



# SELDOVIA OIL SPILL RESPONSE TEAM

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DRIVEN OIL SPILL RESPONSE

Stephen Payton – Board Member

## OUR MISSION

We are here to serve as a community-based response team dedicated to protecting the environment through oil spill education, prevention, preparedness, and response. The vision of the SOS Team is to establish effective and efficient network of community based response teams that exist along the Alaska Coast to protect the sensitive resources of the coastline and to aid each other the State, USCG, and other local regional and industry oil spill cooperatives in times of need.

# WHO WE ARE

Clippings from The Anchorage Times- April 15, 1989- Exxon Valdez Oil Spill



## COOK INLET

The first call of action to the SOS response team. The Exxon Valdez Oil spill took Seldovia and it's residents by surprise as the long fingers of the slick approached. "They originally said it was about a 2 percent chance that the oil would reach this far, somebody turned out to be 98 percent wrong" - Dan Hicks, Seldovia Resident

Dedicated members of our community come together when we need them most.

We believe that the best way to deal with an oil spill is to work as a team. Our team of volunteers and board members are there to provide immediate response for oil spills. Our Oil Spill Response Team is a leading aid to spill response in Cook Inlet and Kachemak Bay.

## GOALS

- Continue to train and maintain an effective oil spill response team in Seldovia
- Train and maintain an Incident Management Team
- Continue to develop Board of Directors
- Achieve and Maintain positive public image.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Maintained Equipment for Community Based Response
- Yearly Community Trainings in HAZWOPER
- Yearly Geographic Response Strategies
- Education and outreach for local schools and vessel owners and operators
- Job and Volunteer Opportunities for Seldovia Residents

# GEOGRAPHICAL RESPONSE STRATEGIES

Geographical Response Strategies are oil spill response strategies for specific sensitive area from impacts following a spill.

These response plans are map-based strategies that can save time during the critical first few hours of an oil spill response.

SOS performs 2 GRS trainings per year to keep volunteers up to date and to check the accuracy of supplies needed.





# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OUTREACH

## *Seldovia Oil Spill Response Team*

### Annual Membership Meeting



**March 7th at 6 pm**

**Multi-Purpose Building**

**Potluck! Please bring a tasty dish!**

There will be a prizes drawing and a  
knot-tying activity

**Everyone is welcome! Please join us!**

- Offering training in HAZWOPER and offering a stipend (\$100 per 8 hours of training) for completion
- Annual meeting with door prizes and potluck
- Local competitions and outreach





# PARTNERSHIPS



- Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc.
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Alaska SeaLife Center
- United States Coast Guard





# THANK YOU

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