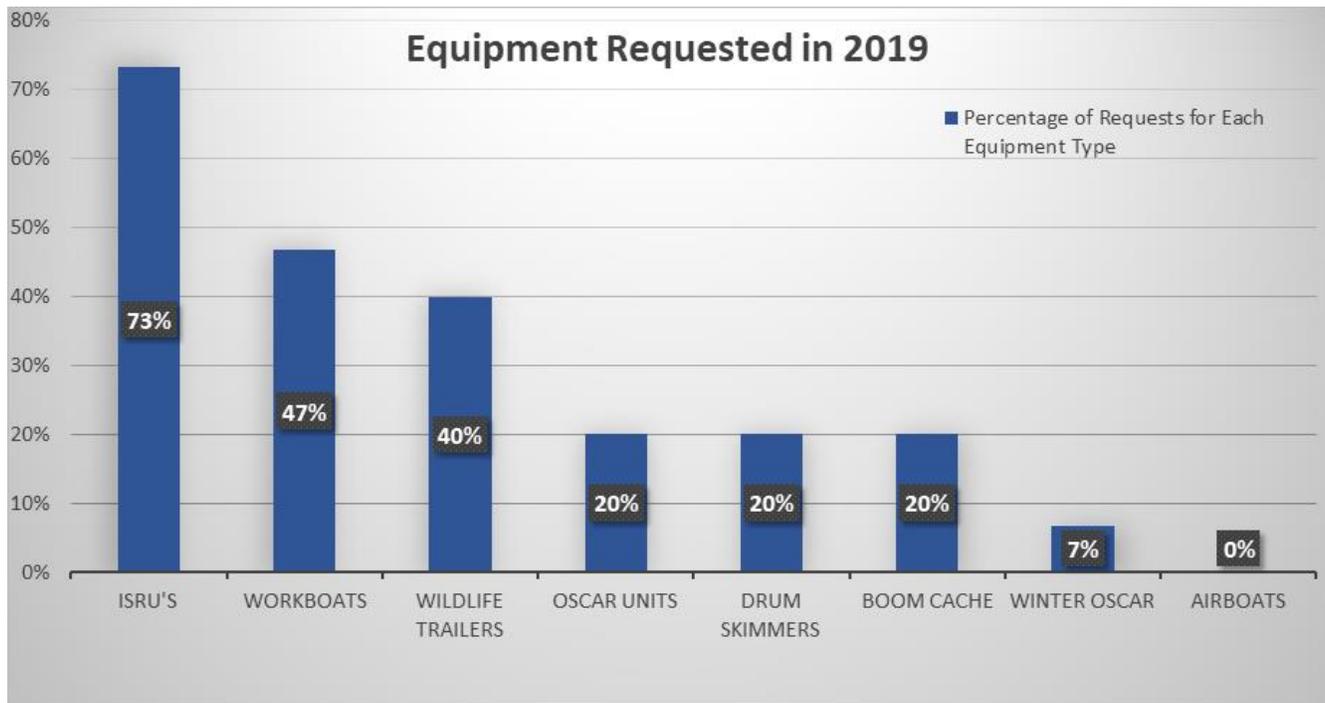
Building on the momentum from the [Area U](#) Leadership Awareness ½ day training session that was held in Veteran in October, WCSS invited Mark Zamin, Emergency Response Coordinator with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER), to offer a unique perspective of successes and failures that have shaped lessons learned from spills over time. His presentation provided a great segue for updates from BC Oil and Gas Commission, the AER and Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources. WCSS is proud to promote an ongoing and positive relationship between our member companies and their respective provincial regulators.

In addition to reviewing the [Field Improvement](#) and [Control Point](#) program updates from 2019, the Chairmen, Alternate Chairmen and Administrators took part in planning for the next 5-year cycle of training exercises. Visit the [2020 Exercise Schedule](#) to register online today!

Following a dynamic case study of a recent spill in Alberta, WCSS and its volunteers received an overview of the Operational Assessment that was conducted by Ridgeline Response throughout 2019. It was collectively agreed that the mapping tool that was designed and used for the study provides a great visual reference with facts and data to demonstrate to industry where potential improvements to equipment types and locations may exist. A summary of the results will be shared via the next publication of this bulletin newsletter, from this point forward to be called [The Stream](#).

## EQUIPMENT

In 2019 we had equipment requested for 15 incidents:



Below is a recap from our Q4 requests:

Equipment Used	Area Stored	Date taken
Wildlife Unit	T	September 8
ISRU Sea Can	E	September 14
ISRU Sea Can	O	October 22
Wildlife Trailer	P	October 24
52' OSCAR	C	November 16
20' ISRU	W	November 22

In addition to these requests, member companies continue to sign equipment out to supplement their in-house training events, and we wholeheartedly support this! By executing the Equipment Lease Agreement [online](#), the process has become even more streamlined and we encourage all member companies to consider doing this.

While much of the equipment has remained in place, there are a few recent custodian changes we'd like to inform our member companies of:

- [Area VR-1](#) Regional Equipment has been relocated to Bry-Tan Trucking in Lloydminster, AB
- [Area Y](#) ISRU in Conklin has been relocated to a yard shared by Wolf Midstream and Inter Pipeline; Wolf Midstream will be the custodian

Our interactive [Live Equipment Report](#) is always available for review – we recommend having a look every once in a while to ensure your ERPs are up to date.

## TRAINING

In 2019 WCSS planned and coordinated 59 training events – the last 13 were carried out during September and October alone:

- 2 x Small Water Deployment Exercises
- 2 x Wildlife Awareness Exercises
- 3 x Leadership Awareness Exercises
- 1 x Spill Responder 100
- 1 x Spill Responder 500
- 4 x contract Awareness Training with Equipment Deployments

Planning has already begun for 2020, all dates are in place and we are open for registration. WCSS is delighted to support your training needs, whether you need to know which coop exercise to attend, or if you're interested in augmenting your skill set with our open registration courses, or if you have a team that you'd like to train in-house.

### *Did you know....*

WCSS sponsors training for volunteers in our [open registration Spill Responder Series](#) courses. Another great reason to become involved!

## WITH GRATITUDE

WCSS would not be where it is today without the ongoing support of our members. As we move full steam ahead into 2020 with a clear focus on continual improvement, information accessibility and the delivery of excellence in service, we'd like to thank you for the opportunity to provide the upstream petroleum industry with a world-class spill preparedness program.

From our family to yours, we wish you the happiest of holidays and look forward to working with you in the new year!



We welcome and encourage all comments: [info@wcss.ab.ca](mailto:info@wcss.ab.ca)