



OIL SPILL COOPERATIVE

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YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 brought with it a plethora of fresh new faces, challenges, equipment and ideas. Just the way we like it! With the ever-changing industry landscape, WCSS has managed to stay the course and is looking forward to remaining a high-quality service to its member companies. As spill preparedness and response support needs continue to redefine themselves, it is a comfort to know that the upstream petroleum industry commitment to support each other through the WCSS conduit remains a strong and significant resource to draw upon.

Membership allows a small 7-person management team to support industry with a large impact, be it in the way of spill response support, equipment, training resources, continuous improvement or community involvement:

14 spills:	1 land-based, 13 to surface water 15 of our response units were utilized over 153 days
54 training events:	22 Coop Exercises 17 Contract Training Sessions 15 Open Registration Courses

As you may recall from our summer newsletter, WCSS had identified an opportunity to examine the Circus Skimmer. It was first seen in Portland Oregon several years ago, resurfaced at the International Oil Spill Conference in Long Beach in May, and observed at ECRC exercise in Corunna Ontario in July. WCSS saw this piece of equipment as having great potential, purchased one and conducted tests on North Saskatchewan River in October. Based on the findings of tests at OHMSETT (90% oil recovery at 2 knots) and our observations, we believe that the Circus Skimmer is as likely or perhaps even more effective in fast water as our common weir skimmers and has the added advantage of being more efficient in terms of the oil/water recovery ratio.



The Annual Chairmen's Meeting was another great meeting of the minds, punctuated by an open platform workshop that allowed our volunteers to review our mandate, identify any potential changes or enhancements and discuss the rationale for change, while observing any potential consequences of the change. It was a dynamic and effective environment for generating some great discussion, and the Executive Sub Committee will have much to consider at their 1st quarter meeting in March. In addition Santa made another jolly appearance, much to the joy of the little WCSS'ers in the making.