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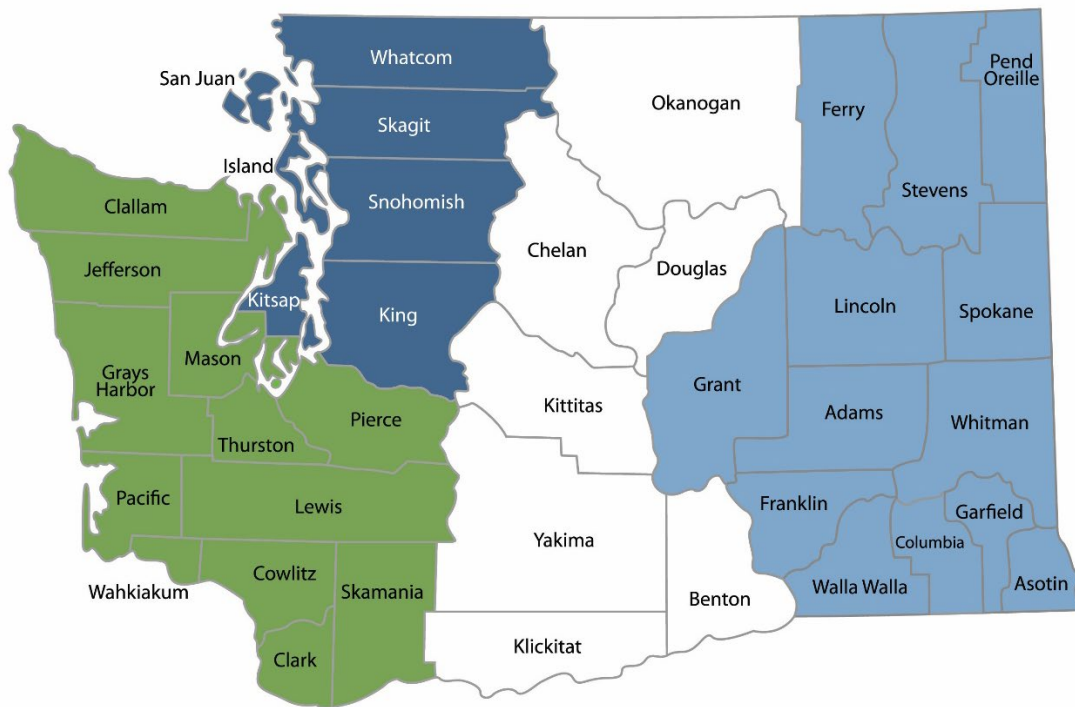
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Introduction

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (Spills) Program focuses on preventing oil spills to Washington's waters and land, and planning for and delivering a rapid, aggressive, and well-coordinated response to oil and hazardous material spills wherever they occur. The program works with communities, industry, state and federal agencies, Tribes, and other partners to prevent and prepare for oil spills. The program also responds to spills 24/7 from six offices located throughout the state and works to assess and restore environmental damage resulting from spills.

The program's **mission** is to protect, preserve, and restore Washington's environment.

The program's **vision** is creating a zero spills world.

This document presents the 2025-2027 program plan for the Spills Program. The program plan describes the 2025-2027 biennium budget appropriation for approximately 107 full time equivalent (FTE) positions, the program's core services, intended additional activities, and performance measures. The program plan is used by staff and program management to describe planned activities over the next two years, prioritize work, and track progress. It also communicates to other Ecology programs and stakeholders what work is prioritized alongside core services. A new program plan is developed each biennium and reviewed annually.

Program overview

The Spills Program contains four sections: Prevention, Preparedness, Response, and Statewide Resources, supporting four major activities:

- Prevent oil spills from vessels and oil handling facilities.
- Prepare for aggressive response to oil and hazardous material incidents.
- Rapidly respond to and clean up oil and hazardous material spills.
- Restore public natural resources damaged by oil spills.

Core services are the program's ongoing work that supports these activities, which include vessel and facility inspections, oil transfer monitoring, plan review and approvals, contingency plan drills, environmental restoration, and 24/7 response to oil and hazardous materials spills. In delivering these services, the Spills Program plays a key role in minimizing the long-term release of toxics into the environment and helps to protect the waters, soil, air, and public health of the state. The core services of each section are described starting on page 7.

Relationship between the strategic and program plans



Figure 1: Strategic and program plan framework

The strategic and program plans are developed under a consistent framework, using the following operational definitions:

The program's **mission** describes the purpose of the program by answering: "Why does the program exist?"

The program's **vision** supports the mission. It provides a framework for the strategic planning process by describing the desired future state of the program. The vision answers: "Where does the program want to be?"

The program's **goals** are broad, high-level, and issue-oriented statements of outcomes that an agency will strive to achieve. They fit well with the mission statement and answer the question, "What must we do to accomplish our mission or achieve a result?"

Strategies support the goals. They define directions, methods, processes, or steps used to achieve the goals. Strategies are more specific than goals and act as a link between goals and action items.

Action items implement strategies. They have measurable outcomes and describe the specific projects or activities necessary to reach the goals. Action items are linked to specific resources and have a timeline for completion. They answer the question: "What will move the program's work forward?"

The goals support the vision, the strategies support the goals, and the action items support the strategies. This hierarchy makes it clear how the program's work connects to higher-level policies and guidance.

The 2024 Strategic Plan aligns with the goals of the Governor’s Results Washington, Ecology’s strategic framework, and the Spills Program’s mission and vision. It contains the program’s current goals and strategies. The goals and strategies incorporate ongoing strategic initiatives as well as recent studies, legislation, and rulemaking that impact the program, including:

- The 2019 Reducing Threats to Southern Resident Killer Whales by Improving the Safety of Oil Transportation Act (Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1578)
- The Governor’s Executive Order 18-02
- Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1691, concerning financial responsibility requirements related to oil spills.

These developments focused the program’s attention on the risks of changing oil transportation trends and provided new analytical and regulatory tools to address them.

This program plan supports the strategic plan by describing action items that will advance our strategic goals over the next two years. The program plan also describes the program structure, budget, core services, and performance measures. The program plan is revised regularly to identify new action items that will address near-term priorities.

Program funding

In the wake of the 1988 *Nestucca* fuel barge spill in Washington and the catastrophic 1989 *Exxon Valdez* tanker spill in Alaska, the 1991 Washington Legislature created two dedicated accounts to fund Ecology’s oil spill prevention, preparedness, and response activities.

These two accounts are the Oil Spill Prevention Account (OSPA) and Oil Spill Response Account (OSRA). These accounts receive revenue from the Oil Spill Administration Tax and Oil Spill Response Tax (commonly known as the barrel tax). The barrel tax is five cents per barrel (42 gallons) of oil imported into the state by vessel, rail, and pipeline. Of this five cents per barrel tax, four cents goes into the OSPA and one cent goes into the OSRA. However, oil that leaves the state receives an export tax credit at an equal rate of five cents per barrel, and the credits are deducted in the same amounts from the OSPA and OSRA, respectively.

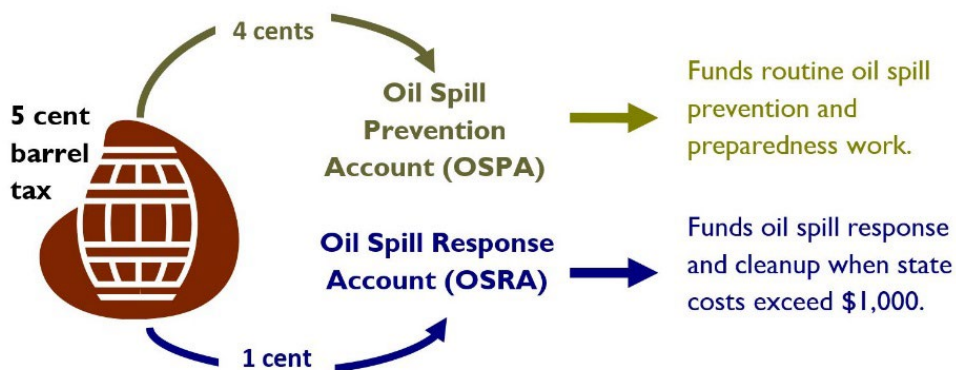


Figure 2: Barrel tax allocation

The Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife receive appropriations from the OSPA. Ecology’s appropriation from the OSPA supports prevention and preparedness activities, which include facility and vessel inspections, oil transfer monitoring, contingency plan reviews, and spill readiness drills. The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Operating Account also supports these activities. The Department of Fish and Wildlife receives funding from the OSPA to support recovery of oiled wildlife during spills. Since 2015, OSPA funds have also been allocated to the Washington Military Department – Emergency Management Division (EMD) to support development and annual review of local emergency planning committee (LEPC) emergency response plans.

The Spills Program’s response activities are primarily funded out of the MTCA Operating Account, which funds routine oil and hazardous materials spill response activities and natural resource damage assessment activity for spills to water. The OSRA is used to pay for oil spill response and cleanup when state costs are anticipated to exceed \$1,000.

The program’s 2025-2027 operating budget is \$49.7 million, shown by program activity in Figure 3 below. The core services and staff FTEs under each program activity are shown in Table 1. Program and agency-wide functions that support the program activity areas, including work of the Statewide Resources Section, have been distributed to each program activity in Figure 3 and Table 1 below.

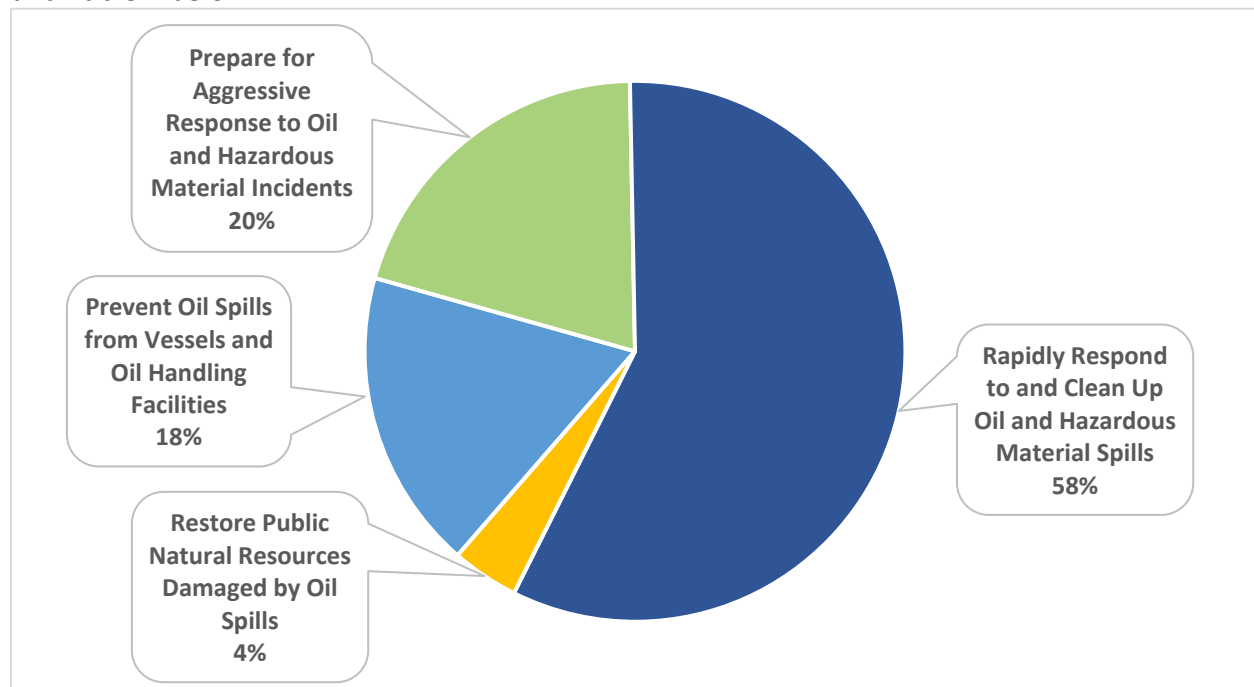


Figure 3: 2025-2027 Operating Budget by Activity, as of enacted 2026 Supplemental

Table 1: 2025-2027 Operating Budget and FTEs by Activity

Program Activity	Amount	FTE
Prevention • Vessel screening and inspections • Facility prevention plans and operations manuals • Facility inspections and training certification • Oil transfer monitoring • Tank vessel prevention, including the Exceptional Compliance Program (ECOPRO) • Technical assistance • Investigations and enforcement • Review State Environmental Policy Act/National Environmental Policy Act projects and federal/state proposed rulemaking and legislation for changes in oil spill risk • Represent Spills on marine safety, oil storage, and spill prevention focused committees and commissions	\$8,796,000	24.4
Preparedness • Contingency plan review, approval, and continuous improvement • Monitoring financial responsibility compliance • Drill design and evaluation • Primary Response Contractor, Spill Management Team, and Wildlife Response Service Provider application approval and equipment verification • Geographic Response Plan development and maintenance • Regional contingency plan development / Northwest Area Contingency Plan and Regional Response Team participation • Response technology and Best Achievable Protection (BAP) review • Vessel of Opportunity and volunteer coordination development • Incident Command System training • Investigations and enforcement • Technical assistance	\$10,145,000	32.8
Response • Spill response • Safety and competency training • Technical assistance • Equipment cache and training grant program • Investigations and enforcement	\$28,831,000	48.4
Natural Resource Damage Assessment • Major resource damage assessments • Compensation schedule • Major restoration projects • Coastal Protection Funds projects	\$1,999,000	3.0
Total	\$49,771,000	108.6

Core services

This section describes the core services of each program section. These services represent the program's ongoing daily work to prevent, prepare for, and respond aggressively to oil spills.

Prevention Section

The Prevention Section works with the regulated community and others to prevent spills from vessels and facilities through the following core services:

- Screening and inspecting covered vessels* to determine if a vessel poses a substantial risk to the environment and to ensure that the unique concerns of Washington State are addressed and our Accepted Industry Standards are understood and implemented.
- Reviewing and approving oil handling facility operations manuals, prevention plans, safe and effective threshold determination reports, and training and certification programs for compliance with state standards.
- Inspecting Class 1-4 oil handling facilities for compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Monitoring oil transfers for compliance with oil handling regulations and best practices and affirming pre-booming requirements are met to maximize recovery of potential spills.
- Managing the program's voluntary spill prevention programs for tank vessels: Voluntary Best Achievable Protection (VBAP) and the Exceptional Compliance Program (ECOPRO).
- Providing technical assistance to facilities and vessels, including lessons learned and accepted best practices.
- Investigating potential and actual spill incidents from vessels and facilities to identify lessons learned and develop comprehensive prevention activities to help reduce incident reoccurrence.
- Identifying and assessing potential changes in oil spill risk through review of State Environmental Policy Act/National Environmental Policy Act projects and federal/state proposed rulemaking and legislation.
- Advocating for the implementation of risk reduction measures through harbor and rail safety committees.

Preparedness Section

The Preparedness Section works to ensure that the regulated community and the Spills Program are prepared to respond promptly to oil spills when they occur, and to minimize injuries to resources at risk from oil spills. This includes the following core services:

- Reviewing and approving oil spill contingency plans for facility, vessel, mobile facility, pipeline, and railroad operators (plan holders) to ensure the appropriate equipment and trained personnel are in place to respond to spills when they occur.
- Monitoring financial responsibility compliance by plan holders.

* "Covered vessel" means a tank vessel, cargo vessel (including fishing and freight vessels), or passenger vessel required to participate in Chapter 173-182 WAC.

- Working with plan holders to design drills, broaden drill scope and scale, vary drill locations and environments, and document personnel training, equipment maintenance, and performance.
- Evaluating drills and exercises to test the effectiveness of each plan, ensuring that the appropriate equipment can be deployed, and personnel are trained and familiar with their plan.
- Reviewing and approving Primary Response Contractor, Spill Management Team, and Wildlife Response Service Provider applications and verifying the maintenance and capability of response equipment and personnel readiness.
- Working with industry to maintain and improve the Worldwide Response Resource List (WRRL).
- Developing Geographic Response Plans (GRPs) in consultation with communities, Tribes, and natural, cultural, and economic resource experts.
- Engaging state, federal, local, and tribal partners in a robust planning process through area committees, the Northwest Area Committee (NWAC), the Regional Response Team, and other state and tribal planning processes.
- Providing Northwest Area Contingency Plan (NWACP) training and outreach to local, state, federal, tribal, and other organizations.
- Sponsoring technology conferences and conducting studies to identify new technologies, processes, or techniques that represent BAP.
- Ensuring maintenance of BAP in contingency plans over time through periodic regulatory updates or voluntary standards.
- Managing the Vessel of Opportunity (VOO) program and a system to manage the registration of citizen volunteers.

Response Section

The Response Section responds to spills in a rapid, aggressive, and well-coordinated manner to minimize environmental impacts. The section's Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) team works to ensure that publicly-owned natural resources impacted by spills are restored. Response Section work includes the following core services:

- Providing 24/7 response capability for oil and hazardous material spills, and drug labs, from six regional and field offices around the state.
- Conducting aggressive and effective responses to incidents in coordination with responsible parties, federal, tribal, state, and local governments.
- Managing approximately 4,000 annual spill reports.
- Providing initial and refresher response and safety training to Ecology responders and local partners.
- Outreach and technical assistance activities with local response partners, contractors, and the public.
- Enhancing response capability at the local level by providing equipment cache and training grants to local governments and Tribes.
- Conducting Natural Resource Damage Assessments on all oil spills where 25 or more gallons reach surface water and seeking compensation from responsible parties based on the compensation schedule.

- Assisting planning and implementation of restoration projects.
- Investing in effective restoration projects with funding from the Coastal Protection Fund.

Statewide Resources Section

The Statewide Resources Section provides program-wide support through the following core services:

- Coordinating and conducting investigations on incidents and spills to determine circumstances, causes, spill volume, contributing factors, and plan efficacy.
- Coordinating the issuance of enforcement actions resulting from incident investigations.
- Collecting rail and pipeline oil movement information and distributing it to Tribes, local governments, and the public.
- Ensuring accuracy and consistency in program data entry.
- Enhancing existing data systems to improve work processes, tracking, and data quality.
- Developing and managing geographic information system data.
- Developing strategic and program plans based on biennial budgets.
- Implementing an Incident Command System (ICS) credentialing program for the Incident Management Team (IMT) and Crisis Management Team (CMT).
- Coordinating training for staff to participate on the IMT and to conduct field activities safely.
- Developing and maintaining program Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) consistent with agency guidance, ensuring they are coordinated between sections and regions.
- Managing records, public disclosure requests, and time accounting.
- Maintaining oil spill risk modeling capability, including future model improvements, analyses, and forecasting.
- Coordinating State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and transboundary project reviews.
- Providing research and analysis expertise to address identified gaps and new and emerging risks posed by oil transportation in the state.

Other core services

Other core services are conducted by multiple program sections or by program management. These core services include:

- Developing and managing the program budget and monitoring revenue sources.
- Coordinating implementation of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)/Washington State Memorandum of Understanding through development of appropriate USCG/Ecology pollution prevention protocols.
- Participating in agency-wide committees, including the Sustainability Committee, Climate Science Network, Enforcement Coordination Team, Grant Advisory Group, Cultural Resources Environmental Workgroup, Technical Resources for Engineering Efficiency, and Climate Resiliency Team.

- Providing expertise to specific initiatives led by other programs, including providing State Environmental Policy Act support for ongoing Environmental Impact Statements for proposed new oil handling facilities.
- Advocating the program's mission with the Legislature.
- Publishing compliance guides, focus sheets, safety bulletins, reports, and videos.
- Providing timely, accurate information to the public and media about emergency response incidents.
- Coordinating community engagement and outreach opportunities.
- Managing program web content.
- Working with other state, federal, and Tribal agencies, and participating in work groups to build partnerships and further the program's vision. This includes the following groups:
 - Pacific States – British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force
 - Washington Sea Grant
 - Puget Sound Partnership
 - Washington Military Department – Emergency Management Division
 - State Emergency Response Council (SERC) and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs)
 - Statewide and agency-wide emergency management initiatives
 - Washington Department of Natural Resources
 - Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC)
 - Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
 - Area Maritime Security Committees
 - Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
 - U.S. Coast Guard Sectors Puget Sound and Columbia River
 - Harbor Safety Committees
 - Northwest Area Committee
 - Regional Response Team 10
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - U.S. Department of Transportation – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and Federal Railroad Administration
 - Puget Sound/Georgia Basin International Task Force
 - Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC)
 - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Oil Spill Team
 - Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
 - Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
 - Canada–United States Pacific and West – South Geographical Annex work groups

2025-2027 Action Items

In addition to the core services above, the Spills Program has developed action items that address the strategies in the 2024 Strategic Plan. The action items describe the tasks that the program will pursue over the next two years, beyond its core services. The program selects action items based on available resources and strategic priorities.

The action items are aligned with the structure of the strategic plan. Each action item primarily supports a specific strategy or goal and is listed below it. Goals and strategies without an associated action item for this biennium are not shown.

Goal 1: Build and maintain a positive organizational culture to attract and retain a talented workforce

Strategy 2. Ensure that program staff are properly resourced and trained.

Action A: Develop a new safety SOP

Who: Spills Program Leadership Team and Statewide Resources Section

Why: This SOP will centralize information about how the program meets Ecology safety plan requirements.

2026 Status: In progress

Strategy 3. Incorporate continuous improvement methods and tools into Program work.

Action A: Develop and implement incident data quality procedures

Who: All Sections

Why: Creating procedures and allocating resources to improving the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of incident data will improve reporting, planning, and a variety of other work processes that rely on them.

2026 Status: In progress

Goal 5: Improve oil transportation safety and analyze risk to continue progress toward zero spills.

Strategy 5. Ensure best industry practices and best achievable protection for maritime operations including facilities, vessels, rail, and pipelines.

Action A: Conduct rulemaking with the Board of Pilotage Commissioners to establish rules regarding tug escorts in Puget Sound for oil tankers, Articulated Tug Barges (ATBs), and towed waterborne vessels or barges.

Who: Statewide Resources and Prevention Sections

Why: Through Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1578, codified in RCW 88.16, the Legislature established tug escort requirements for certain oil tankers, ATBs, and towed waterborne vessels in Rosario Strait and connected waterways to the east. The ESHB 1578 directs the Board of Pilotage Commissioners, in consultation with Ecology, to adopt rules regarding tug escorts in Puget Sound for oil tankers, ATBs, and towed waterborne vessels or barges by December 31, 2025.

2026 Status: Complete

Strategy 6. Provide enhanced research and analysis capability for the Program, stakeholders, Tribes, and the public.

Action A: Assess the effects of the recently adopted amendments to tug escort rules

Who: Statewide Resources Section

Why: Ecology and the Board of Pilotage Commissioners are required under RCW 88.46.260 to assess the effects of the recently adopted amendments to Chapter 363-116 WAC (Pilotage Rules) by October 1, 2028. This assessment will be utilized by the Board of Pilotage Commissioners to determine whether an update to tug escort requirements for small to medium sized vessels carrying oil in bulk under Chapter 363-116 WAC is warranted.

2026 Status: In progress

Goal 6: Continue to diligently prepare for and respond to spills to protect people and the environment.

Action A: Create Pre-Designated Shoreline Assessment Segments

Who: Preparedness Section

Why: Creating shoreline map data layers for Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the San Juan Islands, and the Outer Coast, will support oil spill response preparedness and more rapid shoreline oiling assessment surveys during responses.

2026 Status: Complete

Strategy 1. Test and enhance GRPs to ensure swift and effective spill response throughout the state to protect sensitive resources.

Action A: Modernize our GRP tools

Who: Preparedness Section

Why: Geographic Response Plans are early-hour tools to help responders protect resources at risk of a spill in a rapid, aggressive, and well-coordinated manner. Based on research conducted between 2022 and 2024, the GRP team has actionable lessons learned to incorporate into how we develop and distribute the data collected for specific GRP strategies. This effort included researching other states' processes and interviewing response contractors, trustee/resource agencies, and our federal partners. We plan to incorporate feedback from Tribes in this project as well.

2026 Status: In progress

Strategy 2. Improve the capability to respond to spills in difficult environments and situations using best achievable protection and technology. This includes incidents in open and fast waters, under limited visibility, and with oils that may sink or submerge in water.

Action A: Produce a Best Achievable Protections (BAP) report

Who: Preparedness and Response Sections

Why: Ecology is required by WAC to hold a "Best Achievable Protections" conference on a 5-year basis. The last BAP conference occurred in 2017. Based on staff time and the current operating environment, the Preparedness Section elected to conduct BAP Working Groups. These groups focused on target areas selected by our response community, including Unmanned Aerial Surveillance, Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique, Non-Floating Oil, and Southern Resident Killer Whale and Wildlife Response. This report will share their findings.

2026 Status: Complete

Action B: Conduct rulemaking to update oil spill contingency plan requirements

Who: Preparedness and Statewide Resources Sections

Why: This rulemaking responds to evolving oil spill risks and advances in best achievable technology, which are informed by the five-year Best Achievable Protection (BAP) review cycle. This effort also ensures the rules remain current and aligned with statutes, regulations, and current practice.

2026 Status: In progress

Strategy 4. Build on successful transboundary spill preparedness efforts.

Action A: Engage in joint marine pollution contingency planning and cross-border preparedness efforts with the USCG and Canadian partners.

Who: Preparedness Section

Why: The Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan is a critical tool in addressing transboundary risks. Testing its CAN-US WEST and CAN-US PAC annexes through drills and exercises will improve our response to incidents that occur in shared waters.

2026 Status: In progress

Strategy 5. Ensure all vessels, facilities, pipelines, and rail demonstrate their ability to pay for response, recovery costs, and damages from spills.

Action A: Complete implementation of the Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR) regulations

Who: Preparedness Section

Why: The RCW 88.40 requires Ecology to establish a COFR program to ensure that regulated facilities and vessels have the financial means to compensate the state and affected federally recognized Indian tribes, counties, and cities for damages that might occur during a reasonable worst-case spill of oil from that facility into the navigable waters of the state.

2026 Status: Complete

Goal 7: Respond and restore the environment in a rapid, aggressive, and well-coordinated manner.

Strategy 7. Ensure spillers restore resources impacted by oil spills.

Action A: Conduct targeted research to prepare for an update to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment rule.

Who: Response and Statewide Resources Sections

Why: The core assumptions and scientific data supporting the rule have not been reevaluated since its adoption in 1990.

2026 Status: In progress

Strategy 8: Ensure responders are equipped and trained to respond to evolving spill risks.

Action A: Develop electric vehicle and battery electric storage system response protocols

Who: Response Section

Why: The rapid growth of battery electric vehicles and energy storage systems has created accompanying human health, environmental, and disposal challenges, especially when they are damaged by fire or other incidents. Ecology has encountered numerous such incidents with no disposal solution available and needs to develop response protocols to address these challenges.

2026 Status: In progress

Appendix A: Performance Measures

The Spills Program uses performance measures to track progress and evaluate how program work meets the goals and mission of the program. Table 2 shows the program's performance measures for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Table A-1: 2025-2027 performance measures by activity

Activity	Description	Target	Reporting Frequency	2013-2015	2015-2017	2017-2019	2019-2021	2021-2023	2023-2025	2025-2026
Prevention	Number of spills to surface water from all sources	0	Quarterly	1,024	1,344	1,545	1,618	1,971	2,091	1,084
Prevention	Total volume of oil spilled to surface waters from all sources (gallons)	0	Quarterly	15,748	18,942	18,246	12,180	26,021	51,896	33,297
Prevention	Gallons of oil spilled to surface waters during an oil transfer for every 100 million gallons transferred	0	Quarterly	2.5	0.7	3.0	0.5	0.5	2.4	1.0
Prevention	Percent of unique over-water oil transfer operations inspected	6%	Quarterly	2.8%	2.9%	4.2%	5.6%	4.8%	6.1%	4.7%
Prevention	Total volume of oil spilled to water from regulated facilities and vessels (gallons)	0	Quarterly	649	194	385	210	177	6,135	6,774
Prevention	Total number of vessel inspections	375	Annually	600	540	348	495	832	1,409	502
Prevention	Percentage of cargo and passenger vessels that receive an inspection	10%	Annually	21.4%	19.0%	11.7%	22.8%	29.4%	28.6%	20.6%
Prevention	Total number of oil transfer inspections	900	Annually	1,868	1,523	1,761	1,648	1,033	1,442	571
Prevention	Percent of Class 1 facilities that receive an annual inspection	100%	Annually (CY)	NA	NA	76%	78%	85%	100%	100%

Activity	Description	Target	Reporting Frequency	2013-2015	2015-2017	2017-2019	2019-2021	2021-2023	2023-2025	2025-2026
Preparedness	Number of Geographic Response Plans completed for inland and marine spill response	NA	Annually (CY)	9	17	0	5	3	9	4
Preparedness	Number of self-certified drills	0	Annually (CY)	47	88	27	47	13	0	2
Preparedness	Number of Geographic Response Plan strategies tested	NA	Annually (CY)	NA	60	47	36	58	50	29
Response	Percent of reported spill incidents that receive a field response	20%	Quarterly	20.45%	17.9%	19.9%	18.5%	18.7%	15.6%	13.0%
Response	Total number of reported incidents	NA	Quarterly	7,394	7,955	8,192	8,158	8,810	9,171	4,250
Response	Percent of total oil recovery for spills of oil of 25 gallons or more to water	Gas: 15% Diesel: 20% Other: 25%	Annually	NA	NA	Gas: 2.3% Diesel: 27.3% Other: 20.1%	Gas: 15.7% Diesel: 43.9% Other: 29.8%	Gas: 28.5% Diesel: 24.7% Other: 42.0%	Gas: 15.5% Diesel: 23.3% Other: 16.4%	Gas: 3.9% Diesel: 38.3% Other: 23.8%
Response	Percent of recoverable response costs billed to spillers	100%	Biennially	NA	NA	84.4%	89.2%	96.7%	91.4%	TBD
Response	Percent of oil spills from Class 1 facilities, pipelines, and covered vessels that receive a field response	100%	Quarterly	NA	NA	Overall: 78.3% Facilities: 86.9% Pipelines: 100% Vessels: 71.4%	Overall: 62.5% Facilities: 60% Pipelines: 100% Vessels: 61.6%	Overall: 62.9% Facilities: 79.2% Pipelines: 50% Vessels: 55.8%	Overall: 48.6% Facilities: 40% Pipelines: 50% Vessels: 53.4%	Overall: 68.4% Facilities: 80% Pipelines: 100% Vessels: 38.5%
NRDA	Percent of completed restoration projects that meet restoration plan specifications	100%	Quarterly	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Activity	Description	Target	Reporting Frequency	2013-2015	2015-2017	2017-2019	2019-2021	2021-2023	2023-2025	2025-2026
NRDA	Percent of NRDA cases presented to the RDA Committee within 60 days of incident	100%	Annually	NA	NA	72.9%	24.5%	47.8%	49.3%	54.0%
Equipment grants	Percent of grant money awarded to eligible applicants during grant cycle	100%	Biennially	NA	93%	96%	71%	94%	88%	TBD
Equipment grants	Number of individuals that received oil or hazardous materials training through the equipment grant program	750	Biennially	NA	100	330	23	88	341	TBD
Equipment grants	Dollars requested for eligible projects that the program was unable to award	NA	Biennially	NA	\$1,500,000	\$450,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,830,000	TBD
Equipment grants	Percent of grant applications that are new applicants	NA	Biennially	NA	73%	74%	50%	54%	44%	TBD
Statewide Resources	Number of local and tribal emergency response agencies receiving real-time crude-by-rail ANT data	60	Annually	NA	NA	41	46	46	47	49
Statewide Resources	Percent of staff in compliance with ICS training requirements	100%	Annually	NA	NA	60.9%	66.7%	90.0%	91.3%	93.0%

Notes

- Results are calculated by fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, unless otherwise specified.
- NA = Measure was not tracked during the biennium.
- For this update, several measures have been removed:
 - Percent of unique potential high risk vessels inspected, because we have reconsidered our risk screening methodology
 - Percent of Rate A oil transfer operations in compliance with pre-booming requirements, because computer system upgrades now ensure 100% compliance
 - Percent of vessel emergency occurrences reported to Ecology, because these events are rare and we have limited tools to address them

Appendix B: 2023-2025 Action Item Results

The 2023-2025 Program Plan described 16 program action items that went beyond core services. This section briefly describes each of these program initiatives and their status.

Table B-1: 2023-2025 Action Item Results

2023-2025 Goal/Strategy	Action Item	Action Lead	Status
Goal 2	Develop a program outreach plan	All Sections	Cancelled
Goal 4, Strategy 4	Formalize invitation, consultation, and engagement from federally recognized Tribes into statewide master spill planning, including Geographic Response Plans.	Preparedness Section	Complete
Goal 5, Strategy 1	Develop and implement a plan for the program's future modeling, research, and analysis work.	Statewide Resources Section	Complete
Goal 5, Strategy 5	Complete the Emergency Response Towing Vessel analysis report and deliver it to the Legislature.	Prevention and Statewide Resources Sections	Complete
Goal 5, Strategy 5	Complete the tug escort analysis report and deliver it to the Legislature.	Prevention and Statewide Resources Sections	Complete
Goal 5, Strategy 5	Conduct rulemaking with the Board of Pilotage Commissioners to establish rules regarding tug escorts in Puget Sound for oil tankers, Articulated Tank and Barges, and towed waterborne vessels or barges.	Statewide Resources and Prevention Sections	Complete
Goal 6, Strategy 3	Conduct internal program-specific drills and exercises.	All Sections	Complete
Goal 6, Strategy 3	Incorporate no-notice drills into our drill program.	Preparedness Section	Complete
Goal 6, Strategy 5	Conduct rulemaking establishing financial responsibility criteria.	Preparedness Section	Complete
Goal 6, Strategy 6	Recruit, train, and organize a robust group of qualified teams and individuals, including Vessels of Opportunity (VOO), to implement Southern Resident Killer Whale deterrence tactics.	Preparedness Section	Incorporated into ongoing work
Goal 6, Strategy 8	Work to clarify regional, state, and area planning structure, governance, plan alignment and hierarchy, and update processes for the Northwest Region's oil spill response plans.	Preparedness Section	Complete
Goal 7	Implement Ecology's new waste management protocol.	Response Section	Complete
Goal 7, Strategy 6	Improve enforcement workflow procedures to ensure efficiencies in enforcement actions.	Response and Statewide Resources Sections	Cancelled
Goal 7, Strategy 6	Improve the cost recovery workflow.	Budget Manager, Statewide Resources Section, and Response Section	Cancelled
Goal 7, Strategy 7	Conduct review and prepare to update the Natural Resource Damage Assessment rule.	Response Section	In Progress
Goal 7, Strategy 8	Update safety and operational procedures for emerging illegal drug manufacturing facilities.	Response Section	Complete