

OIL AND GAS

FACT:

Oil and gasoline contain hydrocarbons and heavy metals that pollute and are toxic to aquatic life. Oil can coat the feathers and fur of wildlife, destroying their natural insulation from cold. Even a thin film of oil can kill aquatic organisms that live near the water's surface. A single gallon of fuel can contaminate over a million gallons of water. Once ingested, oil moves up the food chain from tiny plankton to fish, birds and even humans, and can cause reproductive problems, weakness and death. The cumulative effect of small spills has a serious impact on coastal and inland waters. Using soap to remove fuel or oil sheen in the water is also bad for the environment and is illegal.

GOAL:

Prevent pollution from oil and gas spills to help maintain a healthy and aesthetically pleasing recreational environment for boaters and others.