

## **New Strategy Wording:**

### **C9 Effectively prevent, plan for and respond to oil spills.**

**C9.1 Prevention:** Emphasize risk-based analyses to improve marine safety.

**C9.2 Readiness:** Restore State's participation in and evaluation of drills while promoting better integration of tribes and locals.

**C9.3 Response:** Integrate best achievable technology (BAT) to promote safe and continuous oil spill recovery.

## **Sequence/Priority:**

Spill issues are split into widely recognized bins of prevention, preparedness and response. Within each, the actions are likeliest (clearest pathway and participants) to least likely.

## **Change from 2008 Action Agenda:**

These are much more specific strategies that go beyond “continuation” statements typical of last version. All three sub-strategies correspond to consensus recommendations of Cross Partnership Oil Spill Work Group, are cited in Joint Ecology/PSP Report on Lessons Learned from National Commission Report on Deepwater Horizon, and correspond to unfinished Strategic Initiatives of the Spills Program at the Department of Ecology.

## **Near-term Actions**

### **C9.1 Prevention:**

NTA1: Assess trends in incidents and near-misses to better target inspections and inform standards. LEAD – Study, Ecology

NTA2: Evaluate marine traffic models to better identify and mitigate high-risk areas and activities. LEAD – Study, Ecology

NTA3: Strengthen marine safety standards in shared waters of WA/BC through consultation and coordination. LEAD - Ecology

### **C9.2 Readiness: Re-establish State participation and evaluation of drills while promoting better integration of locals.**

NTA4: Re-establish an appropriate level of tabletop drill participation by oil spill contingency planners at Ecology and WDFW LEAD – Ecology

NTA5: Promote the integration of locals (governments, community, etc.) in State-organized drills and updates of Northwest Area Plan. LEAD – Ecology

### **C9.3 Response: Enhance integration of best achievable technology (BAT) to promote safe and continuous oil spill recovery.**

NTA6: Initiate and complete BAT rulemaking. LEAD - Ecology

NTA7: Formulate Action Plan to implement transboundary recommendations of Pacific States/BC Task Force. LEAD - Ecology

## **Possible funding**

NTA 1-2. To be determined. Ecology (State Toxics Control Account and reallocation of staff), EPA-Marine and Nearshore \$135K

NTA 3. Securing NTA 1-2 will help fulfill this update.

NTA 4-5. Should be part of Ecology's Spills Program funding.

NTA 6. Anticipated in 2011-2013 Biennium Budget (Fiscal note for HB1186)

NTA 7. Unknown, not likely much needed.

**Programs to support strategy and sub-strategies:**

Members of Cross Partnership Oil Spill Work Group. Ecology, WDFW, DNR, US Coast Guard, NOAA, Petroleum Industry (various sectors, cargo, tankers, etc.), Makah Tribe, Counties, Ports

**Logical Linkage:**

Puget Sound Partnership Science Update (April 2011) underscored rationale to target efforts that reduce risk of a worst-case spill in order to avoid devastating, long-term impacts.

EPA Proposal on "Marine and Nearshore Strategies to Protect and Restore Puget Sound" established that investment in prevention is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound method to protect the Sound.

**Strategy and Development Process:**

Todd Hass met with Jon Neel and Dale Jensen of Ecology on June 17, 2011 to get general consensus. Also met with Dan Doty of WDFW on May 31, and Tom Leschine of Cross Partnership Oil Spill Work Group in early June. Jon Neel may make minor tweaks in mid/late July (complicated by annual leave). Still anticipate minor tweaks between PSP and Ecology as get involvement by those in both agencies more familiar with GMAP performance measures – should keep everyone informed and on same page. Anticipate review by xPSP Oil Spill Work Group to occur in early August via email rather than face-to-face meeting.