

## **WAC 173-182-820 Significant changes to primary response contractor (PRC) applications require notification**

### **Significant changes to Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC) oil spill response equipment**

MSRC notified Ecology on September 5, 2024, of significant changes in oil spill response equipment staged in Washington State. MSRC also notified all plan holders that cite MSRC's oil spill response services of these changes.

As part of Ecology's commitment to providing public notice and opportunity for public review under WAC 173-182-640 we are posting a summary of the equipment changes.

Since September Ecology has worked with MSRC and affected plan holders to ensure that these changes in equipment coverage would not affect plan holders' ability to meet planning standards under WAC 173-182. MSRC has provided additional equipment to ensure plan holders meet the planning standards. A summary of the changes and equipment capability is provided below.

### **Equipment Change Summary**

Marine Spill Response Corporation has made the following changes to their equipment listed on the Worldwide Resource Response List (WRRL):

- The Oil Spill Response Vessel (OSRV) WC Park Responder located in Port Angeles will be eliminated from the MSRC fleet and no longer available for service.
- The OSRV Cormorant located in Seattle will be decommissioned and no longer available for service.

To offset these changes and ensure plan holders continue to meet planning standards under WAC 173-182 MSRC has:

- Added eight (8) 500-barrel towable storage bladder dracones (4,000 barrels total) towable storage bladders to area inventory. Staged in Port Angeles, Washington.
- Added one (1) 3,000-barrel towable storage bladder dracone (3,000 barrels total) to area inventory. Staged in Port Angeles, Washington.
- Relocated the Oil Spill Response Vessel Western Gull to Seattle, Washington.
- Retained skimming equipment that was staged on the W.C. Park Responder in Port Angeles. Equipment is now located on the Oil Spill Response Barge (OSRB) MSRC 380.
- Conducted speed testing demonstrating that the MSRC 380 barge located in Port Angeles is capable of being towed at speeds exceeding 11 knots. The MSRC 380 Barge provides 38,000 barrels of on-water oil storage capacity.

## Equipment Capability Summary

**Oil Spill Response Vessel W.C. Park Responder** a 210' Oil Spill Response Vessel (OSRV) located in Port Angeles, Washington.

Response equipment/capability

- 1 [Transrec 350 Skimmer](#) 10,567 bbl/day EDRC (transferred to MSRC 380)
- 1 [Stress I Skimmer](#) 15,840 bbl/day EDRC (transferred to MSRC 380)
- 2,640 Feet [67" Curtain Pressure-Inflatable Boom](#) (transferred to Port Angeles Site)
- 4,000 barrels of on-water storage capacity

MSRC has replaced the 4,000 barrels of on-water storage capacity of W.C. Park Responder with 7,000 barrels of on-water storage capacity with a variety of towable storage bladder dracones that can be moved over water by vessel or on land by truck/trailer.

The [Transrec 350 Skimmer](#) 10,567 bbl/day EDRC, [Stress I Skimmer](#) 15,840 bbl/day EDRC and 2,640 Feet [67" Curtain Pressure-Inflatable Boom](#) all remain in Port Angeles.

**Oil Spill Response Vessel Cormorant** a 60-foot oil spill response vessel (OSRV) that was purposed solely as a skimming vessel was located in Seattle. It had a skimming capability of 21,540 bbl/day Effective Daily Recovery Capacity (EDRC). The vessel also provided 90 barrels of on water storage capability.

**Oil Spill Response Vessel Western Gull:** Western Gull a 73' OSRV is now located in Seattle, WA. Western Gull has 286 barrels of on-water storage capability and 6,000 bbl/day EDRC. Western Gull is a larger vessel that can provide additional open water response capabilities for carrying boom, equipment and oil storage capability.

### Gains:

- Net overall gain of 3,196 barrels of on-water storage capability. 3,000 barrels in towable storage bladder dracones and an additional 196 barrels with the OSRV Western Gull.
- Towable storage bladder dracones may also be transported by road and used on land.
- OSRV Western Gull provides additional response capabilities for carrying boom, equipment, personnel, and on-water oil storage capability.

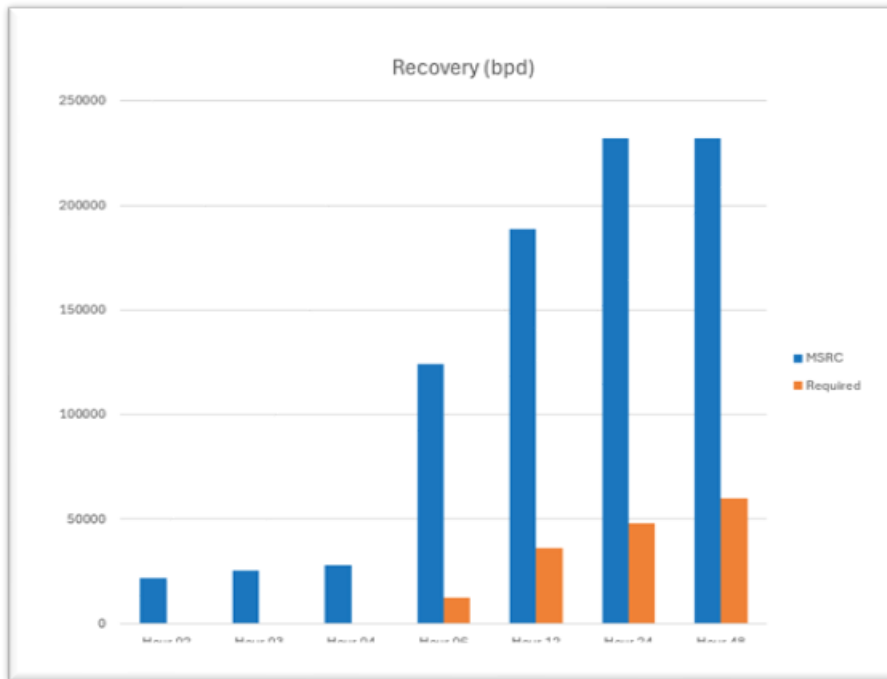
### Losses:

- W.C. Park Responder oil spill response vessel capability in open water including ability to transport various oil spill response equipment, skimming capabilities and personnel.
- Cormorant skimming capability, net loss of 15,540 bbl/day EDRC.

## Note on MSRC Skimming Capability

MSRC maintains sufficient skimming capability with other available skimming equipment to meet all relevant planning standards. An example of MSRCs skimming recovery capabilities for the Neah Bay staging area and San Juan Planning Standard Area is provided below. All other planning standard areas also have sufficient skimming capability.

### Neah Bay Staging Area Skimming/Recovery Capability



### San Juan Planning Standard Area Skimming/Recovery Capability

