Geographic Response Plans

B.C. Spill Response Regime Engagement
April 2016
Agenda

• Three levels of planning
• Geographic response planning overview
• Existing planning initiatives
• Amendments
• Proposed policies
• Next steps
• Questions and discussion
Three Tiered Planning

- Area Response Plan Zone
- Geographic Response Plan Zone
- Spill Contingency Plan Zone

Highway
Railway
What are Geographic Response Plans?

For a designated geographic area:
- Direct Response Actions for first 48 to 72 hours
- Identify companies and activities with a spill risk
- Identify Resources at risk from spills
- Identify resources and personnel available to respond
- Are publicly available
Why have Geographic Response Plans?

Better preparedness + Rapid response = Minimized damage from a spill
Example – Washington State GRPs
Existing Planning Initiatives

ARPP
EC - Coastal mapping

CN Rail - WCMRC - Port of Prince Rupert

Marine Area Planning Partnership
Amendments

Before...

GRPs not required or regulated in B.C.
Amendments

Before...

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After...

Preparation, review, updating and testing of a GRP collectively by regulated persons operating within a designated area.
Proposed Policies - GRPs

- Government oversight
- GRP Advisory Committee
- Content and form
- Public consultation
- Publication
- Review, testing and updating
Proposed Government Oversight

- Determine geographic boundaries
- Prioritize development
- Determine content of plans
- Collaborative process
Proposed GRP Advisory Committee

• **Suggested Membership**
  • Local government, First Nations, NGO, industry, federal and provincial natural resource agencies and spill response experts

• **Duties and responsibilities**
  • Development and implementation of GRPs
Proposed Content and Form

• **Content**
  - Site description
  - Response options - strategies and priorities
  - Shoreline information and countermeasures
  - Resources at risk
  - Sensitive resources
  - Logistical support

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Public Consultation and Publication

- Public consultation
  - Standardized engagement and timeline

- Publication
  - Plans available online to the public
Review, Testing and Updating

• Proposed Review
  • Five-year cycle

• Testing and updating
  • Specified testing
  • Regular update
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Next Steps

• Gather input
  • 3rd Intentions Paper responses
  • Workshop discussion

• Technical workgroups
  • Looking for members
    • Planning
    • Advisory
    • June - Oct

• Develop requirements
Discussion

1. Who should be included in the advisory committees for the development of GRPs?
2. What content do you think GRPs should include?
3. How can we integrate existing planning work into GRPs?
Feedback and IP Submissions

Until June 30, 2016, provide your comments on the Third Intentions Paper by:

1. Post your comments publically at https://engage.gov.bc.ca/spillresponse/

2. Submit formal attachments on organizational letter head to spillresponse@gov.bc.ca
All attachments will then be posted publically at the website above.