

Oil Spill Response in California



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Events Leading to the Creation of OSPR

**March 24, 1989
T/V Exxon Valdez**



**February 7, 1990
T/V American Trader**





Resulting Pollution Laws

- **SB 2040 or Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act passed 9/90.**
- **Federal Oil Pollution Act (OPA–90) passed 10/90.**



The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act

- **Created the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) within the Department of Fish and Game on January 1, 1991**
- **Created the position of Administrator.**
- **The Administrator is appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate.**

Duties of the Administrator

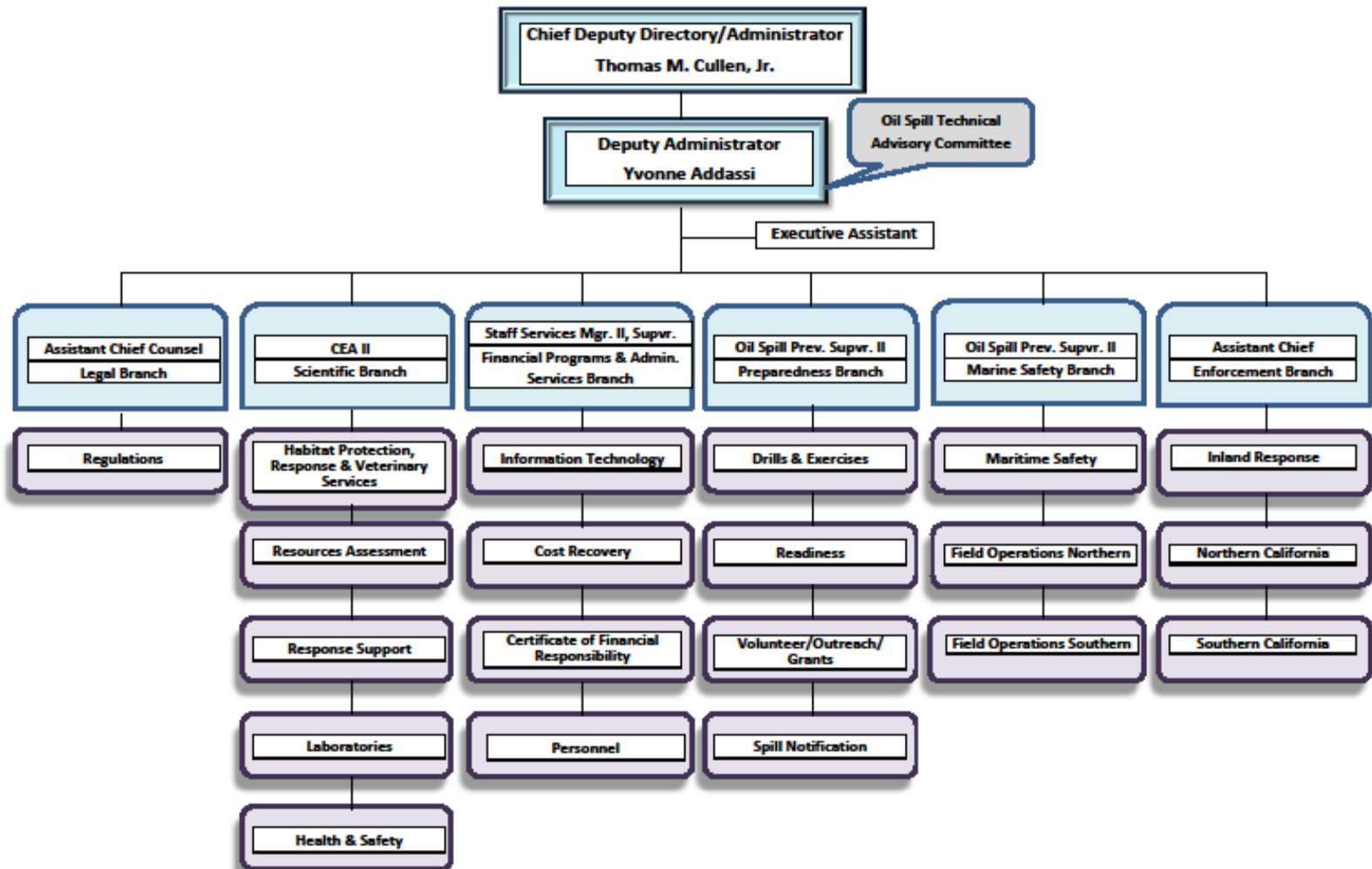
- **Primary authority to direct oil spill cleanup in marine waters.**
- **State authority over use of all response methods.**

Funding

- **Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund** **\$.065/bbl of petroleum coming into California**
- **Oil Spill Response Trust Fund** **(\$50 Million)**
\$.25/bbl of petroleum coming into California

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OSPR's Jurisdiction

- **42 gallons of oil in Marine Waters**
- **Oil: Must be petroleum based**
- **Marine Waters: Subject to tidal influence**

OSPR's Mission



To provide the **best achievable protection** of California's natural resources by preventing, preparing for, and responding to spills of oil and other deleterious materials and through restoring and enhancing affected resources.

Four Mission Areas



- **Prevention**
- **Preparedness**
- **Response**
- **Restoration**

Prevention

- **Harbor Safety Committees**
- **Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)**
- **Tug Escorts**
- **Monitoring and Inspections**

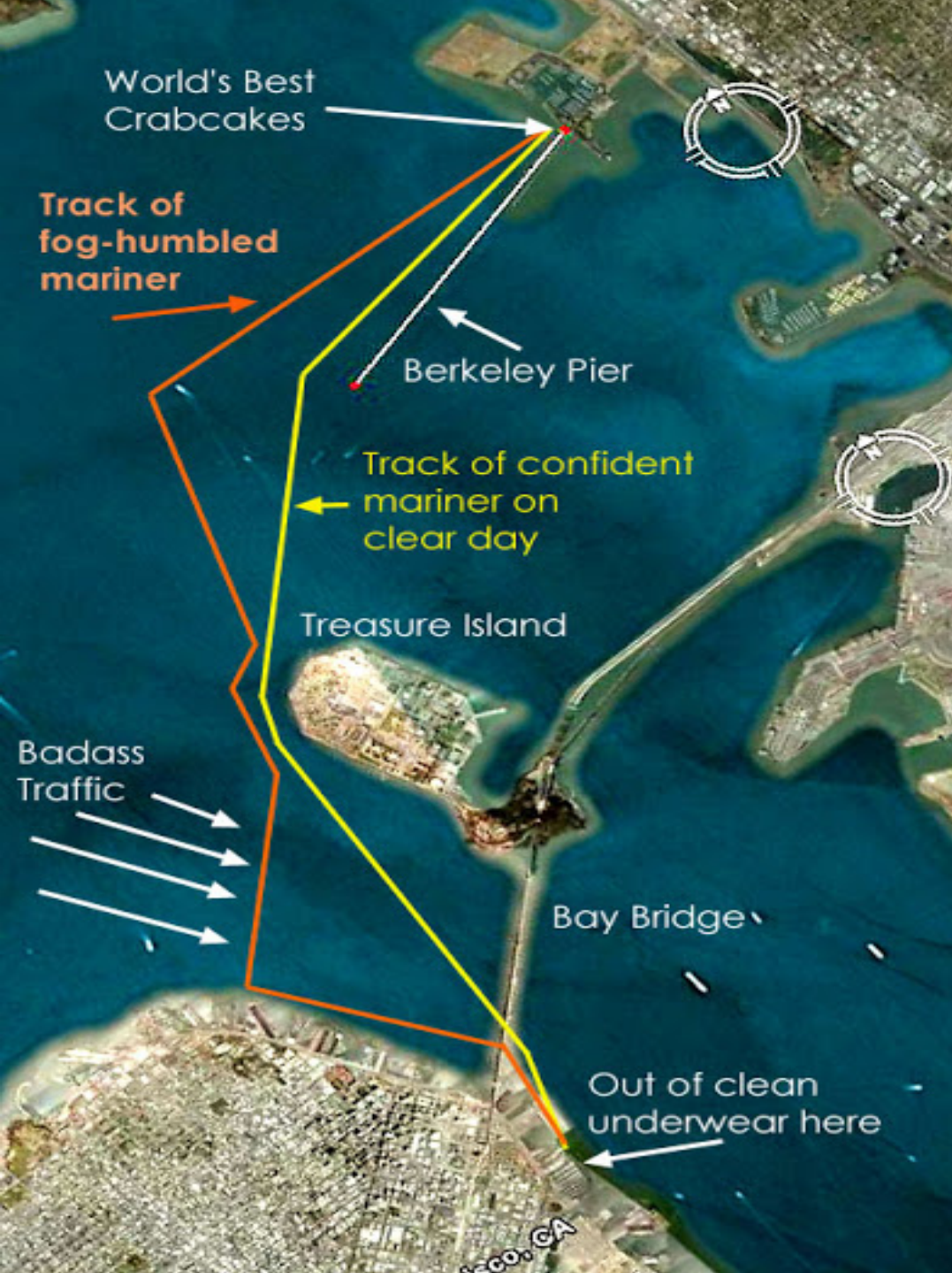


Port Authorities

Harbor Safety Committees



Vessel Traffic Service (VTS)



Tug Escorts



Monitoring and Inspection



- **Fuel Transfer: Monitor fuel transfers to or from a vessel**
- **AB 1112 expanded bunkering monitoring**

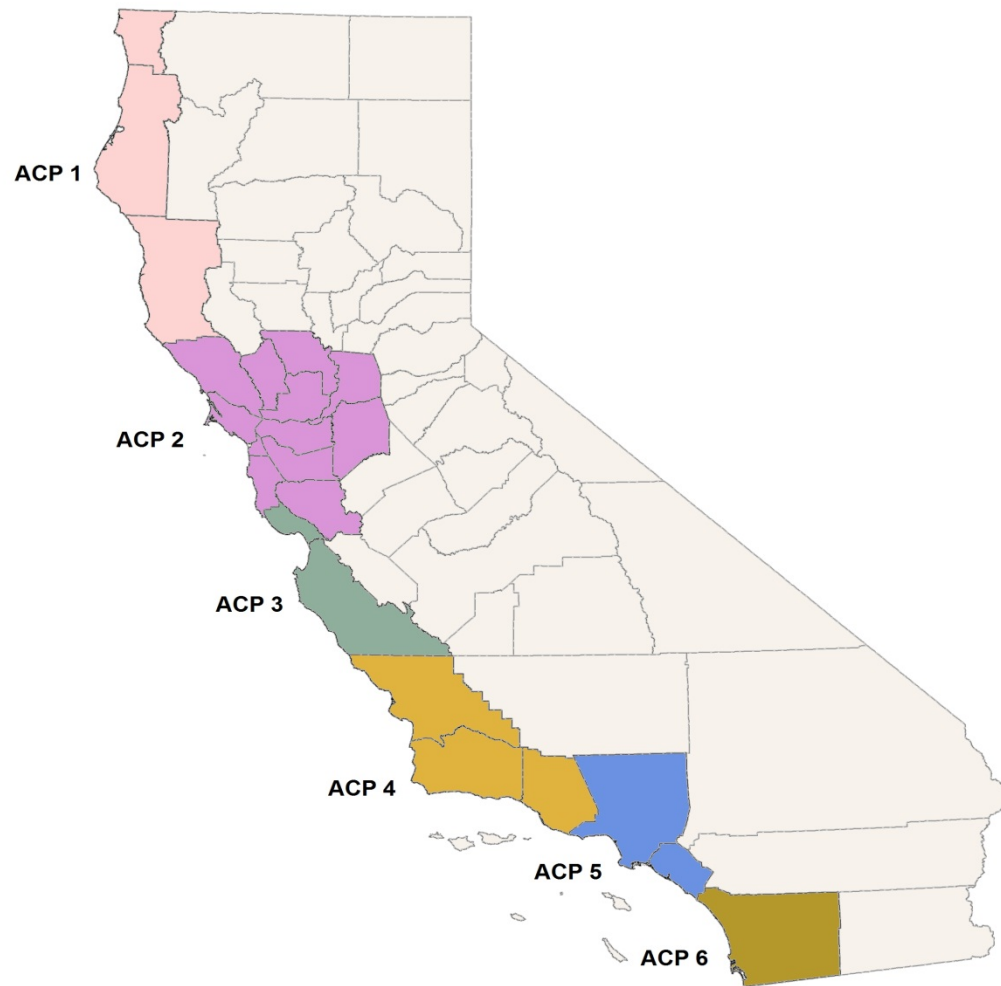


Preparedness

Preparation = Performance

- Area Contingency Plans
- Drills and Exercises
- Rating Oil Spill Response Organizations
- Certificates of Financial Responsibility

Area Contingency Plans





Oil Spill Response Organizations



Must be California Rated

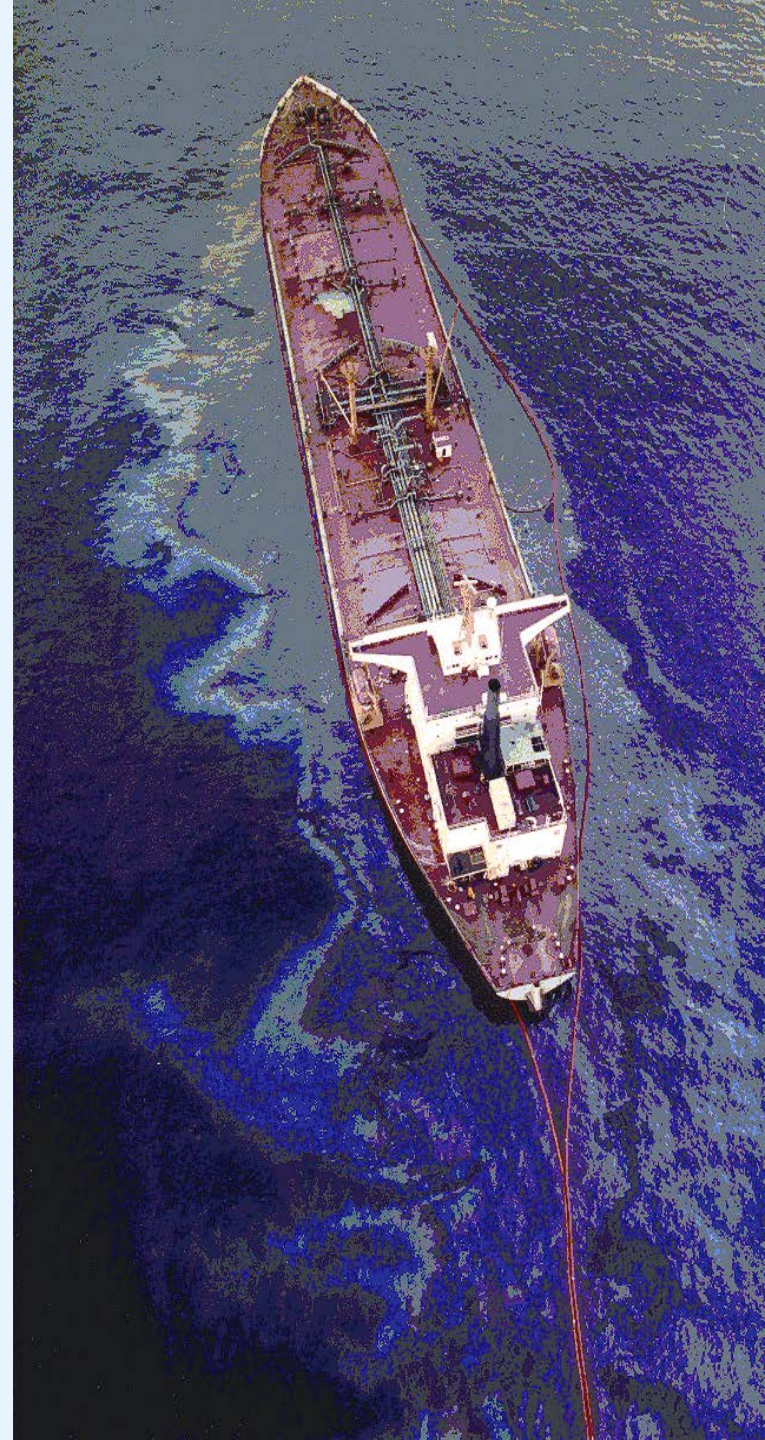
Drills and Exercises

- **Industry Drills**
 - **Equipment Deployment Drills**
 - **Table Top Drills**
- **Unannounced Drills**
- **Sensitive Site Exercises**
- **SONS**



Certificates of Financial Responsibility

- **\$1 Billion limit for tank vessels**
- **\$300 Million for non-tank vessels**



Response

- **Field Response Team**
 - **Warden**
 - **Biologist**
 - **Oil Spill Response Specialist**
- **Incident Command System**
- **Laboratories**
- **Oiled Wildlife Care Network**



Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN)



**31 Member Organizations
in California**



Restoration

Overall Goal of Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)



- **Return injured natural resources to pre-spill condition**
- **Compensate for interim losses through the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement or acquisition**

QUESTIONS???