

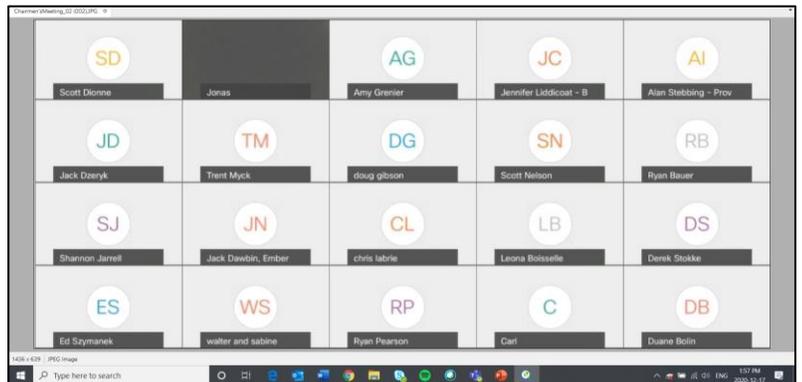


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we bring this challenging year to a close, the WCSS team would like to reiterate our thanks and appreciation for all our member companies and contractors for their continued support. It is through a collective vision and conscientious volunteerism that we have been able to support the oil and gas industry in a multitude of ways.

Many things have been accomplished for the first time in history, in response to this global pandemic. Almost the entire office-working world adapted to working from home. More schools developed online education programs essentially overnight. More toilet paper was bought in a single week than the entire previous year.

And the WCSS team held its first online Annual Chairmen's Meeting with 72 attendees.



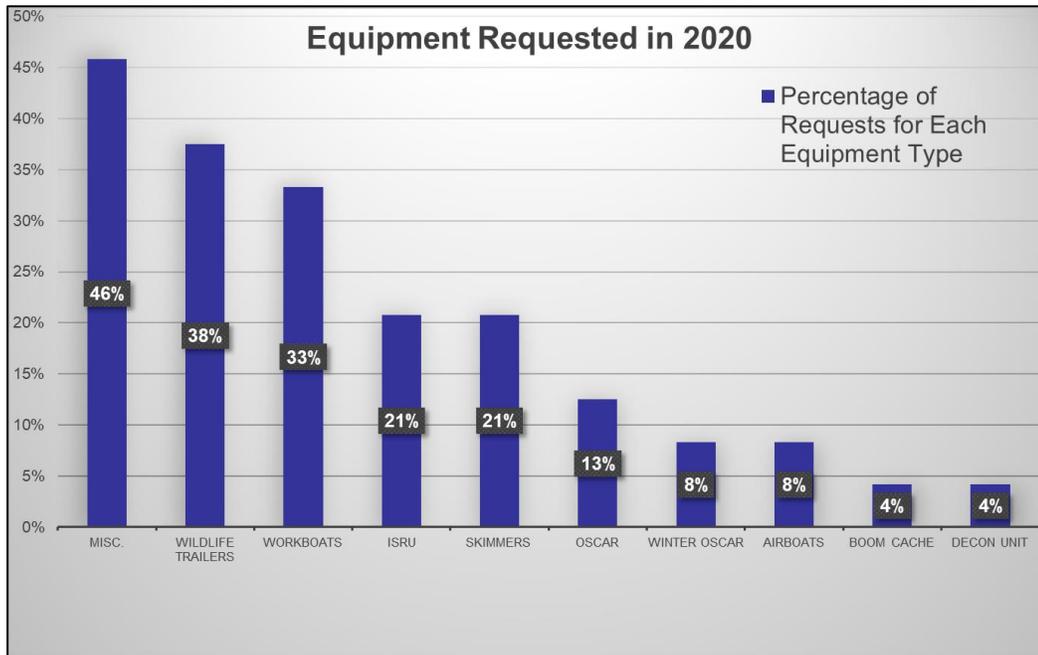
Though an online meeting may not have the same impact as toilet paper sales, it was an important step for WCSS in a move towards efficiency. We like to consider the management team to be quite effectively lean and have recognized a few areas where we can simplify some of the services we provide. Be sure to visit the [Coop Exercise Training page](#) in the New Year to see how the schedule has turned out!



This year has offered a profound number of opportunities to learn about one's self; how to navigate 9 months (and more) of uncertainty, new skills like creating bitmojis, things we like and do not like, the unquestionable significance of family and support systems, and the importance of working together to achieve a common goal. In truth, it's not unlike the lessons that can be learned from a spill response.

Though we may be feeling further away from our loved ones than ever, the sense of community is very much alive in the WCSS world.

## EQUIPMENT



### Equipment requests in Q4:

- 1 x ISRU
- 2 x 16' workboats
- 1 x 52' OSCAR Sea Can
- 1 x Airboat

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](mailto:Darren.stang@wcsc.ab.ca).

### Field Improvement – Submerged Oil Detection – Joint Industry Project

WCSS has been keeping an eye on sunken and submerged oil detection and recovery efforts for the past few years. In a water body with a current, it is challenging to determine the most effective recovery tactics to use because, while detection will certainly indicate the presence of sunken and submerged oil, the current will undoubtedly be taking it elsewhere. C-FER Technologies has been working towards a [Joint Industry Project](#) that may be of interest to some of our member companies.

## TRAINING

In [Issue 8](#) of The Stream, a fairly in-depth review of the 2021 Training Plan was provided, and we encourage you to use it as a reference for clarity. In this issue, we'd just like to let you know that while we are still planning to move forward with offering both open registration and coop exercises, we will be monitoring government restrictions on group gatherings to determine appropriate actions.

Regulators have determined not to waive exercise attendance requirements for 2021 at this time. The expectation is that in-person and virtual training take place as long as current and future health guidelines are followed during these exercises.

### What does this mean for you?

We anticipate that group sizes will continue to be restricted until as late as Q3 2021, so at this time we are asking member companies to limit the number of attendees they register to 1 – 2 key response individuals in each session. This will ultimately help us to ensure access to training for all 509 member companies.

### Did you know...

Coop exercises are not the only way to ensure that you have met regulatory requirements in terms of spill response training. In Section 16.1.1 of the [AER's Directive 071](#), Spill Training Exercises and Notification Requirements indicate that:

As part of its spill response training, a licensee that is a member of a spill cooperative must:

- Have an area representative complete a spill response course, self-study spill responder course, or on-scene spill commander course from a recognized training institution in lieu of attendance at an oil spill cooperative exercise; this option cannot be used in consecutive years by the licensee; further, if the option of taking a course in lieu of exercise attendance has been used, the licensee needs to notify the local oil spill cooperative administrator in advance for tracking purposes.

### What does this mean for you?

The Spill Responder 100 online course has been offered at no cost to all those interested, until the end of 2020. While exercise tracking continued to take place in the WCSS world, the regulators had waived this condition for licensees in 2020. Approximately 40% of our member companies took us up on this offer – you still have a few days left to squeeze a few more people in!

Therefore, WCSS is happy to consider in-house 2021 training requests on a case-by-case basis. We recognize that:

- (a) Large groups with individuals you have not been working alongside may not be your preferred method of training in 2021
- (b) You may already have had your folks take the SR100 online course and are looking to explore other types of training outside of coop exercises

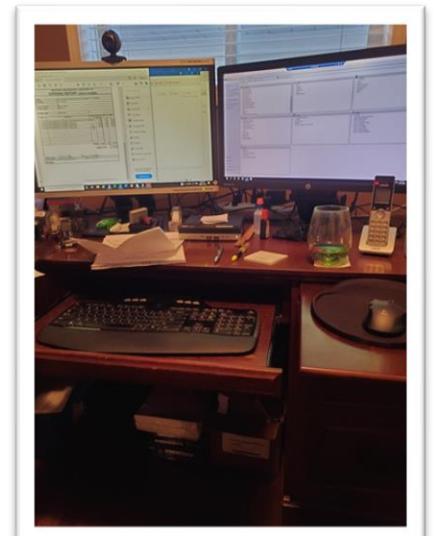
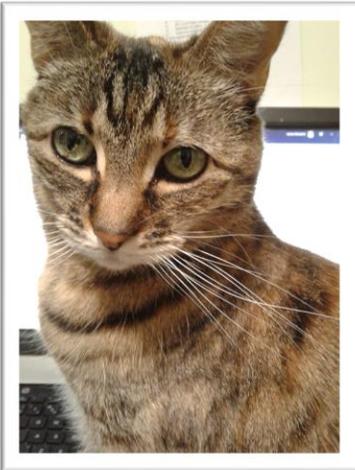
Contact Amy Grenier at [amy.grenier@wcsc.ab.ca](mailto:amy.grenier@wcsc.ab.ca) to inquire about options available to you!

## Safety Meeting and Training Tools

If you have not yet taken the opportunity, please visit our [YouTube Page](#) for the latest additions. Inspired by a specific request from one of our member companies, WCSS took this year to develop some excellent instructional videos that can be used with a great deal of latitude when building spill response awareness in your company.

## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Despite various unforeseen circumstances, the WCSS team is proud to be the reliable engine working alongside our member companies in a never-ending commitment to excellence. We'd like to share a few images taken along the way this year and encourage our member companies to do the same and we'll post some favorites in our Q1 newsletter! We really are all in this together.



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