

Planned Actions

The presence of oil and asbestos in the hull of the *Catala* presents a serious threat to the sensitive natural, cultural and economic resources around Ocean Shores and Grays Harbor. The Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program, Response Section, of the Washington Department of Ecology has the responsibility to direct the control, containment and cleanup of oil and hazardous materials associated with the *Catala*. The following steps are planned:

May, 2006

- Continue working with Washington State Parks, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Coast Guard, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and contractors;
- Identify likely pathways of oil in water (trajectories) at Damon Point to improve the Oil Spill Contingency Plan;
- Complete an initial survey of the *Catala* hull and tanks accessible from the ground surface;
- Collect samples of sediments outside the hull at various depths to identify the extent of oil contamination outside the *Catala*;
- Complete 3-D computer model of *Catala* hull and tanks;
- Identify the locations of birds nesting on Damon Point and evaluate potential impacts of oil removal and cleanup actions;
- Develop options, plans and cost estimates for removal of the oil from the *Catala* and site cleanup; and
- Continue research on the history of prior salvage activities on the *Catala*.

June - September, 2006

- Tide, weather and day light conditions are most favorable during this period to conduct oil removal and cleanup work on Damon Point
- Based on options and plans developed in May, careful evaluation of the status of nesting birds on Damon Point, and coordination with involved parties - conduct oil removal and site cleanup actions.

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