

Abstract

The Oiled Wildlife Trust: Collaborative Partnerships in Professional Oiled Wildlife Response

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In 2008, six organizations (non-profits, NGOs and for profit organizations) came together to develop the Oiled Wildlife Trust in British Columbia, Canada. The Trust was founded to increase region specific capacity and capability for personnel, facilities and equipment recourses, to establish mutual goals and identify productive paths forward for response preparedness. The Trust's mission is to institute uniform, professional response to oiled wildlife incidents in the region and engage stakeholders in actively supporting best achievable practices for all oiled wildlife. This collaborative model has proved successful in BC and is currently being developed in other provinces to engage oiled wildlife stakeholders.