Exxon Valdez Oil Spill:
Resources for Teachers and Students

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Where to Find Oil Spill Information

This bibliography is a select list of books, videos and DVDs, websites and articles from a variety of sources pertaining to the Exxon Valdez oil spill and related topics, chosen for their appeal to teachers, students of all ages, and the general public.

These items are a fraction of the oil spill materials available at Alaska Resources Library and Information Services (ARLIS). ARLIS is the mother lode of information on Alaska’s natural and cultural resources and houses the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council’s extensive collection of scientific reports, annual work plans and status reports, maps, video footage, digital photos and the Trustee Council’s public record.

ARLIS supports the information needs of researchers at all levels. Those needing highly technical and scientific information will find a wealth of material in the ARLIS collection and in ARLIS’s 25 databases and 500 electronic journals, available in the library.

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An electronic copy of this bibliography is available at the ARLIS website at www.arlis.org. For additional websites relevant to oil spills, select “Oil Spill” at the ARLIS Subject Guides Database at www.arlis.org/pathfinder_database1.php.

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Books for Younger Students


Blashfield, Jean F., and Wallace B. Black. Oil Spills. Chicago: Childrens Press, 1991. Describes how an oil spill occurs; the damaging effects of recent spills on the sea, land, and wildlife; and the difficult process of cleaning up after a spill.
Describes the oil tanker Exxon Valdez, the events that led up to its disastrous oil spill in 1989, and the effects of the spill on the Alaskan environment.


Young Oliver and his mother are among a group of sea otters rescued from an oil spill.


Discusses the factors and events that led to the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska, the cleanup effort afterwards, and the long-term consequences of the disaster.

Describes how oil spills occur, how they affect the environment, and how they can be cleaned up and prevented.

Describes petroleum and its uses, examines the harmful effects of oil spills, and discusses how such environmental disasters can be cleaned up or prevented.

On Prince William Sound in Alaska, Denny rescues a baby seal hurt by an oil spill and watches it recover at a nearby animal hospital.


Examines the impact of the 1989 Exxon-Valdez oil spill on the environment and people of Prince William Sound and describes the steps taken to minimize the damage and prevent a recurrence.

Describes the rescue of the sea otters following the 1989 oil spill in Valdez, Alaska.

Describes how oil spills occur, the damage they cause to the environment, clean-up operations, and ways to prevent oil spills.

Walker, Jane. *Oil Spills*. New York: Gloucester Press, 1993. Describes specific oil spills such as the one caused by the Exxon Valdez, examines their effects on the environment, and discusses efforts to prevent future disasters.

### Books for Older Students and Adults


Discusses restoration plans mostly for wildlife, but addresses commercial fishing, recreation, tourism, and subsistence as well.

http://www.arlis.org/docs/vol1/41089450.pdf; Discusses restoration plans mostly for wildlife, but addresses commercial fishing, recreation, tourism, and subsistence as well.

http://www.arlis.org/docs/vol1/212160848.pdf; Discusses restoration plans mostly for wildlife, but addresses commercial fishing, recreation, tourism, and subsistence as well.

http://www.arlis.org/docs/vol1/78602627.pdf; Discusses restoration plans mostly for wildlife, but addresses commercial fishing, recreation, tourism, and subsistence as well.

http://www.arlis.org/docs/vol1/50770994.pdf; Discusses restoration plans mostly for wildlife, but addresses commercial fishing, recreation, tourism, and subsistence as well.


Streissguth, Thomas. *The Exxon Valdez: The Oil Spill Off the Alaskan Coast*. Mankato, MN: Capstone High-Interest Books, 2003. Describes the oil tanker Exxon Valdez, the events that led up to its disastrous oil spill in 1989 and the effects of the spill on the Alaskan environment.


Fiction and Literature Pertaining to Oil Spills

Anderson, Kevin J., and Doug Beason. Ill Wind. New York, NY: Tom Doherty Associates, 1995. An oil company's attempt to clean up an oil spill using bacteria turns to disaster as the bacteria spread, eating every petroleum derivative in sight, including all plastics. As modern technology disintegrates, people are thrown back on their own devices for survival.


Videos & DVDs


America's Biggest Oil Spill. Dir. Tracy, John, Russ Weston, and KTUU. Alaska Video Pub., 1989 Covers the first ninety days of the Alaska oil spill, examining numerous facets of the event: ecological, social, economic, legal, political, and personal.

Anatomy of an Oil Spill. Dir. Tuttle, Jon, PBS Video, WGBH, et al. PBS Video, 1990 Examines the oil spill which resulted from the grounding of the Exxon Valdez in Prince William Sound, Alaska. From the perspective of nearly a year after the incident, when all the facts are basically known, it is perceived this was not a freak catastrophic accident, but a typical event which was bound to happen given the laxness of governmental and industry safety procedures.


Dramatization of the events leading up to the Exxon Valdez disaster.


Frontline: Anatomy of an Oil Spill. Dir. WGBH. PBS Video, 1990
Examines The History Of Events Leading To The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill And The Response By Alyeska, Exxon And The State Of Alaska.

Hard Aground. Dir. Alaska. Dept. of Environmental Conservation, and Oil Spill Response Center. The Center, 1992
"... an audio-visual presentation that gives a brief historical summary of Alaska's response to America's largest tanker oil spill"--Accompanying letter.

Leslie Uggams reads the featured book "Jack, the seal and the sea" by Gerald Aschenbrenner about a man who, after finding an ailing seal, can no longer ignore the sorry state of our world's seas. Host, LeVar Burton goes on a Discovery Voyage in the San Francisco Bay to learn more about the preservation of our water and ways we can preserve the oceans. Also a look is taken at the clean-up effort after a disastrous oil spill in Alaska. The reviewed books are "Sterling, the rescue of a baby harbor seal" by Sandra Verrill White and Michael Filisky; "Water: what it is what it does" by Judith S. Seixas; "A day in the life of a marine biologist" by David Paige.

Legacy of an Oil Spill. Dir. Hartwell, Kevin, Joe Hunt, KTOO-Tv, et al. KTOO, 1999
Follows scientists in the field on an ecosystem research project to study the long-term effects of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound.


Documentary of the history of the Alutiiq people, with special emphasis on the 1964 earthquake and the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill with its effects on the subsistence way of life.

Jean-Michel Cousteau takes the viewer on a voyage to investigate the environmental impact of the oil spill caused by the supertanker "Exxon Valdez" when it ran aground in the waters of Prince William Sound.

This award-winning PBS television special looks at the ten year restoration process following the worst oil spill in U.S. history. It explores the legacy of this tragedy and its lingering effects on wildlife and people in the region, as well as efforts to see that it never happens again.
Presents scientists in marine biology, chemistry, wildlife physiology and shoreline ecology as they discuss the techniques and procedures used to clean up Alaska's Prince William Sound after the 1989 oil spill and as they discuss the Sound's outlook for the future.

South from Valdez. Dir. Finch, Howard, and Capitol Video Communications. Capitol Video Communications, 1990
Documentary on petroleum transportation from Prudhoe Bay to San Francisco, narrated by Howard Finch.

Tarred Feathers: Wildlife and the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill [Video recording], 20 min.


Examines the failure of prevention, containment and cleanup of the oil spill in Prince William Sound by the Exxon Valdez in light of lessons supposedly learned from the Amoco Cadiz oil spill and looks into the massive natural devastation and ecological future of the Sound.

The Day the Water Died. Dir. Brave New Films, and Sierra Club Productions. [episode 2]. Sierra Club Productions, 2005
This documentary shows how ExxonMobil, the largest and most profitable U.S. oil company, has abused the citizens of Cordova, Alaska since the fateful Valdez oil spill in March 1989. The spill was not only an ecological nightmare, but a human disaster as well. Through the voices of Cordova residents and environmentalists, these filmmakers decry how the culprits, to this day, have escaped punishment.

Evaluation and summary by a variety of experts of the environmental damage caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill, cleanup efforts, wildlife recovery, and continued social and economic impacts for the people who live in the Prince William Sound Area and whose livelihoods depend upon a clean ecosystem.

Documentary of the Mar. 24, 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Describes the spill, cleanup, lingering effects of the spill, and risk reduction efforts.

Voices of the Sound. Dir. Film Center for the Environment. Film Center for the Environment, 1989
Looks at Prince William Sound, Alaska, and neighboring areas, before and after the Exxon Valdez oil spill of 1989, examining impact of that spill on wildlife, the environment, and area residents.

Websites

"Alaska Seas and Rivers Curriculum: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill." Notes: Alaska Sea Grant curriculum for grade 7; includes animation of the path of oil and links to related activities.
"The Bird Site: Oil Spill." Notes: Consequences of an oil spill for a bird. Grades 4-8. 

"Cleaning Oiled Feathers | Inspiring Students and Teachers | Students and Teachers | NOAA's National Ocean Service Office of Response and Restoration." Notes: Suitable for any age. Includes photos and links to additional resources. 

"Drake University School of Education - Oil Spill Lesson Plan." Notes: A 3-day unit on oil spill cleanup for grade 4, including National Science Education Standards, rules for student safety during activities and links to additional resources. 

http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/learning/elemlab.htm.

"Experiment to Clean Up an Oil Spill." Notes: Australian Marine Safety Authority. Suitable for upper elementary grades. Links to other resources. 

"Explore More Oil Spills - What Happens in an Oil Spill?" Notes: A decision making lesson on oil spills for middle and secondary students. Includes links to additional resources. 

"The Exxon Valdez." Notes: Interactive activity including photos and an animated spill trajectory map. 


"Exxon Valdez Oil Spill | Responding to Oil Spills | Students and Teachers | NOAA's National Ocean Service Office of Response and Restoration." Notes: Extensive information with downloadable photos and numerous links to additional resources. Question and answer format. 

"ExxonMobil - information and updates regarding the 1989 Valdez oil spill." ExxonMobil Corporation. Notes: ExxonMobil's website contains the company's updates on the Supreme Court case, response to a CBS Evening News program, and efforts to reduce the risk of oil spills. Publication: 1999 Update - Prince William Sound, Alaska "summarizes company activities and other events prompted by the tragic grounding of the Exxon Valdez
in Prince William Sound, Alaska.".  

"Food coloring fireworks with oil-water separation."  Notes: Oil and water don't mix. Easy experiment suitable for young children.  

"Funology.Com: Activities and Products: Oil Blob Dance."  Notes: Suitable for young children.  


"HowStuffWorks "Oil Spill Lesson"."  Notes: Impact of oil on animals and their ability to stay warm.  

"Kids Domain Crafts - Ocean in a Bottle."  Notes: Suitable for age 3 and up.  

"Kids Science Experiments - Freezing Oil and Water."  Notes: Starting point for discussion of cleaning up oil spills in cold environments.  

"Lesson Planet - 442 Oil Spill Lesson Plans Reviewed by Teachers."  Notes: Lesson plans for all grade levels. Free for 10 days.  

"Lesson Plans - Liquid Density and Oil Spills."  Notes: Suitable for grades 6-8. Detailed lesson plan and links to additional resources.  
http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/14/g68/trythistoil.html.

"Making Mousse | Inspiring Students and Teachers | Students and Teachers | NOAA's National Ocean Service Office of Response and Restoration."  Notes: Suitable for elementary grades. Includes links to additional resources.  

"The Marine Mammal Center: Clean the Oiled Sea Otter."  Notes: Suitable for grades 2-8.  
Downloadable PDF.  
http://www.marinemammalcenter.org/learning/education/teacher_resources/cleanseaoalter.a sp.

"Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Teacher Curriculum: The Land-Sea Connection - How Would an Oil Spill Affect a Marine Sanctuary?"  Notes: Lesson plans include activities, educational standards and downloadable.  
“National Geographic Xpedition Lesson Plans - Liquid Density and Oil Spills.” Notes: Detailed lesson plan for grades 6-8. Additional lesson plans available on related topics.  
http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/14/g68/trythisoil.html.

"New Brunswick Canada Natural Resources: Keep Warm, Ducky." Notes: Lesson plans related to the impact of oil spills on Harlequin ducks. http://www.gnb.ca/0078/Hey_kids/Game5-e.asp.


"Oil and Water Don't Mix!" Notes: Animated slide show. Links to teacher resources.  

"Oil Floats and Spreads | Inspiring Students and Teachers | Students and Teachers | NOAA's National Ocean Service Office of Response and Restoration.” Notes: Suitable for elementary grades. Includes photos and links to additional resources.  

"Oil Slick." Notes: Create, observe and clean up an oil slick. Incorrectly refers to the location of the Exxon Valdez oil spill as Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, instead of Prince William Sound.  
http://www.tryscience.org/experiments/experiments_oilslick_athome.html.

"Oil Spill Information and Educational material." Notes: Australian Maritime Safety Authority website with oil spill curriculum, experiments, and other activities and resources.  

"Precious Threatened Oceans: An Oily Problem." Notes: Suitable for grades 4-8. Extensive cleanup experiment. Links to related lesson plans and additional resources.  

"Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council - Alaska Oil Spill Curriculum." Notes: Updated in 2007, this extensive curriculum provides activities for grades K-12. Appendices contain maps, lists of articles, books, videos and DVDs, and links to additional resources. The Introduction includes "Quotes to Remember".  
http://www.pwsrcac.org/outreach/education.html#curric.

"Save the Bay." Notes: Gulf of Maine Research Institute. Experiment and lesson plan could be adapted for various ages. Home page has links to additional resources.  

"Students and Teachers | NOAA's Ocean Service Office of Response and Restoration." Notes: Information for students and teachers interested in ocean and coastal issues, including oil
spills.

"Teach Engineering: Oil Spill Cleanup." Notes: Detailed curriculum for grades 6-8 including pull down menu of educational standards by state.

"Teachers' Domain: Oil Spill: Exxon Valdez, 1989." Notes: Detailed lesson plans for grades 6-12, including discussion questions, interactive video and educational standards. Links to lesson plans on related topics. Registration required for downloads.
http://www.teachersdomain.org/resource/ess05.sci.ess.watcyc.exxon/.

"Teachers' Domain: What Happens When an Oil Spill Occurs?" Notes: Detailed lesson plans for grades 6-12, including discussion questions, interactive video and educational standards. Links to lesson plans on related topics. Registration required for downloads.
http://www.teachersdomain.org/resource/ess05.sci.ess.watcyc.oilspill/.


Organizations

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation – Division of Spill Prevention and Response
http://www.dec.state.ak.us/SPAR/; includes a list of recent spill responses.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/

ADF&G Wildlife education – teacher resources
http://www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/statewide/aquaticed/teacherresource.cfm

ADF&G Wildlife Notebook – species information
http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/pubs/notebook/notehome.php

Alaska SeaLife Center http://www.alaskasealife.org/

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council - http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/; includes a section for teachers and students, plus detailed information on restoration projects, full-text publications, topic bibliographies and information on the Trustee Council.


Oil Spill Recovery Institute http://www.pws-osri.org/

Prince William Sound Science Center http://www.pwssc.org/

Prince William Soundkeeper http://www.pwsoundkeeper.org/

Valdez Science – ExxonMobil’s website of scientific studies on the Exxon Valdez oil spill http://www.valdezsciences.com/

The Whole Truth –http://www.wholetruth.net/index.htm; website of concerned citizens across Alaska and the Nation united to tell the whole truth about the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill; includes FAQs and timeline of the Supreme Court case.

Articles

Adler, J. "Alaska After Exxon. (Cover Story)." Newsweek 114.12 (1989): 50. Discusses the Exxon Valdez tanker accident that spilled 11 million gallons of oil in Alaska's Prince William Sound, and the cleanup efforts that have cost Exxon a billion dollars but have left much damage to nature and livelihoods. Talks about trials, claims from different sides, damage, limitations of cleanup efforts, problems remaining. INSET: The spill next time: What needs to be done, by S. Begley.

Adler, Tina. "Bringing Back the Birds. (Cover Story)." Science news 150.7 (1996): 108. Focuses on efforts across the United States to protect or reclaim bird habitats. Simple goal of keeping humans out of the birds' way; Problems in such places as Cape May, New Jersey and other sections along the New Jersey coastline; Work to protect the Mexican spotted owls in the Southwest, including forest management plans; Efforts at restoration of bird populations affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill; Difficulties faced in work for bird protection.


"Alaskan Courts Deny Exxon's Secrecy Bid." National Wildlife 28.4 (1990): 28-. Reports that federal and state courts in Alaska have rejected Exxon Corp.'s efforts to withhold much of the information discovered in legal actions against the company because of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Acquittal of the tanker's former captain on several charges related to the oil spill; Support of the National Wildlife Federation for a plea bargain settlement against Exxon under certain conditions.

"Alaskans Cool Over Oil Spill Research." New Scientist 135.1840 (1992): 7. Reveals that research into the effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill disaster in Prince William Sound, Alaska, is to be severely curtailed. Number of projects that are being considered this year; During public hearings citizens and environmental groups endorsed using the money to buy back logging and mining rights on large tracts of Alaskan forests rather than supporting long-term research into the spill.

Andrews, J. "The Kids can't Wait. (Cover Story)." Learning 18.7 (1990): 39. Describes several successful environmental projects that have been launched by kids. Includes a group of first graders in Ohio, who became 'energy police'; A group of third to sixth graders in Utah who took on a toxic waste dump and won; Eighth graders in Alaska who monitor the effects of the 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill.
Looks at how a decision by Alaskan Federal District Judge Russell Holland wrecked a plea bargain agreement between Exxon, the Justice Department, and the state of Alaska over damages for the March 1989 Exxon Valdez oil-spill. Choices now facing Exxon; Details.

Discusses the health risks to humans posed by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Initial focus on impact on marine life; Current concerns of exposure to toxic substances of cleanup workers; Dangerous levels of oil components in fish and shellfish harvested by native Alaskans.

Discusses the cleanup of Prince William Sound in Alaska after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. Focus on the equipment used to clean up the oil; Amount of money spent by Exxon on the cleanup; Mention of the concern by many academic and government scientists that the cleanup itself might be causing damage to the environment; Attempts to clean the oiled rocks with paper towels; Questions about the oil's effects on the environment; Information that supertankers dock at Valdez throughout the year; Fact that long-term damage is more difficult to measure.

Behar, R. "Joe's Bad Trip. (Cover Story)." *Time* 134.4 (1989): 42.
Presents a 'Time' special investigation of the 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill. Major findings; Background of the tanker's captain, Joseph Hazelwood; Hazelwood's drinking problems; Events of the night of the spill; What happened to Hazelwood after the spill. INSET: Captain's log.

Decrees the environmental consequences of the Exxon Valdez oil spill off the Alaskan reef in March 1989. Effect of the oil spill on birds, sea otters and bald eagle population surrounding Prince William Sound; Criticism of Exxon and Alyeska's abandonment of their commitment to an oil-spill contingency plan; Proposals for environmental protection and alternative energy resource development.

Reports that now that the litigation over the environmental disaster caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill has ended, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service begins disposing of its gruesome stockpile of dead wildlife. A market for the carcasses of 35,000 birds and 1,000 otters; where the carcasses will go.

The article reports on a June 25, 2008 ruling which was issued by the U.S. Supreme Court in reference to the Exxon Valdez oil spill of 1989, which caused 11 million gallons of crude oil to spill into Prince Edward Sound in Alaska. The ruling capped the total damages that can be assessed to Exxon at $507 million, which is a fraction of the $5 billion a jury in 1994 awarded to the plaintiffs in the Valdez legal case.

Focuses on bioremediation, the attempt to harness the waste-degrading capability of microorganisms and use it to destroy toxic organic substances found in hazardous waste. How bioremediation was used successfully in Prince William Sound, Alaska, to clean up over 100 miles of shoreline contaminated by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989; Details of an Environmental Protection Agency study on bioremediation at Fowlers Beach, Delaware.

Discusses the restrictions imposed on environmental scientists trying to collect data on environmental damage from the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Gag order from Alaska attorney general; Collapse of $1-billion deal between Exxon, Alaska, and...
United States government; Questions about research scientists' loyalty; Comments on pros and cons of gag order; Impact on cleanup strategies decisions; Example of fish stream cleanup problems.

Discusses recent trends regarding the shipping industry and shipping stocks. Information on higher insurance rates and regulatory compliance costs in the wake of the "Exxon Valdez," oil spill; Focus on the purchases of secondhand vessels; Report that the slowdown has helped cut the average freight rate for a supertanker to around $18,000 a day, versus $25,000 in 1990.

Reports that the U.S. Interior Department is facing criticism from environmentalists and states for natural resource damage assessment rules that understate the amounts companies should pay for oil spills. Giving undue weight to market and human-use factors; Economic impact of the Exxon Valdez disaster.

Discusses the continuing controversy over the cleanup of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Squabbles between Exxon Corp. and state and federal officials; Disagreement over amount of oil spilled; Pollution of shoreline, dangers to wildlife and closing of fisheries; Disappointing cleanup results; Skimming operations; `Supersuckers' and other high-technology equipment.

We report on the results of a large-scale contingent valuation (CV) study conducted after the Exxon Valdez oil spill to assess the harm caused by it. Among the issues considered are the design features of the CV survey, its administration to a national sample of U. S. households, estimation of household willingness to pay to prevent another Exxon Valdez type oil spill, and issues related to reliability and validity of the estimates obtained. Events influenced by the study's release are also briefly discussed. TY: GEN.

"CH-54, C-5 Aircraft Play Key Roles in Cleanup of Alaskan Oil Spill." Aviation Week & Space Technology 130.18 (1989): 73.
Discusses cleanup efforts in Alaska's Prince William Sound following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. In addition to Alaska National Guard CH-54s and US Coast Guard helicopters, Military Airlift Command/Lockheed C-5s and C141s helped in the cleanup. Equipment involved and duties.

Clarren, Rebecca. "Dry-Cleaning Ducks." Audubon 106.3 (2004): 20-.
States that iron dust and powerful magnets can be used to strip away oil from bird caught in oil spills like the Exxon Valdez accident in Alaska according to scientists at Victoria University in Melbourne, Victoria. Percentage of contaminants that can be removed through the method from dead mallard ducks and penguins; Reasons for the apprehension of researchers to test the method on live birds; Effect of phosphate-based detergents on the environment.

Presents an overview of the sea otter. Where they can be found; Reasons why they are on the threatened species list; Use of relocation to increase their numbers; Effect of the Exxon Valdez oil spill on sea otters; How and what they eat.

Cooper, M. H., and C. E. Cole. "Oil Spills. (Cover Story)." *CQ Researcher* 2.2 (1992): 27. Examines oil spills a year after the Persian Gulf War oil fires and the Alaskan Exxon Valdez oil spill, and what the US, foreign governments, environmental groups and the oil industry plans to do to reduce the disasters. Background of oil spills; The current situation; 'Yes' and 'No' opinions concerning Exxon Corp.'s $1 billion payment for environmental damage in Alaska; Bibliography of sources used. INSET: Chronology (1860s to present). More...


Davidson, A. "Valdez Reflections." *Sierra* 75.3 (1990): 42. Reflects on the impact and implications of the 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill. Ecological and social impact; Exxon's responsibility; Inadequacy of current technology to efficiently clean up spills; Proposal for a national energy policy; The importance of energy conservation.


"A Decade After a Disaster." *National Wildlife* 37.3 (1999): 8. Presents facts about the environmental effects of oil spills learned from Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. Recovery of wildlife species affected by the spill; Effects of toxic compounds to the young of herring and Alaskan pink salmon; Average volume of oil dumped by large oil spills into marine and inland environments.


"A Disaster Re-Examined." *Time* 171.10 (2008): 17-. The article presents statistics on the Exxon Valdez oil spill of nearly two decades ago when millions of gallons of crude oil were spilled into Alaska's Prince William Sound.

Dowie, M. "Saving Face." *Texas Monthly* 19.2 (1991): 46. Reports on the crisis communications doctrines developed by top PR firms to help corporations deal with public relations disasters such as the Exxon 'Valdez' oil spill in Alaska.

Drew, Lisa. "Truth and Consequence Along Oiled Shores." *National Wildlife* 28.4 (1990): 34-42. Focuses on lessons left by the Exxon Valdez oil spill for oil companies and Alaskan environmental protection authorities. Background on the oil spill; Extent of damages to aquatic resources and the environment; Details of Exxon Corp.'s clean-up drive; Lawsuit filed by environmental groups and the U.S. government against the oil company. INSET: Seeking Justice After the Spill.

The cultural impacts of the Exxon Valdez oil spill of 24 Mar 1989 in Alaska are explored through interviews (N not specified) conducted 1989-1991 with Alaskan Natives in Cordova. Findings reveal incipient cultural impacts from the spill that can evolve into tradition loss. These include decline of sharing & social support networks, decline in subsistence activities, & disruption of communal control of local natural resources. It is recommended that proactive incorporation of culturally appropriate responses to disasters become a priority of multinational corporations & their regulatory agencies. 1 Figure, 53 References. TY: GEN.

Reports on the impact of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1983 on Prince William Sound, Alaska. Pacific herring population of the sound; Water quality; Actions to be done to protect Prince William Sound.

Reports on the granting of federal wildlife refuge to Kodiak native corporations following the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's negotiation to restore native-owned acres to the bear refuge in exchange for payments totaling $89 million. Terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

Discusses the findings of a once-secret federal study that reveals far more serious ongoing damage to Alaska's coastal waters from the 1989 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill in Prince William Sound than was previously known. National parks affected; 26 archaeological sites; Disruption of the traditional Native Alaskan lifestyle; Murres and sea otters killed; Pink salmon eggs; Current status of litigation.

"Exxon Crude." National Parks 63.7 (1989): 22-.
Focuses on the occurrence of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. Submission of an oil spill contingency plan by the Alyeska Pipeline Service in early 1970s; Responsibility of the Exxon Shipping Company over the cleanup of ocean and beach areas; Inability of the oil industry to cope with the accident.

"Exxon Deal may Not be enough." Audubon 93.3 (1991): 126-.
Comments on the $1.1 billion settlement of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in March 1991. Aspects of terms worked by the U.S. federal government and the State of Alaska; Lawsuits filed by Audubon and a coalition of environmental groups against Exxon; Caution that the amount may not cover all the cleanup and restoration needs.

Cites reports from Exxon officials presented at a meeting of the American Society for Testing and Materials that say Alaska's Prince William Sound is almost fully recovered from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Claim that government damage estimates are based on faulty interpretation of the data; Questions concerning how Exxon's data is interpreted; Details.

"Exxon Spill Lingers." Geographical 78.8 (2006): 6-.
This article reveals that remnants of the worst oil spill in U.S. history can still be found in some parts of Prince William Sound, southern Alaska, according to a report by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The report suggests that oil from the Exxon Valdez disaster 17 years ago could be contributing to the slow recovery of shore-dwelling animals such as the sea otter in the sound. The researchers dug 662 pits along 32 stretches of shoreline on Knight Island -- one of worst-affected areas. Fourteen of the sites were found to have traces of oil spread throughout the tidal range -- but half was at the low-tide watermark, where mammals searching for shellfish, for example, could encounter it.
"Exxon Valdez." *Current Events* 107.11 (2007): 5-.
The article reports on the damage of the spill caused by oil tanker Exxon Valdez on March 24, 1989 in Prince William Sound, Alaska. It states that thousands of habitats, birds and sea mammals were destroyed and killed. The oil could not be cleaned up easily because they stuck below the beaches, rocks and animal's fur. Jeffrey Short of the National Marine Fisheries Service asserts that otters have returned in some areas in the bay.

"Exxon Valdez Revisited." *National Wildlife* 44.6 (2006): 53-.
The article reports that the State of Alaska and the United States federal government recently requested an additional $92 million from Exxon to address lingering pollution from the Exxon Valdez accident that dumped 11 million gallons of oil into Alaska's Prince William Sound. The claim, authorized by the governments' original 1991 settlement with the company, was supported by the National Wildlife Federation, which convinced decision-makers to take action by securing the backing of communities in the spill region, testifying at public hearings on the issue and working with scientists to gather evidence for the claim.

*Editorial.* Comments on environmental issues facing the United States as of June 1999. Exxon Corp.'s continued efforts to appeal a 1994 ruling on its liability for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound; Court decision on the Environmental Protection Agency's right to set standards on smog and soot. TY: NEWS; M3: Editorial; Accession Number: 2059563; Source Info: Summer99, Vol. 21 Issue 2, p10; Subject Term: LIABILITY for oil pollution damages; Subject Term: AIR -- Pollution -- Standards; Subject Term: UNITED States. Environmental Protection Agency; Subject Term: UNITED States; Company/Entity: EXXON Corp. -- Trials, litigation, etc. Company/Entity: UNITED States. Environmental Protection Agency; NAICS/Industry Codes: 924110 Administration of Air and Water Resource and Solid Waste Management Programs; Number of Pages: 3/4p; Document Type: Editorial.

Reports on the decision of a jury in Anchorage, Alaska on the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. Amount of damage to the Alaskan fishing industry; Charges against Exxon and the tanker's captain, Joseph Hazelwood.

States that the next round of cleanup and scientific work related to the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska has been put on hold. The reason: The Interior Department says the funds are being used up by government agencies to study wildlife instead of restoring Prince William Sound.

Looks at the Alaska wilderness ten years after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. Reduction of animal populations; Human toll due to the spill; The number of animals still on the United States government's list of injured animals; Reaction from several sources.

Discusses a survey by Arthur Levine, Ph. D., on political and social events that had a significant impact on the lives of people. Persian Gulf War; Challenger explosion; Fall of the Berlin Wall; Exxon Valdez oil spill; Rodney King affair; Breakup of the USSR; AIDS.

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million gallons of crude spilled into Alaska's Prince William Sound have fouled beaches and fisheries and drawn charges and countercharges over who is responsible for the bungled cleanup. But however blame is apportioned, the slow response to containing the spill demonstrates something fundamental about the way oil companies perceive environmental risks. The industry's rhetoric, and to some extent the record, bolster the notion that complacency may have had much to do with the fiasco. Oil companies had gone to great lengths to convince the public that a major spill was highly unlikely. Trouble is, spills do happen. And there is some evidence that the industry is poorly prepared for the medium-sized ones that have marred the Alaskan oil trade several times in recent years. Even before the spill, the industry's environmental performance in Alaska was under fire. Now, Congress is likely to stall an industry campaign to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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Discusses the special problem of air traffic control over Prince William Sound and airports near Valdez, Alaska, since the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Joint US Coast Guard and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) actions to maintain safe air traffic flow; Craft in operation.

An interview with petroleum firm Exxon CEO Lawrence Rawl is presented. Rawl explains how he felt as the company's CEO since the Valdez oil spill in Alaska. He mentions the things that he learned from the oil spill. He also comments on the criticism for not mobilizing the people who were already on the scene to help with the cleanup.

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The article reports on whether the site of Exxon Valdez oil spill is still safe for human beings and animals. Paul Boehm of scientific consultancy Exponent International led a survey which found the site located in Alaska safe for animals. More than 700 samples from 25 sites throughout the area were collected for insuring the oil remnants are no longer harmful.

This article discusses the factors that contribute to the increase in gasoline prices in the U.S. in 1989. Early this year, refiners raced just to catch up with crude prices, which had risen since October 1988 when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries reached a deal limiting output. But in late March 1989, the Exxon Valdez ran aground. That squeezed supplies of Alaskan crude to the critical West Coast market. Worried about being cut off by refiners, gasoline distributors and retailers desperately bid up prices. Then, on April 10, a fire at a Chevron Corp. refinery knocked out 25% of the refinery's 160,000 barrels of daily output and heightened buyer's desperation. Gas price fever has since spread nationwide. One big reason is a squeeze on capacity: U.S. refiners have been running flat out. The reason: Since 1980, more than 100 refineries--mostly small ones--have been shuttered, even as gasoline demand was on the rise, gaining 2% last year. Recently imposed federal environmental rules could reduce refining capacity by a further 150,000 barrels a day, according to industry consultants Purvin & Gertz Inc. While that's only a fraction of the 7 million barrels consumed daily in the U.S., "in a market this tight, any loss of production will send prices up," says Purvin & Gertz President Robert A. Hermes.

Recounts the work of Glen Lankard to protect coastal temperate rain forest in Alaska. Lankard part of the Eyak Indian tribe; Impact of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill; Lankard's background; Initial opposition from the tribe to conservation; His current work to stop the building of a road across the Copper River Delta Basin.


Reports on findings of a series of United States studies of the Prince William Sound in Alaska. Effect of cleaning the oil-soaked beaches of Prince William Sound with pressurized hot water; Impact of the Exxon Valdez oil spill; Impact of using high-pressure sprays of water to clean beaches on marine life; Woodward-Clyde environmental consultants of Canada's study of benefits of bioremediation.
Focuses on the oil spill incident from the ship Exxon Valdez in the United States. Research on the environmental effects of the disaster; Initial studies on the oil spills; Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council's civil settlement fund.

The article reports on the use of household cleaning products to clean animals that were injured as a result of the oil spill from Exxon in Valdez, Alaska. Otters and ducks were scrubbed with Procter and Gamble's Dawn dishwashing detergent. Teledyne's oral irrigators called Water Piks are used to spray ducks to remove oil glued to their feathers. Clorox offered cases of the Formula 409 cleanser to scrub oil off boats.

Reports on a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) announcement that using powerful streams of hot seawater to clean up the oil spilled in Prince William Sound after the Exxon Valdez oil spill was more damaging than leaving the oil in place. Damage to animal and plant species; Comparisons of beaches with and without treatment.

Reports that a pod of killer whales caught in the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill is dying a slow death.

The article reports on the impact of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill on killer whales found in Prince William Sound, Alaska. According to marine biologists, the whales never fully rebounded from the crude oil spill which happened 20 years ago. The AT1 group noted that prior to the spill, their count of the killer whales was at 22 but this dropped to 13 after the spill.

Focuses on the preparations to prevent oil spills in Alaska by the Ship Escort/Response Vessel System (SERVS). The creation of the system after the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill; Details of the system, including regulations for tanker operations, equipment like oil skimming ships and upgraded radar to track tankers; Statistics of oil transportation in United States waters; Creation of safety improvements with the federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90); Enlargement of spill protection around the country; Outlook.

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Focuses on the effects of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Cordova, Alaska ten years after the spill. The disappearance of salmon and herring from the fishing town; The loss of money by fishermen; Details of the possible compensation to the town if Exxon must pay the 1994 $5 billion punitive judgment awarded in the case involving more than 30,000 people; Opposition to the proposed merger of Exxon and Mobil; The joining in this opposition by Senator Slade Gorton (R) of Washington.

This article discusses the factors that contribute to the rising inflation rate in the U.S. in
1989. Inflation is on a roll, and the surge in oil prices following the Alaskan oil spill will compound the problem for at least several months, says economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets. He estimates that recent sharp gasoline price hikes will add 0.2 to 0.3 of a percentage point to the April consumer price index, which he thinks could come in as high as 0.8%--the biggest jump in more than five years. The problem is that it's not just oil that is heating up inflation. Although overall consumer prices just registered their most rapid year-to-year rise since October 1982, the acceleration even shows up in the consumer price index excluding food and energy, which posted a 5.2% annual rate in the first quarter of this year compared with 4.7% in the previous quarter. Similarly, oil prices aren't the only source of upward pressure on the producer price index. Steinberg notes that prices for a wide range of crude and intermediate materials other than food and energy picked up steam in the March producer price index report. And the Commodity Research Bureau's industrial materials index, which doesn't include petroleum products, is running 13% over its level in April of last year.

Presents a biographical account of the life of Lawrence G. Rawl, chairman and chief executive officer of Exxon Corporation, the world's largest petroleum company. Childhood and schooling; Start of 39-year-career with Exxon; Rise in company; 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill; Seemingly detached approach to the catastrophe; Aftermath of incident.

Focuses on the effect of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Wildlife losses; Effect of the oil in the cold marine environment; Presence of oil in the beaches which have already been treated; Concern that the beach-cleaning techniques may have done more biological harm than good; Increased stress levels from the disruption of lives, community relations and work plans. INSET: Full Speed Ahead.

Opinion. Discusses the cleanup of the 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska and concludes that, as with housework, those who create a spill should be forced to clean it up. Recommends that corporate polluters should be given apprenticeships taking care of small children. TY: NEWS; M3: Editorial; Accession Number: 8908140067; Lewis, A.F.; Source Info: Jun89, Vol. 17 Issue 12, p76; Subject Term: OIL spills; Number of Pages: 1p; Document Type: Editorial.

Highlights the natural resources in Alaska. History of the 49th U.S. state; Plants and wildlife; Climate; Natural resources; Nature reserves; Description of the natural landscapes; Application of the art of geographic engineering in the Alaskan landscape; Background on the government-backed geographic engineering project launched in the state. INSET: Federation Makes A Pledge To Alaska.

Focuses on the March 1989 Exxon-Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Efforts by area fishermen in the 1970s to prevent the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline to the fishing port of Valdez; Violations committed by the Exxon-Valdez ship during its fateful trip; Details of how the vessel ran aground on Bligh Reef; Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.'s handling of the oil spill; Ecological impact of the spill. INSET: Speaking Out On The Alaskan Spill.

The article discusses the crude spillage of the tanker Exxon Valdez in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Due to the spilling of 10 million gallons of crude, Exxon was considered incompetent since it failed in its clean-up drive. It was reported that Exxon acknowledged its failure and responsibility as well as its inability to contain the incident. The Environmental Protection
Agency states that major oil companies are discharging wastes into that may damaged the environment.


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Mackay, Katurah. "Research Needed in Alaska Parks." National Parks 73.3 (1999): 20-1. Focuses on the funds appropriated for the restoration of Alaska's Prince William Sound when millions of gallons of crude oil were dumped by Exxon Corporation. Formation of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Environmental effects of the oil spill; Efforts that must be done to avoid another oil spill.


Miller, Susan Katz. "Valdez Compensation Stays in the Bank." New Scientist 136.1843 (1992): 10. Reports on complaints by environmental groups on the lack of money that has been spent on restoration efforts on the Alaskan coast devastated by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Settlement from Exxon was one billion dollars but only 270 million dollars have been spent so far; What environmental groups had hoped the money would be spent on; Project the trustees have proposed.
Mitchell, John G. "In the Wake of the Spill." National Geographic 195.3 (1999): 96. Discusses the environmental conditions of 1,300 miles of Alaska coastline ten years after the Exxon Valdez oil spill, which occurred in 1989. Impact on wildlife and humans; Photographs by Karne Kasmauski; Reaction from David Sale, ecotour leader and former damage assessment scientist; Known effects of the spill; The changing ecosystem.

Moore, K. "A Rare Leviathan." Sports Illustrated 70.23 (1989): 66. Describes the on-going research by Deborah Glockner-Ferrari and her husband, Mark Ferrari, concerning the distribution, reproduction, and behavior of humpback whales. Examines the concerns when the humpbacks migrate from Hawaii to the waters of southeast Alaska and Prince William Sound. 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill; History of the humpback whales; Characteristics of the humpbacks; Threats to humpback survival.

Moore, Randy. The Language of an Ecological Disaster. Vol. 61. 1999. Editorial. Investigates the issue of Exxon Valdez oil spill at Prince William Sound in Alaska on March 24, 1989. Information on the cause of oil spill; Claims and counterclaims associated with the spill; Effects of the incident to the villagers and the environment. TY: NEWS; M3: Editorial; Accession Number: 2065412; Moore, Randy; Source Info: Jun99, Vol. 61 Issue 6, p402; Subject Term: OIL spills; Subject Term: EXXON Valdez (Ship); Subject Term: PRINCE William Sound (Alaska) -- Environmental conditions; Subject Term: ALASKA; Subject Term: PRINCE William Sound (Alaska); Subject Term: UNITED States; Company/Entity: EXXON Valdez (Ship); Number of Pages: 3p; Document Type: Editorial.

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"National Wildlife Federation at Work." National Wildlife 30.1 (1991): 30. Presents news briefs related to the National Wildlife Federation. Selection of Portland, Oregon as the site for the 56th Annual Meeting of the National Wildlife Federation; Belief of the National Wildlife Federation that the settlement among Exxon, the state of Alaska and the U.S. federal government is inadequate compensation for damages from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill; Decision of a federal appeals court to limit the government's authority to grant exemptions to farmers who drain wetlands in violation of the Swampbuster law; Other news.

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Spilled in Prince William Sound, Alaska, on March 25, 1989. Company that developed the boom.


The article argues that the real problem of U.S. oil company Exxon is not the series of costly accidents that include the Valdez spill and the hundreds of liability lawsuits filed against Exxon, but lack of morale and effective long-term leadership. About a third of the top Exxon 300 managers and staff are resigning. Exxon Chairman Lawrence Rawl and his team appear to lack the ability to understand people and inspire them. Exxon's still healthy finances and production operations are described.


The article discusses the impact of the Valdez oil spill in Alaska on Exxon Corp.'s prospects for drilling. Congress has postponed action on a bill to permit exploration in the oil acreage in North America, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Resistance to opening other promising areas, particularly off the coasts of Florida and California, is also stiffening. The main objection to developing ANWR is that drilling rigs, buildings and trucks would damage the fragile environment.

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The article reports on the response of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to the press reports concerning the damages brought by the Exxon Valdez oil spill to the environment and wildlife species in Prince William Sound, Alaska. NOAA claims that there is no permanent damage, wildlife is still abundant, and most species that lost population is expected to be back to full strength in about five years.


Discusses various problems connected with the prevention, containment and cleanup of oil spills in the ocean and rivers. The Persian Gulf War; A ruptured Ashland Oil storage tank in Florette, Pennsylvania that contaminated the Monongahela River; The Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska; Uniqueness of each spill; Wind and wave action; Incomplete knowledge of ecological factors; Double-hulled tankers; Preventive regulations for oil storage tanks; Inspection of pipelines.


Refutes claims made by Exxon Corporation and various Alaskan tourist agencies that the area affected by the March 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill is 'essentially recovered.' Comments by Mary Grisco, National Parks and Conservation Association Alaska regional director; Kenai Fjords National Park; Katmai National Park and Preserve.


Discusses various ways of cleaning up oil spills. Use of rotary tilling and flushing with water; Use of skimmer boats; Absorption of oil by large pads or pillows; Use of a boom to confine the spill; Use of hoses; Possibility of using oil-eating bacteria; Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989; Danger of oil spills to birds and other animals.


Reports on the selection of biologist Rick Steiner as winner of the 1993 Trucy Farrand/John Strohm Magazine Writing Award for his article 'Probing an Oil-Stained Legacy' in the April/May 1993 issue of 'National Wildlife' magazine. Steiner's knowledge about the Exxon Valdez oil spill. INSET: Untitled (excerpts from Probing an Oil-Stained Legacy).


Reports on a meeting organized by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council that presented the results of research on the oil spill. Exxon's refusal to take part; Criticism of the meeting by Exxon; Purpose of the meeting.
The article reports on the start of the initial payout of the punitive damages settlement monies in the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill on November 24, 2008. Under the agreement, Exxon Mobil will shelled out US$383.4 million to be divided among the plaintiffs, minus the legal fees. Details of how the punitive damages will be awarded are given. Also noted is the rejection by Judge H. Russell Holland of an appeal from Sea Hawk Seafood’s Inc.

Reports on the signs of recovery of seabird populations which were hit by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. Information on a survey conducted by scientist David Irons and colleagues on the seabird populations; Disagreement of Irons to the methodology used by John Wiens of the University of Colorado; Argument made by ExxonMobil.

Presents three examples of man-made disasters which cause considerable damage to the environment. Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska; Meltdown at a nuclear power plant in Chernobyl, Ukraine; Leaks from toxic chemicals dumped by the Hooker Chemicals and Plastic Corp. into and old canal in Niagara Falls, New York.

To study the impact of the technological disaster precipitated by the Exxon Valdez oil spill on members of natural resource communities, an ecological-symbolic theoretical approach is employed that identifies natural resource communities as particularly vulnerable to ecological disasters. Longitudinal survey data on the social disruptions (personal, family, work, & community settings) & psychological stress (intrusive stress & community settings) & psychological stress (intrusive stress & avoidance behavior) experienced by 118 residents of a small fishing community in Prince William Sound, Alaska, are compared with similar data from a control population (N = 73). Particularly striking, the significantly higher levels of disruptions & stress identified among residents of the impact community in the initial phase of data collection (5 months after the spill) were still apparent in the final phase (18 months after), indicating that cultural values unique to members of a natural resource community may influence longitudinal patterns of social disruption & psychological stress. 5 Tables, 2 Figures, 71 References. TY: GEN.

Offers a look at a project in which 25 teens flew to Alaska's Prince William Sound, site of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, to use science to find out for themselves if the beaches are clean. Alaska-Great-Lakes Project; Goals of the project; Heart of the project; Details of the project; Town of Tatitlek; What they found.

Reports on the effects that still linger in Prince William Sound seven years after the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Comments from Dorne Hawxhurst, executive director of Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU); The decline in employment; The effect on the fish population; The oil that remains; The end of the environmental threat; The state of the cleanup.

Pratt, Judy, and Nicky Duenkel. "Where do we Come from, what are we, Where are we Going?" Ecologist 36.9 (2006): 34-8.
The article discusses the response of several people to the question what is humanity’s worst invention. The effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound were chronicled night after night on the evening news, showing harbor seals, sea otters, shore birds, and devastated humans trying to save a few individuals while surrounded by the smothering death of thousands upon thousands. This is now considered the most
devastating environmental disaster at sea in history and yet Exxon's responsibility is still being contested in court some 17 years later.

Quinn, M. S. *The Economics of a Disaster: The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill*. Vol. 29. 1998. TY: GEN.

Raloff, J. "Exxon Valdez Studies Ignite Controversy." *Science news* 143.19 (1993): 294. Highlights some of the debate surrounding a report from officials with the Exxon Co., USA that asserts that Prince William Sound has almost fully recovered from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The statement issued by Exxon at a four-day environmental session at an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) meeting in Atlanta; Questions about how data were being interpreted; More.


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The article reports that U.S. Supreme Court has decided to downgrade the award for punitive damages given to the victims of the Exxon Valdez oil spill that happened in Alaska in 1989. The court reduced the award from $5 billion to just $507.5 million, with interest of about $1 billion. Lawyers at Faegre & Benson are also affected as litigation fees have also been reduced.

Renaud, Chris. "This Land is our Land." *Environment* 39.6 (1997): 21. Reports on acres of land added to Alaska's Kenai Fjords National Park as a result of a deal between English Bay, an Alaska Native corporation and Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee
Council. How the council works to restore the natural resources damaged by the oil spill accident in March, 1989; Significance of the land acquisition to the park.


Examines the reasons why funding for the National Park Service (NPS) research into the species' health most affected by the March 1989 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill in Prince William Sound (Alaska) has been so slow in coming. NPS lack of leadership; Politicking on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Emphasis on resources with measurable economic value; Council member Curt McVee's views; Kenai Fjords National Park (Alaska); More.

Although the environmental damage caused by the Mar 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill into Alaska's Prince William Sound has been well publicized, the disastrous social effects produced both by the spill & by the cleanup efforts that followed it have not been adequately covered. To illustrate the social impact of the disaster, three influencing factors are discussed: the environmental damage itself, the influx of extraordinary sums of money, & the operational style of the cleanup entities. 2 Figures, 18 References. TY: GEN.

This article discusses the response of major environmental groups to the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. Groups such as Greenpeace U.S.A. and the Environmental Defense Fund do not argue that Exxon is blameless. But by focusing on the company, they contend, critics ignore the real problem: U.S. dependence on oil. Nonetheless, many U.S. citizens feel frustrated by Exxon's sluggish response to the disaster. And they were venting their feelings in an angry backlash reminiscent of the days of soaring prices and long gas-station lines. Some folks are also upset that Exxon's cleanup costs, which could run as high as $500 million, are tax-deductible as a business expense. To address that complaint, Senator Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Representative William Lipinski (D-Ill.) introduced a bill that would prohibit Exxon from writing off the costs until the cleanup is 100 percent complete and fulfills the requirements of the Clean Water Act and Superfund. Although the measure has little chance of passage, it may win its sponsors votes.

Discusses the cleanup of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. Biologists say the cleanup is doing more harm than good now that environmental recovery is well under way. Damaged reputation of the oil industry; Cost. INSET: Legacy of a spill: The damage done ... and not done.

Scott, Elise. "'Each Year since the Clean-Up, the Oil Comes Back....'" Earth Island Journal 6.3 (1991): 30.
Focuses on the continuing impacts of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska in March 1989 on the lives of 15 Alaska native communities. Difference between the native story of oil devastation and that of the white man; Nature of the Alutiik people's subsistence culture; Participation of the native peoples in the cleanup process; Impact of the spill on aquatic wildlife.

Focuses on the rescue effort of sea otters after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound in Alaska. About the accident; dangers to sea otters; Exxon's rescue efforts; cost to Exxon; information about Alaska; Inset: After a spill: a long, hard clean-up.
Seixas, S., and R. Frishman. "Coping with the Big Spill." *Money* 18.7 (1989): 76. Analyzes the family finances of a Cordova, Alaska couple affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in March 1989. The couple's incomes from fishing and a cafe they own has been threatened, and they face large debts on home improvement and business loans. INSET: Enter the race (financial advice).

Senkowsky, Sonya. "The Oil and the Otter." *Scientific American* 290.5 (2004): 30-2. This article discusses the effects that the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound is having on sea otters. It has been 15 years since the Exxon Valdez oiled Alaska's Prince William Sound and more than 12 since the last of the official restoration workers took off their orange slickers and headed home. But at least one cleanup crew never left the Sound: sea otters. Ecologists are left with a dilemma: remove the oil (and possibly cause more harm to the Sound) or let the animals continue to do the dirty work and pay the price. These excavations release oil from surrounding sediment, helping it disperse, explains U.S. Geological Survey research wildlife biologist James L. Bodkin. Decreasing levels of an enzyme called cytochrome P450-1A in the animals' blood, produced in response to toxic chemicals, indicate that an end to the prolonged oil exposure is near, according to USGS physiologist Brenda E. Ballachey and Purdue University pathologist Paul W. Snyder.

Shao, Maria. "Caught in the Wake of the Exxon Valdez." *BusinessWeek* 3172 (1990): 74-6. The article focuses on Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.’s efforts to mollify federal and state authorities who are investigating on the cause of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska in 1989. The company has agreed to cooperate with a citizen's committee that will monitor its environmental record. It is buying spill-response equipment. It has also created a $45 million-a-year program where it keeps cleanup gear and emergency vessels at a round-the-clock pier.


---. "Whatever it Takes." *Nation* 278.13 (2004): 16-23. It's been ten years since a federal jury awarded the fishers and Natives on the sound $5.2 billion in punitive damages from Exxon, but not a single check from that award has been cut. Instead, Exxon has been fighting the verdict, employing hundreds of lawyers, filing countless appeals and effectively buying science that supports its claims. And even when ordinary people think they've finally won--that the final appeal has been denied--they haven't. On March 23, 1989, Captain Joseph Hazelwood stepped onto the oil tanker Exxon Valdez having consumed, according to him, three vodkas on the rocks at various bars in the port city of Valdez. The 11-million-gallon spill that occurred while he was in command eventually spread down 1,200 miles of coastline. The environmental damage was catastrophic. For a few months, the disaster was imprinted on the national consciousness. But as time passed, it was reduced to a few stubborn media images. An out-of-work commercial fisherman was never among the emblems. But the fishermen were long-term victims too. When Exxon and Mobil presented a merger proposal to the Federal Trade Commission in 1999, many saw an opportunity for the federal government to put pressure on Exxon to pay the punitive fine. At the end of January, Judge Holland increased the punitive damage award against Exxon from $4.2 billion to $4.5 billion, plus the $2 billion of interest that has accrued on the award since 1994. O'Neill expects Exxon will appeal.
Examines the issue of killing birds for an oil spill study to determine how animals died as a result of the 1989 'Exxon Valdez' oil spill. Arguments pro and con; Government's lawsuit against Exxon.

Discusses how, in the wake of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in March, 1989, the potential for bioremediation was discovered. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)-Exxon team's limited test; Action by the EPA which assigned the National Environmental Technology Applications Corporation (NETAC) to develop and standardize protocols for treating specific types of spills; EPA-policed cleanup sites using biotreatment; How microorganisms can be employed; More.

Discusses the wave of environmental protection activism after accidents such as the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. Conservation groups; Goals for 1989.

Assesses damage to Kenai Fjords and Katmai national parks and Aniakchak National Monument following the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound (Alaska). Cost of cleanup; National Park Service; Criticism of a government plan to assess damage to natural resources; Wildlife deaths; Bald eagles.

Reflects on the March, 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Damages; Effects; Settlement with Exxon and post-settlement issues; Passing of the Oil Pollution Act; Better spill prevention and response systems.

Examines the controversy among environmental scientists over the success of the ecological comeback of Alaska's Prince William Sound four years after the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Researchers hired by Exxon accused of selectively analyzing raw data from the Prince William Sound Oil database (PWSOIL) to call the comeback a success; Studies funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which say that the area is still staggering from a major ecological blow; More.

Underscoring the need to better understand why oil spills occur, how they are best managed, & what effect they have on human & environmental systems, a special journal issue assessing the social impact of the Exxon Valdez oil spill from various perspectives is introduced (see related abstracts in this section of SA 41:3). Most spill research has been conducted by official government agencies & various social science disciplines, without much attention to the context in which the spill occurred. These papers explore the pre-, trans-, & post-spill impact, thereby locating the event within the broader social & theoretical context. 14 References. TY: GEN.

Describes the work of the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS), a communications and crisis-management system created by the National Park Service and other federal, state, and local agencies. Tells how the Incident Command System (ICS) works. Fire fighting in Yellowstone National Park in 1988; Exxon Valdez oil spill (Alaska).

The president of Exxon Corp.'s shipping subsidiary, Frank larossi, has resigned to become chairman of a standards setting organization for the shipping trade. It was interesting that larossi's appointment as chairman of the American Bureau of Shipping was announced just after Exxon ships managed to have two oil spills off New Jersey in the same week. It was also just a couple of days after a federal grand jury in Alaska indicted Exxon on two felonies and three misdemeanors connected with the 11 million gallons of oil that the Exxon Valdez spilled while larossi was in charge.

"Two Decades After Oil Spill, Alaskans Still Await 'new Start'." *USA Today*.


The article reveals that the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill still lingers throughout the tidal zone of the region in southeastern Alaska. This conclusion is derived from a study conducted by environmental chemist Jeff Short of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Alaska. The effects of the disaster on marine birds and mammals are cited. In addition, the article states the importance of the report to other oil spill sites.


Cites a report in *American Journal of Psychiatry* (Vol. 150, No. 10) on some social effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in March 1989. Symptoms shown by Alaskans surveyed by Lawrence A. Palinkas (University of California at San Diego); The question of whether the effects are transient or permanent.

Very Troubled Waters (Study: Psychological Effects on Communities Hit by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill). Vol. 27. 1994. TY: GEN.

"Visible Hand." *Progressive* 53.6 (1989): 10-.

Focuses on the anti-corporate politics in the U.S. Alar apple scare; Eastern Airlines strike; Exxon Valdez oil spill; Distrust and dishonor of giant corporations.


This article discusses how Exxon Valdez' recent oil spill in Alaska has threatened industry hopes of drilling in new fields, especially in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Before the March 24, 1989 accident, which gushed 240,000 barrels of oil into scenic Prince William Sound, the drive to open the ANWR had been gaining momentum. Just a week earlier, the Senate Energy Committee had approved an exploration and drilling plan. The House's chief drilling sponsor had introduced ANWR development bill just one day before the spill. Now, House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee Chairman Walter B. Jones has put the bill on the back burner. Alaska Republican Senator Frank H. Murkowski, a major supporter of oil development in the state, wants the Interior Department to halt permits for drilling in Alaska's Bristol Bay. Even before the spill, cheap oil was reshaping the industry in the U.S. Wildcatters have gone the way of $30-a-barrel crude. And most of Big Oil's exploration dollars are now going to remote areas far outside the U.S., where prospects for big discoveries are better. Financing for oil and gas drilling is drying up, too. Investments in oil and gas partnerships peaked in 1982, when public offerings raised $2.1 billion, according to Robert A. Stanger & Co.

Weintraub, Boris. "For Archaeologists, Oil Spill could be Worse." *National Geographic* 184.2 (1993): 0.

Discusses the impact of oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska on archaeological studies of the region. Effect of the oil spill on archaeological materials found in the region; Concerns regarding contaminated archaeological sites.
Describes the four day auction in Anchorage to sell off surplus equipment that Exxon used in cleanup operations of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, resulting in a first day collection of $3.8 million.

Considers research described at the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society which found chemically treated beads could be used to clean up oil spills at a fraction of the current cost. Research by Adan Heller and James R. Brock (University of Texas, Austin); One type of bead would begin immediately to dissolve oil, while the other would collect the oil in clumps before oxidizing it; Estimated cost for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

We examine the collective interpretations of disaster recovery following the Exxon Valdez oil spill as developed in the alternative Alaska Native newspaper, the Tundra Times. With limited comparisons to Alaska state newspapers, we argue that the differences between the Tundra Times and mainstream media extend to the very process by which each venue goes about constructing media packages. We document differences on four media package elements: (1) sponsor activity and media practices; (2) cultural resonance; (3) package variation; and (4) condensing symbols. These journalistic and stylistic differences may have hindered the dissemination of Alaska Native claims to a broader audience. From these findings, we suggest that alternative media help to empower marginalized groups by providing to populations impacted by disasters a venue to tell their own stories. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]; Copyright of Society & Natural Resources is the property of Routledge and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use. This abstract may be abridged. No warranty is given about the accuracy of the copy. Users should refer to the original published version of the material for the full abstract. (Copyright applies to all Abstracts).


Discusses problems in the Kodiak Island National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Residence of brown bears; Alaska Natives corporations' plans to develop land for tourism; Exxon Corp.'s settlement for the Exxon Valdez oil spill; Spending of Exxon's payment.

Discusses the economic growth of Alaska after the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Decline in the unemployment rate; Effects of the oil spill on the fishing industry; Partial damage claims paid by Exxon to fishermen; Importance of the petroleum industry to Alaska; Dependence of the economy of the island of Kodiak on Exxon; Construction of the Trans-Alaska pipeline in full swing; Information that Exxon has paid partial damage claims to fishermen according to a system that has left out many people and bought out the worst in others.

Focuses on the state of the Isle of Chenega in Alaska the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in the area. Weather pattern changes observed; Arrival of the king salmon one month earlier; Early bloom of berries, flowers and wild cottongrasses; Increased blindness observed among sheep; Increased intensity of the sun in the area.

For the Chugach and Koniag Alutiiq (Pacific Eskimo) people of the Alaska Peninsula and Kodiak Island, the 1989 ‘Exxon Valdez’ oil spill represents a ‘Change Day,’ or ‘C-Day.’ This term refers to a point in time at which a people recognizes that accumulated changes have created a new context. Change is a constant on the Gulf of Alaska Coast and various C-Days have acted as periodic benchmarks for gradual change. Examples include the 1912 Katmai eruption, the Great Alaskan Earthquake, colonialism, epidemics, Great Society programs, and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The ‘Exxon Valdez’ accident did not itself bring about a change in the lives of the Alutiiq people, though it heightened their perceptions of changes that had already occurred. TY: GEN.

Wooley, Christopher B. Alutiiq Culture before and After the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Vol. 19. 1995. TY: GEN.

---. Alutiiq Culture before and After the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Vol. 19. 1995. Changes in Alutiiq lifestyles as a result of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill are reviewed. This native Alaskan tribe survives primarily through subsistence use of resources, but its lifestyle is argued to be a cultural aesthetic, an attitude that informs the tribe’s mode of communal living. While Alaska Dept of Fish & Game studies of the fish & fowl population determined that Alutiiq culture was damaged by the spill, it argued that they inaccurately assessed how a subsistence culture functions, & looked at discrete short-term socioeconomic impacts rather than long-term & holistic indigenous practices. Two forms of cultural change are proposed: by increment, where changes occur through long-term development; & by disaster. The history of Alutiiq culture is reviewed for the last 250 years, with an emphasis on specific moments of disaster that have had long-term effects on their cultural identity. These include two natural disasters & the social disasters of Russian & American colonialism, epidemics, market booms & the harvesting of natural resources, & the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. It is concluded that the Exxon Valdez oil spill, though it did cause environmental damage, was not a disaster resulting in cultural change for the Alutiiq. J. MacDowell. TY: GEN.

The article discusses the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaskan waters. This accidental oil spill has caused immense damage to the fishing industry, wildlife and to the environment. This accident was caused due to the fault of a captain who left the ship in the hands of a third mate. It is viewed that tankers carrying such huge amounts of oil should be operated by highly trained and morally disciplined professionals. The technicians in charge of huge oil tankers must undergo periodic retraining, testing and even moral evaluation, if necessary.

This article reports that 72-year-old Alaskan Governor Wally Hickel is a maverick who is waging war on the federal government in Washington, D.C. Hickel's bulldozer-happy administration enrages environmentalists. Conflict-of-interest charges and his bellicose eccentricity make many Alaskans cringe. But he also strikes a resonant chord in a state that feels misunderstood by the rest of the nation. For most Americans, the Exxon Valdez oil spill drove home the notion of Alaska as the last frontier a pristine wilderness to be preserved for future generations.