

**SB102**

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/18/92

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: [REDACTED]

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 102

"An Act enacting and entering into the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact."

and recommends:

[x] replace with [REDACTED] (FINANCE)
or [ ] adopt previous CS [REDACTED]
[ ] attaches amendment(s)

[x] same title
[ ] new title
[ ] technical title change (HB only)

[ ] adopts Letter of Intent
[ ] further referral to the

[ ] do pass
[ ] do not pass
[ ] no recommendation

Individual Recommendations

NEW FISCAL NOTES: Dept/Date
[ ] zero fiscal notes

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES: Dept/Date
[ ] zero fiscal notes

[ ] fiscal notes [REDACTED]

[ ] fiscal notes

[ ] appropriation--no fiscal note

DO PASS:

[Signature: Jim Duncan]
[Signature: Al Adams]

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature: Dick Smith] (No Rec)
[Signature: Ruth Kelly] (No Rec)

[Signature: Co-Chair]

Co-Chair: Signature/Recommendation

2. [Signature: Co-Chair] No Rec
Co-Chair: Signature/Recommendation

F I S A L N O T E

REQUEST:

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Affected Agency: DEC  
 Title: Pacific Ocean BRU: Environ.  
 Resources Compact: \_\_\_\_\_ Quality  
 Sponsor: Cotten et al Components: E.Q.proj.  
 Requestor: Senate Finance 1016

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
Personal Services						
Travel	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	5.0	5.0	5.0	155.0	155.0	155.0

CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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REVENUE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

General Fund	5.0	5.0	5.0	155.0	155.0	155.0
Federal Fund						
Other						
TOTAL	5.0	5.0	5.0	155.0	155.0	155.0

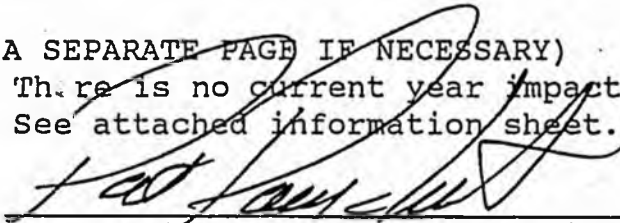
POSITIONS:

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE IF NECESSARY)

There is no current year impact.  
See attached information sheet.

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CSSB 102 Pacific Ocean Resources Compact  
Fiscal Note

The bill, as amended, provides for the ratification of the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact. The intent of the compact is to coordinate protection of marine and coastal resources by the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. The compact is not effective until it is adopted by at least three states and approved by Congress.

Each ratifying state is to appoint two persons to act as representatives to the compact. In Alaska, these would be appointed by the governor and approved by the legislature. The fiscal impact depends on several unknowns such as the date of ratification by other states and Congress, and the number and location of meetings. The initial funding level for fiscal years 93 through 95 provide for the costs of maintaining involvement while the ratification process occurs in other states and Congress.

Expenditures could increase in subsequent years depending on the number of states to ratify the compact and the scope of the compact's activities. If the compact activities were primarily related to oversight of U.S. Coast Guard rulemaking, the costs would be relatively minimal. Alternatively, the compact's activities could include (if agree to by all party states) the development of contingency planning regulations that would replace the states' and federal contingency planning within the compact zone. However, if the compact developed a contingency planning process, the compact is authorized to charge reasonable fees to cover the costs of review. For FY 96 - 98, the fiscal note assumes 1) at least three states join the compact, 2) the compact develops contingency planning regulations, 3) a portion of the compact agency's costs are offset by fees, and 4) any additional staff required in the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to oversee the compact are more than offset by the reduction in DEC contingency planning review staff that would no longer be need.

STATE OF ALASKA  
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1  
Bill Version: SB 102  
Bill (S) Publish Date: 3-18-92

Revision Date: March 19 Department Affected: Environmental Conservation  
Title: Pacific Ocean Resources Compact BRJ: Environmental Quality  
Sponsor: Zharoff, Sturgulewaki, Ellason Component: Environmental Quality Projects  
Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPONENT SERIAL  
NUMBER 1016

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	56.7	56.7	56.7	56.7	56.7	56.7
TRAVEL	40	40	40	40	40	40
CONTRACTUAL	441.5	441.5	441.5	441.5	441.5	441.5
SUPPLIES	9	9	9	9	9	9
EQUIPMENT	9	9	9	9	9	9
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

FUNDING: (THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

GENERAL FUND	556.2	556.2	556.2	556.2	556.2	556.2
FEDERAL FUND						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>	<b>556.2</b>

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	1	1	1	1	1	1
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: No current fiscal year impact.

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

See attached

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Division: Environmental Quality Date: 3/19/91

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]  
Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation Date: 3/27/91

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-ATTACHMENT-

Estimation of this fiscal note has required several fundamental assumptions regarding the future direction of the proposed compact. If the parties to the compact choose to be expansive in exercising their mandate then the operational costs will be greater than if the compact remained in a more advisory capacity. For this analysis we choose assumptions that would result in a fiscal note towards the high end of the multiplicity of possible fiscal impacts to the State.

We did not factor in the compact's proposed funding formula, and instead choose to reflect Alaska's costs as a contribution equal to that of the four other states. If less than five states joined the compact, then the costs to each would be increased somewhat due to lessening of economies of scale.

However, the compact does propose a funding formula. Under this formula, Alaska's annual contribution to the support of the compact would be determined according to the relative proportion of each party's gross state product in relation to the compact's total annual budget, subject to a minimum 10 percent contribution and maximum contribution of 50 percent of the total annual budget of the compact. Using the proposed funding formula might tend to reduce Alaska's costs from those presented here. For instance, if Alaska was joined by Washington and Oregon, then Alaska would provide 14 percent of the compact's operational cost, Washington 50 percent, and Oregon 34 percent. If California also joined the compact then Alaska's cost would be 10 percent, Washington 26 percent, Oregon 14 percent, and California 50 percent.

It is assumed that under any scenario, one new full-time staff position (Environmental Specialist III) would be needed to carry out Alaska's responsibilities under the compact. Additional funding is provided to cover the travel costs for Alaska's three appointed representatives and contractual funding pay Alaska's equal share of the total annual budget for the compact. This contractual amount would pay for five staff and for operational costs at the compact's headquarters. During start-up of the compact the entire amount required for these positions and operational costs might be reduced, because organizational details and the compact's mandate would not be established. Instead, travel costs might be greater during the start-up of the compact than in future years because of the need for organizational meetings and negotiations. However, in this analysis we have depicted both travel and contractual costs equally for early years and later years.

Funding to carry-out these new responsibilities is not available in existing budgets. The compact is envisioned as a permanent body and thus the need for funding would continue in future years unless the state withdrew from participation. The costs for participation should remain stable although the state's contribution for support of the compact would likely fluctuate

depending on the funding formula and the extent of the compact's mandate.

General funds are shown as the funding source. The Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response Fund could be considered as a back-up source if a determination was made that this use is consistent with the purposes of the fund.

Personal Services

1 Environmental Specialist III 56.7

Travel

Estimated for staff and three appointed representatives to attend meetings of the compact 40.0

Contractual

Includes Alaska's estimated contribution to support the compact and five staff positions 441.5

Supplies

9.0

Equipment

9.0

Total 556.2

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4/24/92

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 102 (FINANCE)  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): **SENATORS COTTEN, Zharoff, Sturgulewski, Eliason, Menard**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act enacting and entering into the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 46 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

4 **CHAPTER 47. PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT.**

5 **Sec. 46.47.010. COMPACT ENACTED AND ENTERED INTO.** (a) The Pacific Ocean  
6 Resources Compact as set out in AS 46.47.020 is enacted into law and entered into on behalf of  
7 the state. This compact shall take effect after two or more of the states of California, Hawaii,  
8 Oregon, or Washington ratify the compact in substantially the same form as set out in  
9 AS 46.47.020 and consent is granted by the Congress as required by section 10, Article I, of the  
10 Constitution of the United States.

11 (b) In addition to the states named in (a) of this section, the Province of British Columbia  
12 may become an associate party to the compact, without voting power. Upon request of the  
13 Province of British Columbia and approval of the Congress, the Province of British Columbia  
14 may become a full party to the compact with the same rights and powers as the party states.



- 1 (A) prevention of oil and hazardous substance spills;  
2 (B) transportation of oil and other hazardous substances;  
3 (C) oil and hazardous substance spill response planning; and  
4 (D) environmental monitoring and research;

5 (4) each party has jurisdiction over the submerged and submersible land within  
6 its territorial sea and responsibility for management of many marine resources and ocean uses;  
7 each party has unique natural resource, social, economic, and political conditions for which local  
8 management by the individual party is the most appropriate; this is particularly true with respect  
9 to subsistence resource use in Alaska;

10 (5) the parties now do not have an effective means to address mutual concerns  
11 related to transport of oil and hazardous substances in waters within and beyond the party's  
12 jurisdiction that may jeopardize ocean resources and uses important to one or more coastal  
13 parties;

14 (6) the 1983 Presidential Proclamation of the 200-mile United States Exclusive  
15 Economic Zone has created the opportunity for all coastal states to more fully exercise and assert  
16 their responsibilities pertaining to the protection, conservation, and development of ocean  
17 resources under United States jurisdiction;

18 (7) citizens of the Pacific states and the Province of British Columbia are  
19 increasingly concerned with the environmental integrity of the ocean and protection of all ocean  
20 resources;

21 (8) recent studies conducted in the wake of major accidental releases of oil or  
22 hazardous substances have concluded that the existing system of response to spills could be  
23 improved in the following ways to provide better protection of ocean resources:

- 24 (A) enhanced personnel training and qualifications;  
25 (B) improved vessel design and integrity;  
26 (C) better mechanisms for cost recovery by the states or the province;  
27 (D) improved coordination in regulatory oversight;  
28 (E) enhanced traffic management; and  
29 (F) an improved information base dealing with marine and coastal

30 environments;

31 (9) a spill or discharge of oil or a hazardous substance from an ocean-going vessel

1 has the potential of causing major regional effects.

2 (b) Therefore, the purpose of this compact is to

3 (1) assist in the promotion of interstate commerce by encouraging uniform  
4 regulation of the transportation of oil or hazardous substances within the compact zone;

5 (2) provide a legal mechanism to regulate certain ocean activities within the  
6 United States Exclusive Economic Zone;

7 (3) enhance regional coordination of issues of critical importance;

8 (4) work with federal agencies to advance the best interest of the region;

9 (5) foster regional cooperation and pooling of resources to reduce costs and  
10 increase effective use of scarce resources;

11 (6) monitor activities of concern to the parties;

12 (7) address issues of mutual concern to the Pacific states and the Province of  
13 British Columbia and enhance the parties' influence over activities of concern that are not now  
14 addressed through existing compacts, including

15 (A) spill prevention;

16 (B) transportation of oil and other hazardous substances;

17 (C) spill response planning; and

18 (D) environmental monitoring and research;

19 (8) foster cooperation and coordination among the parties in order to increase the  
20 effectiveness of the individual party's ocean laws and programs;

21 (9) provide technical assistance to parties for ocean activities covered by this  
22 compact;

23 (10) provide for formal participation by the Province of British Columbia with  
24 the compact to more fully address issues of regional concern;

25 (11) ensure that the citizens of the region have opportunities to participate in  
26 discussions and deliberations of regional ocean resources issues;

27 (12) establish an innovative system under which the parties can represent their  
28 shared interests within the compact zone, including

29 (A) the maintenance and protection of common ocean resources; and

30 (B) vessel transportation of oil and other hazardous substances;

31 (13) recommend uniform safety standards for routes, crews, and equipment for

1 vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances within the compact zone and monitor the  
2 implementation of these standards and regulations by federal agencies, states or provinces, and  
3 private industry;

4 (14) promote more coordinated management of ocean resources that are of mutual  
5 concern;

6 (15) provide a forum for the regional coordination of the individual parties' plans  
7 for the management and protection of those areas of the Pacific Ocean and adjacent waters over  
8 which the compacting parties jointly or separately now have or may acquire jurisdiction.

## 9 ARTICLE II

### 10 DEFINITIONS

11 In this compact,

12 (1) "compact" means the representative body created by Article IV of this  
13 compact;

14 (2) "compact zone" means the portion of the oceans bordering the parties within  
15 the 200-mile exclusive economic zone;

16 (3) "hazardous substance" means an element or compound that, when it enters in  
17 or on the water, presents an imminent and substantial danger to the public health or welfare or  
18 the environment, including fish, animals, vegetation, or a part of the natural habitat in which they  
19 are found; "hazardous substance" includes a substance designated under 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(2)(A),  
20 an element, compound, mixture, solution, or substance designated under 42 U.S.C. 9602, a  
21 hazardous waste having characteristics identified under or listed under 42 U.S.C. 6921, a toxic  
22 pollutant listed under 33 U.S.C. 1317(a), and an imminently hazardous chemical substance or  
23 mixture with respect to which the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection  
24 Agency has taken action under 15 U.S.C. 2606;

25 (4) "navigable waters" means the waters of the United States, including the  
26 territorial sea;

27 (5) "oil" means crude petroleum oil or any other hydrocarbon, regardless of  
28 gravity, that is produced at the well in liquid form by ordinary production methods, and any  
29 petroleum products or petrochemicals of any kind and in any form whether crude, refined, or a  
30 petroleum byproduct, including petroleum, fuel oil, gasoline, lubricating oils, oily sludge, oily  
31 refuse, or mixed with other wastes, liquefied natural gas, or propane;

1 (6) "party" means a state or province that ratifies this compact as provided in  
2 Article III of this compact;

3 (7) "representative" means an individual appointed as provided in Article IV of  
4 this compact to represent a party;

5 (8) "vessel" means a watercraft, whether self-propelled or propelled by another  
6 vessel, that is constructed or adapted to carry, or that carries oil or hazardous substances in bulk  
7 as cargo or cargo residue and that is greater than 5,000 gross weight tonnage, and that

8 (A) operates on the navigable waters of the compact zone; or

9 (B) transfers oil or hazardous substances in a place subject to the  
10 jurisdiction of the United States.

### 11 ARTICLE III

#### 12 OPERATIVE DATES

13 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this article, this compact shall become effective when  
14 this state and two or more of the states of California, Hawaii, Oregon, or Washington ratify the  
15 compact and the consent of the Congress is or has been granted as required by section 10,  
16 Article I, of the Constitution of the United States.

17 (b) This agreement shall become operative as to the Province of British Columbia as a  
18 full party upon request of the Province of British Columbia and approval of the Congress.

### 19 ARTICLE IV

#### 20 PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT

21 (a) The Pacific Ocean Resources Compact is created and shall have its offices within the  
22 territorial limits of one of the parties, shall carry out its duties and functions in accordance with  
23 this compact, shall continue in force and effect in accordance with this compact, and, except as  
24 specifically provided in this compact, may not be considered an agency or instrumentality of the  
25 United States for the purpose of any federal law. Each party participating in this compact shall  
26 appoint two persons, subject to the applicable laws of the appointing party, to undertake the  
27 functions and duties of representatives of the compact. This compact shall be invested with the  
28 powers and duties set out in this compact.

29 (b) The term of each representative shall be four years. A representative shall hold office  
30 until a successor is appointed and qualified but the successor's term shall expire four years from  
31 the legal date of expiration of the term of the predecessor. Vacancies occurring in the office of

1 a representative for any reason or cause shall be filled for the unexpired term by the party  
2 represented by the vacancy. A party may remove the representative for that party in accordance  
3 with the statutes of the party concerned. Each representative may delegate to a deputy the power  
4 to be present and participate, including voting as the representative or substitute, at any meeting  
5 of or hearing by or other proceeding of the compact.

6 (c) The compact shall invite the Secretary of the United States Department of  
7 Transportation, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the  
8 Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or their designees to  
9 participate as nonvoting members of the compact.

#### 10 ARTICLE V

#### 11 PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT AUTHORITY

12 (a) The Pacific Ocean Resources Compact is authorized to

13 (1) facilitate the prevention of or response to oil and hazardous substance spills  
14 by

15 (A) serving as a West Coast Spill Prevention Advisory Committee to the  
16 United States Coast Guard; as such, the compact shall advise the United States Coast  
17 Guard on matters pertaining to spill prevention and response within the compact zone and  
18 also shall advise the United States Coast Guard on other matters within the compact's  
19 authority as set forth in this compact;

20 (B) participating as an interested person in any rulemaking proceeding by  
21 the United States Coast Guard related to the establishment of safety standards for routes,  
22 crews, and equipment for vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances; the United  
23 States Coast Guard shall adopt the recommendations of the compact, unless the United  
24 States Coast Guard makes a finding, as part of the rulemaking process, that the adoption  
25 of a recommendation would not prevent or facilitate response to oil and hazardous  
26 substance spills;

27 (C) as an interested person, requesting the United States Coast Guard to  
28 initiate rulemaking for the establishment or amendment of safety standards for routes,  
29 crews, and equipment for vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances; the United  
30 States Coast Guard shall initiate rulemaking as requested by the compact, unless the  
31 United States Coast Guard makes a finding that the initiation of the rulemaking would not

1 further the prevention of or response to oil and hazardous substance spills;

2 (D) making recommendations to other appropriate state, federal, and  
3 regional entities regarding uniform safety standards for routes, crews, and equipment for  
4 vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances in the compact zone;

5 (2) ensure a coordinated network of oil and hazardous substance spill response  
6 plans and programs of the parties, federal agencies, and private organizations;

7 (3) by regulation, establish the requirements for submission of and approval by  
8 the compact of a contingency plan by any vessel transporting oil or hazardous substance in the  
9 compact zone; the requirements must be compatible with the requirements for response plans  
10 under sec. 4202 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-380); a plan developed in accordance  
11 with the regulations adopted by the compact and approved by the compact shall satisfy the  
12 requirements of sec. 4202 of the Oil Pollution Act and shall satisfy and supersede any  
13 requirements of an individual party for submitting a vessel contingency or spill response plan;  
14 however, all plans approved by parties to this compact before the operative date of the compact  
15 shall remain in full force and effect until a contingency plan is approved by the compact under  
16 this paragraph; if a contingency plan approved by one of the parties to this compact expires after  
17 the compact contingency plan regulations are adopted, a new contingency plan must be adopted  
18 under the compact regulations; in establishing regulations under this paragraph, the compact shall  
19 work closely with officials of the parties to assure that the vessel contingency plans required  
20 under this compact include all subject areas included by the member parties in the standards for  
21 vessel contingency plans of the parties, in the aggregate, before the adoption of the compact;

22 (4) establish and maintain an informational clearinghouse related to spill response,  
23 including a directory of personnel, equipment, technical expertise, organizations, and other  
24 resources available to assist as part of a regional oil or hazardous substance spill response;

25 (5) provide a forum for discussion and recommendation to resolve conflicts  
26 among member parties or the federal government regarding various ocean resources programs  
27 that have been or may be established by each party;

28 (6) provide opportunities for public participation in compact activities by holding  
29 meetings of the compact in various locations within the territorial limits of the parties, providing  
30 opportunities for public comment at meetings and developing a public outreach program;

31 (7) designate state or provincial agency officials to act on behalf of the compact

1 as liaisons with federal agencies;

2 (8) identify the regional data needs related to ocean resources and recommend a  
3 method for compiling the data in a format that can be shared by all parties;

4 (9) consult with and advise any pertinent party or federal agency with regard to  
5 problems connected with ocean resources management and recommend the adoption of any rules  
6 or regulations the compact considers advisable that are within the jurisdiction of the agency;

7 (10) establish sanctions and a schedule of civil penalties for violations of the rules  
8 or regulations of the compact and impose those sanctions or civil penalties in accordance with  
9 5 U.S.C. 551 - 559 and 701 - 706;

10 (11) request the United States Coast Guard to enforce or assist in the enforcement  
11 of any regulations adopted by the compact including, but not limited to, regulations related to the  
12 submission of a contingency plan or financial assurance requirements in the compact zone;

13 (12) establish a schedule of reasonable fees to be assessed for the review of a  
14 contingency plan submitted under (3) of this subsection; the fees must be sufficient to recover  
15 the costs of reviewing the plans and conducting any related inspections; the fees may be assessed  
16 in increments up to the maximum amount.

17 (b) In addition to the authority granted under (a) of this article, the compact may

18 (1) accept grants and gifts;

19 (2) enter into contracts for whose performance the compact shall be solely  
20 responsible in order to support its operations;

21 (3) conduct and prepare, independently or in cooperation with others, studies,  
22 investigations, research, and programs relating to the purposes of this compact;

23 (4) conduct public hearings on matters pertaining to the purposes of this compact;

24 (5) establish, for the purpose of reducing litigation costs, a standardized cost  
25 recovery formula, based on the amount of oil or hazardous substance spilled, to be used to  
26 estimate damages to other resources from small oil or hazardous substance spills in areas with  
27 well established coastal resource inventories; however, a standardized formula may not be used  
28 for the economic evaluation of damage to subsistence use of resources;

29 (6) enter into an agreement with the United States Coast Guard under which the  
30 compact will administer compliance with the requirements for demonstrating financial  
31 responsibility under section 1016 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 in an amount established by

1 the compact; proof of financial responsibility, if established by the compact under this paragraph,  
2 shall satisfy and supersede the requirement of any individual party for demonstrating financial  
3 responsibility; however, all financial responsibility requirements established by the parties to this  
4 compact before the compact establishes an amount under the paragraph shall remain in full force  
5 and effect until the compact establishes a requirement and enters into an agreement with the  
6 United States Coast Guard under this paragraph; in establishing the amount of financial  
7 responsibility under this paragraph, the compact shall work with officials of each party to assure  
8 that such requirements are sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the parties, in aggregate;

9 (7) in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 551 - 559 and 701 - 706,  
10 enforce the rules and regulations adopted by the compact to carry out the authority of the  
11 compact as set out in this article;

12 (8) appoint technical and advisory committees for the purpose of advising the  
13 compact on regional ocean resources issues, data needs and format, and other purposes related  
14 to the compact's activities; a technical or advisory committee appointed by the compact is not  
15 subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, as amended);

16 (9) allow a variance from the provisions of this compact or rules or regulations  
17 adopted by the compact under this article; a variance must be based on a showing by the person  
18 or entity seeking the variance that the activity allowed under the variance will have no regional  
19 effect and that the variance is economically necessary; under no circumstances may a variance  
20 result in the regulation of the transportation of oil or hazardous substance according to standards  
21 less stringent than standards imposed under federal law.

22 (c) The compact shall adopt all regulations necessary to carry out its duties and exercise  
23 its authority under this article. The compact shall adopt the regulations in accordance with the  
24 provisions of 5 U.S.C. 500 - 559.

## 25 ARTICLE VI

### 26 PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT ORGANIZATION

27 The compact shall select a chair and a vice-chair. After the initial chair and vice-chair  
28 are selected, the compact shall establish a rotation for the selection of the chair and vice-chair  
29 so the office rotates through the parties to the compact. The compact shall appoint and at its  
30 pleasure remove or discharge such officers and employees as may be required to carry the  
31 provisions of this compact into effect and shall fix and determine their duties, qualifications, and

1 compensation. The compact shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.  
2 It may establish and maintain one or more offices for the transaction of its business and may  
3 meet at any time or place within the territorial limits of the signatory parties but must meet at  
4 least once a year.

## 5 ARTICLE VII

### 6 VOTING AND QUORUM

7 (a) A majority of the representatives shall constitute a quorum.

8 (b) Each representative shall be entitled to one vote. An action or decision of the  
9 compact may not be approved unless the action or decision receives a majority of the votes of  
10 the representatives, including at least one affirmative vote from each party.

## 11 ARTICLE VIII

### 12 SUPPORT AGENCIES

13 The compact may contract for the staff support necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
14 compact or request appropriate agencies of the signatory parties to act as the research agencies  
15 of the compact.

## 16 ARTICLE IX

### 17 PARTIES' POWERS UNDER COMPACT

18 Except as specifically provided in Article V of this compact, nothing in this compact may  
19 be construed to limit the powers of a party or to repeal or prevent the enactment of legislation  
20 or the enforcement of a requirement imposing additional conditions and restrictions to conserve  
21 ocean resources.

## 22 ARTICLE X

### 23 ABSENCE

24 Continued absence of representation or of a compact representative from a party shall be  
25 brought to the attention of the appointing authority of the party not represented.

## 26 ARTICLE XI

### 27 FUNDING

28 (a) Each party shall contribute to the support of the compact.

29 (b) The annual contribution of each party shall be figured to the nearest \$100.

30 (c) The compact shall prepare an annual budget which shall be approved by vote of the  
31 compact. After approval, the proposed budget shall be presented to the chief executive and the

1 legislative body of each party.

2 (d) Each party shall be responsible for the expenses of its own representatives.

3 ARTICLE XII

4 WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPACT

5 This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each party until renounced  
6 by it. Renunciation of this compact must be preceded by sending six months' notice in writing  
7 of intention to withdraw from the compact to the other parties to the compact.

8 Sec. 46.47.030. REPRESENTATIVES. The two representatives of the state to the Pacific  
9 Ocean Resources Compact shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the  
10 legislature.

11 Sec. 46.47.040. PUBLIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS. A representative of this state  
12 may not vote for the adoption of a regulation of the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact that  
13 affects this state unless the regulation has been subjected to public review under the procedures  
14 of AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) relating to public comment and hearings.

# STATE OF ALASKA THE LEGISLATURE

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## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

March 2, 1990

SUBJECT: Interstate compacts  
(Work Order No. 6-2304)

TO: Representative Cliff Davidson

FROM: John B. Gaguine <sup>JK</sup>  
Legislative Counsel

You have asked a number of questions regarding interstate compacts. A couple of these questions are answered in the materials you sent over. Legal Research Report No. 9.2 for the Oil Spill Commission, "Potential Utility of an Interstate Compact as a Vehicle for Oil Spill Prevention and Response," explains well what an interstate compact is, and under what authority the states may initiate them. I will try to address some of the questions that are not covered by those materials.

There is no statute governing the negotiation of interstate compacts. Since, as discussed in Legal Research Report No. 9.2, a compact requires the passage of identical legislation by the legislatures of several states, negotiations among the states are a prerequisite to a compact. One would expect those negotiations to be carried out by executive branch officials most conversant with the subject matter, which in the area of oil transport would seem to be DEC officials. However, I do not see any constitutional separation-of-powers problems with the legislature initiating compact negotiations, participating in them or even carrying them out without executive branch participation, since the compact is essentially a legislative function.

As discussed in Legal Research Report No. 9.2, a successful compact would have to be approved by the legislatures of the states involved and then, if involving a matter that would ordinarily be preempted by the federal government (as would be the case in regulation of oil transport, where the U.S.

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Supreme Court in 1977 invalidated Washington laws as pre-empted by federal legislation), would have to be approved by Congress. Legal Research Report No. 9.2 notes that in some cases negotiation of the compact and approval by the state legislatures and Congress has taken up to eight years.

Compacts involving foreign countries are far rarer than interstate compacts; none of the compacts to which Alaska is a party (listed below) involve any foreign nations. However, the provision of the U.S. constitution that allows interstate compacts also authorizes compacts "with a foreign power", if Congress consents. I do not know whether Canadian law would allow British Columbia to enter into a compact, or whether Canada would have to be a party, although section 16 of the Constitution Act of British Columbia suggests that the province could not enter into a compact with an American state. It seems likely, though, that the U.S. State Department would not look favorably on an agreement between Alaska and Canada on oil transportation rather than a treaty between the United States and Canada on the subject, and that the State Department might well oppose Congressional approval of an Alaska-Canada agreement.

You have also asked what the procedure is for initiating an interstate compact in Oregon, Washington and California. I assume that it is the same as in Alaska, since none of those states has any statutes on the adoption of interstate compacts (not even California, which has statutes on every subject imaginable). Washington does have a statute appointing a commission to negotiate a compact on the apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River basin, but nothing on compacts in general.

Alaska is a participant in a large number of interstate compacts (according to Legal Research Report No. 9.2, seventeen). These cover such diverse areas as fisheries (the Pacific Marine Fisheries Compact, AS 16.45.020), corrections (the Interstate Correction Compact, AS 33.36.020), higher education (the Western Regional Higher Education Compact, AS 14.44.015), and nuclear energy (the Western Interstate Nuclear Compact, AS 41.98.110, and the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management, AS 46.-45.010). In the environmental area, AS 46.04.100 authorizes the governor to execute compacts with other states or countries on oil pollution control, and AS 46.09.050 authorizes the governor to execute compacts on hazardous substance release control. However, no formal compacts on either of these subjects appear in the Alaska statutes.

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Finally, you have asked about language in Section 309(b) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 that gives the consent of Congress to two or more coastal states to enter into compacts on coastal zone planning, policies and programs. I do not think that this language would be applicable to a compact between Alaska and the other Pacific coast states on oil transportation. The legislative history behind this section suggests strongly that it was meant to allow compacts between neighboring states sharing a similar coastline, such as (to use an example given in the history) Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. See 1976 U.S. Code Cong. and Admin. News 1794-95. Since Alaska's coastline is many hundreds of miles away from the coastline of the nearest state, I do not think that Section 309(b) could apply to Alaska.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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# Alaska State Legislature

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## Senate Committee on Oil and Gas

April 25, 1992

Janice Adair, Assistant Commissioner  
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Dear Ms. Adair:

This letter is to address the Department's "concerns and questions" relating to SB 102, "An Act enacting and entering into the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact." While a number of the concerns raised are fairly broad and speculative, we will try to address them as well as clarify some of the Department's apparent misunderstandings of the legislation.

In your April 22 letter to Representative Davidson, you state that: "Some individuals supporting the Compact Legislation do not expect the Compact to develop regulations. If it is not the intent of the Legislature to have the Compact develop regulations, then we question the need for this legislation." While the basis for this statement is unclear, it is fair to say that the primary purpose of the legislation is not the development of regulations. Instead, its primary purpose is to extend states' sovereignty and jurisdiction over the marine waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The EEZ extends from the states' three-mile limit to the current federal 200-mile limit.

The mechanism for implementing this primary objective is 1) the definition of the Compact zone, Article II (2) and 2) the Compact's establishment of the West Coast Spill Prevention Advisory Committee that has standing as an interested party to initiate or participate in U.S. Coast Guard rule-making to facilitate the prevention of and response to oil and hazardous substance spills, Article V (a) (1) (A-D).

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As you noted, the Compact legislation does have provisions for the development of contingency plan regulations. These provisions were developed and included after lengthy negotiations among the party states over a number of years. Despite the Department's concerns that the "Compact bill provides no guidance and no boundaries for the development of regulations," Article V (a) (3) very succinctly directs the Compact agency to work closely with officials from all of the party states to ensure that contingency plan regulations developed by the Compact satisfy the requirements on each party's contingency planning standards that existed prior to the development of the Compact.

Rather than providing little guidance, the Compact will be required to work within the confines of all party states' statutes and regulations, as well as the federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90). In addition, all states would have to agree to any proposed regulations, Article VII Voting and Quorum. Given the considerable guidance provided by the Compact language to protect the interest of each party state, the development of regulations will be a considerable accomplishment and, thus, a secondary objective of the Compact. The sponsors of the legislation in the party states do support the development of regulations, however, because a consistent set of comprehensive standards to prevent spills would be in the states' interest and provide uniform standards for the oil and hazardous materials shipping industry.

You mentioned that the federal government and West Coast states have all recently passed laws to strength spill prevention and response and are in the process of implementing regulations. As a result, there has been insufficient time to evaluate the effectiveness of these programs. Evaluation of the implementation of these programs is undoubtedly an on-going and continual process. Based on the significant passage of laws by the states and federal government, the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill appears to have prompted the citizens and elected officials in this country to judge that our prevention, response, and financial responsibility requirements were inadequate. The laws were passed to establish new standards to protect the public and natural resources from future spills. The standards themselves are less difficult to evaluate than their implementation. In addition, the process of state ratification and Congressional approval of the Compact probably provides at least another five years for the evaluation process to continue in the states.

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The next sections address your specific questions that have not already been answered above:

\*The definition of "hazardous substances" is contained in Article II (3). This definition was developed after a thorough legal review of federal and all potential Compact party states' definitions of hazardous materials. Most of the states rely almost exclusively on federal definitions of hazardous materials. As a result, the definition in the Compact legislation encompasses the states' definitions by referring to numerous federal legal citations. This office contacted your department staff regarding this definition in February 1991. We were advised that the department primarily relies on the U.S. Coast Guard CHRIS manual for the definition of hazardous substances subject to marine transportation and is, thus, consistent with the Compact definition.

\* The Compact may NOT regulate transportation on Alaska rivers or inland waters. This is clearly established by the definition of "compact zone," Article II (2) which "means the portion of the oceans bordering the parties within the 200-mile exclusive economic zone (emphasis added)." In addition, Article I (4) states that "each party has jurisdiction over the submerged and submersible land within its territorial sea...." The compact is clearly marine oriented. It should also be noted that the Compact would have no effect on Coastal Zone Management for the same reasons.

\* Within the compact zone, the U.S. Coast Guard would be responsible for enforcing regulations, and conducting inspections and drills.

\* The states would continue to be responsible for shore-based facilities and smaller vessels (primarily non-crude product suppliers). The Compact is intended to address the regional **transportation** of oil and hazardous materials. As a result, it does not seem appropriate for the Compact to address shore-based facilities. The exemption of smaller vessels was amended in the Alaska legislation to protect the interests of rural Alaska that rely heavily on the **intrastate** transportation of fuel products, and is, thus, not a West Coast regional concern.

\* While the Compacts headquarters may be located outside of Alaska, the legislation clearly directs that the Compact "ensure that the

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citizens of the region have opportunities to participate in discussions and deliberations," Article I (b) (11). Undoubtedly to meet these concerns, the location of Compact meetings would be rotated. In addition, while it was assumed that the approval of any regulations by Alaska representatives would require public review in Alaska, this Alaska Administrative Procedures Act requirement was specifically added to the legislation.

\* There would obviously be no duplication or double counting of sanctions and civil penalties relating to natural resources damages which is prohibited by federal law. Within the Compact zone, the Compact can develop sanctions or civil penalties if the states agree that the regulations developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) are inadequate. In either case, the sanctions and civil penalties would be enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard under the federal Administrative Procedures Act to ensure due process, Article V (a) (10).

\* In your letter of April 22, there are numerous references to Compact "regions." We are uncertain of the origin or meaning of this. Specifically, the legislation develops the compact zone to address the regional transportation of oil and hazardous substances. We are aware of no proposed subregions.

Thank you for your kind attention. I hope this addresses your questions and clarifies your understanding of the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam Cotten".

Senator Sam Cotten

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STATEMENT OF  
EXXON SHIPPING COMPANY  
TO THE  
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ON SB 102  
APRIL 9, 1992

Exxon Shipping Company appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 135.

The proposed legislation seeks to have Alaska ratify the creation of a multi-state Pacific Ocean Resources Compact. The Compact has various stated purposes. They range from very specific regulatory provisions to broad, undefined regulatory provisions to coordination of mutual interest activities of Compact parties. A key aspect of the Compact would provide for the extension of states' jurisdictional authorities out to 200 miles offshore. The compact would vest comprehensive authority to its appointed administrative body regarding activities, regulatory powers, staffing and funding.

There is some merit associated with an interstate advisory group to work with state and federal governments to improve coordination in oil spill response planning, environmental monitoring, and research activities. However, Exxon Shipping Company opposes the proposed legislation due to the specific marine regulatory provisions and the broadly worded regulatory provisions for undefined ocean activities. The Company also opposes the broad authority which the Compact would have to adopt other regulations. In addition, we have concerns regarding what we believe will be the likely jurisdictional constitutional and regulatory conflicts arising from the proposed Compact territorial expansion.

This statement will address the reasons for our position and concerns.

The Compact specifically provides for uniform regulation of oil and hazardous substance transportation, including the establishment of standards for routes, crews, and equipment for vessels and for vessel contingency plans. Comprehensive oil spill prevention and response legislation was passed in 1990 at the federal level (Oil Pollution Act of 1990) and in Alaska through a package of laws in 1989, 1990, and 1991. Implementation of these legislative efforts is well underway at both the federal and state levels through the development of extensive regulations. Compact provisions for development of an additional layer of regulations for these purposes is both unnecessary and inappropriate. At best, such an effort would be duplicative of Alaska and federal work; at worst, it could result in totally confusing layers of regulations under various authorities. It seems logical to allow the industry and states to operate under the statutes being developed before deciding whether additional or modified regulations are needed.

The Compact also provides for regulation of certain ocean activities within the Exclusive Economic Zone, and for adoption of all regulations necessary to exercise its authority. This broadly worded authority to regulate, without definition or limitation of the activities/areas to be regulated, is inappropriate, especially for an appointed body. Such regulatory authority would likely duplicate or conflict with existing federal and state agencies roles, responsibilities and regulatory powers.

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The U.S. Coast Guard has primary authority for marine transportation in U.S. waters and is responsible for establishing vessel safety and design standards, training and manning requirements, routing, and traffic control. Exxon Shipping Company firmly supports the concept of uniformity of maritime law and regulations throughout the United States. Adding other regulatory authority for marine transportation through the proposed Compact could lead to confusion among domestic and international shippers as to which agency has primary jurisdiction over safety standards for vessels transporting oil or hazardous materials.

We understand that over 200 compacts have been adopted by states and approved by Congress. These compacts generally tend to facilitate uniformity of law and regulation associated with interstate commerce and cooperation. The proposed Compact seeks to extend the geographic scope of states' jurisdiction into federal jurisdictional domain. We are concerned that this Compact would not have the intended effect of greater uniformity, but would rather result in significant constitutional disputes over admiralty and maritime jurisdiction with disruptive impacts on national and international shipping.

The proposed Compact would be authorized to conduct hearings, promulgate regulations, negotiate with the federal government, provide technical assistance, conduct environmental monitoring and research, and apply sanctions and penalties for violations. Its liberal wording grants, to an appointed board, extensive authorities equal to or exceeding those generally delegated to elected state and federal legislative bodies. With all this apparent authority, there is no clear indication or direction as to how these powers are to be exercised or implemented, or how the funding to enforce the authority would be developed.

The premise that there are no effective means for adjoining states to address mutual concerns related to the transport of oil and hazardous substances is not accurate. Such concerns can be addressed by state governments and through the federal government agencies (U.S. Departments of Transportation and State) which, in turn can represent appropriate concerns to international bodies such as the International Maritime Organization.

In conclusion, Exxon Shipping Company supports the concept of uniformity of maritime law and regulations throughout the United States. Our industry is multi-state and international in scope, and therefore we believe uniformity of approach to such issues is absolutely critical.

The Compact would move away from this concept by creating a regulatory body with the authority to impose an unnecessary layer of regulations. Exxon Shipping Company cannot support the regulatory provisions encompassed by the legislative language. These regulatory provisions are inappropriate - especially in view of the recent state and federal legislation now being implemented.

Accordingly, Exxon Shipping Company urges this Committee to oppose the passage of SB 102.

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Written Statement  
of  
Kurt R. Oxley  
ARCO Transportation Company  
  
Senate Finance Committee  
Hearing on S.B. 102  
The Pacific Ocean Resources Compact

April 9, 1992

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Attachment B

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee; my name is Kurt Oxley. I am a Government Relations Consultant with ARCO Transportation Company, the transportation subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield Company - more commonly known as ARCO. ARCO is a major U.S. based producer and marketer of petroleum and petroleum products, natural gas, coal, and petrochemicals. We are also a major transporter of petroleum by water and pipeline in the Mid-Continent region of the U.S. By far, our greatest transportation activity occurs along the West Coast, both through our 21 percent ownership interest in the Trans Alaska Pipeline, as well as on ARCO Marine's ten vessel U.S.-flag tanker fleet.

ARCO Transportation is keenly interested in S.B. 102, the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact. We have participated in discussions of this topic before the Oceans Committee of the Western Legislative Conference, and have registered our concerns with the Compact proposal when it was considered in the states of Washington, Oregon, and California. I appreciate the opportunity to present my written statement to you today.

The Compact, a concept which seeks to regulate oil and hazardous substance transportation, spill prevention and response, and other maritime and coastal concerns, including the extension of the State's coastal economic zones from three miles to two hundred miles is fraught with implementation as well as operational problems. While the Compact proposal before you today would enter into force upon its ratification by two or more of the five Western States, it will also require the approval of the U.S. Congress.

Arco Transportation remains committed to the belief that the coordination of oil spill prevention and response plans, both among the Western States, as well as with the Federal Government is important in achieving optimal environmental protection. This goal is achievable by increased coordination of Western State policies, with an eye towards building upon, instead of supplanting, the Federal framework.

While changes have been made in comparison to the original Compact proposal, moving it in the direction of increased coordination among the participating states with more active participation in the Federal legislative and regulatory process, the concept of a formal, Congressionally approved, Compact is still troublesome. There are three primary concerns with the compact approach in this instance. My first concern arises from the fact that the Western States, and Alaska in particular, were quick in developing

legislation to better ensure safe oil transportation and to protect their waters, resources, and citizenry from oil spills. ARCO Transportation welcomed an opportunity to participate in the oil spill legislative process and continues to provide input to state agencies as regulations are formulated which implement the legislation. To sweep this all aside in an effort to legislate uniformity between the Western States is a misplaced, duplicative, and expensive effort.

Secondly, I am also concerned that the Compact would supersede newly established Federal laws and regulations which provide a uniform framework for ocean policy in Federal waters. The wide-ranging improvements in spill prevention and response which will arise out of the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 are, just as with the Alaska law, still in the implementation process.

Last of all, the addition of another layer of government, one which would come between state entities and the federal government is counterproductive. The current Federal/State review and regulatory process can be burdensome - an intermediary Compact layer would only further complicate the process.

If the primary thrust of the Compact is one of increased input into the Federal regulatory process while achieving uniformity among Western State regulations, ARCO Transportation believes that such goals are achievable without a Compact. Many states are active participants in Federal regulation development. Similarly, state coordination can be achieved through interstate working groups without the negatives associated the Compact process. The proposed compact and its accompanying new organization will be duplicative of Alaska State agency personnel. These additional costs must be shared between the Compact members in a formula which has yet to be determined.

At a time when the legislature is having to make difficult choices in reducing the budget, the addition of increased and open-ended Compact expenses, with questionable benefits to state citizens must be carefully scrutinized. This fact, coupled with the loss of individual state autonomy and prerogative, argues against the adoption of the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact.

## MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Law

TO: Deborah Behr  
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DATE: April 8, 1992

FILE NO:

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SUBJECT: SB 102 - Pacific Ocean  
Resources Compact

FROM: Breck C. Tostevin *BCT*  
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This memorandum reviews the legal impact of SB 102 on the State of Alaska's ability to regulate the transportation of oil and hazardous substances on its navigable waters.

SB 102 would approve a Pacific Ocean Resources Compact between California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and potentially the Province of British Columbia. The Compact would take effect after one or more of the above states ratify the compact in substantially the same form and the Compact receives the consent of the United States Congress.

The consent of Congress is required by the federal Constitution for such compacts between the States that might alter the political power of the states affected, and thus expand into an area of federal concern, or compacts that involve foreign governments. U.S. Const. Art. I, Sec. 10; Texas v. New Mexico, 462 U.S. 554, 568 (1983); Seattle Master Builders Ass'n v. Pacific Northwest Elec. Power and Conservation Planning Council, 786 F.2d 1359 (9th Cir. 1986). Once approved by Congress, a compact becomes federal law, can be enforced in federal court and supersedes state law. See Cuyler v. Adams, 449 U.S. 433, 439-40 (1981); Vacation &

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Holiday Fund v. New York Waterfront Comm'n, 732 F.2d 292 (2d Cir. 1984); State ex rel Intake Water Co. v. Board of Nat. Res. & Conserv. of the State of Montana, 645 P.2d 383, 387 (Mont. 1982), cert. denied, 459 U.S. 969 (1982).

In general, the Compact established in SB 102 would simply establish a forum for cooperative efforts of the party states and would not limit the internal regulatory powers of the member states. However, three provisions in Article V of the Compact have the potential to significantly alter the State of Alaska's regulation of oil and hazardous substance transportation in state waters. In particular, Article V(a)(2) would create an unified "Compact region" in which the Compact would establish and enforce oil and hazardous substance contingency plans for vessels. Pursuant to this article, the Compact would adopted uniform regulations for the region that are "consistent" with response plan requirements established under the federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990.<sup>1</sup> Once in place, the "compact contingency plans" would supersede individual state plans. Individual state contingency plans approved prior to the adoption of compact plan regulations would remain in effect until their expiration, at which point they would be subject to the compact plan regulations. Article V(a)(10) would allow the compact to establish sanctions for violations of

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<sup>1</sup> These federal response plans will not be in place until the U.S. Coast Guard adopts regulations establishing the planning standards applicable to these vessels and barges.

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the rules and regulations of the Compact and impose those sanctions pursuant to standards of review established in the federal Administrative Procedures Act.

The Compact provides that the Compact will "work closely with officials of the [member States] to assure that the vessel contingency plans required under this compact include all subject areas included by the member parties." However, there is no assurance that the requirements of Alaska's Oil Spill Contingency Law <sup>2</sup> will be fully included in the Compact's contingency plan regulations. It is worth noting that the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 does not preempt state law in the area of vessel contingency planning. See 33 U.S.C. § 2718. However, once adopted, these Compact plans would preempt state individual requirements. See Art. V(3), p. 8 lines 8-9.

Second, Article V(b)(6) would empower the Compact to enter into an agreement with the United States Coast Guard to administer compliance with the federal government's proof of financial responsibility under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. However, once delegated to the Compact these federal requirements would supersede individual state financial requirements. Again, it should be noted that Congress in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 specifically granted the States authority to impose their own unique financial responsibility requirements. See 33 U.S.C. §

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2 AS 46.04.030 and the implementing regulations at 18 AAC 75.

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2718. The State would be giving up its right to impose requirements different from the federal provisions and would not necessarily gain a more uniform tougher standard along the Pacific Coast.

Finally, article V(b)(9) would allow the Compact to grant variances from compact rules or regulations. A variance would be based upon a showing that the activity allowed will have no regional affect and that the variance is economically necessary. The variance would not be allowed if the result would be less stringent requirements than those imposed under federal law. However, under the above standard a variance could be granted or denied when the affected state disagrees and when the activity only affected that one member state. Thus, a variance could be granted to a requirement of Alaska law that is more strict than federal law but that would not affect Washington or California. Such a result would clearly present a major departure from existing law under which each coastal state controls its own destiny in the absence of explicit federal preemption. The federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 confirms that the State of Alaska can maintain its own individual oil pollution liability, contingency planning and financial responsibility requirements. 33 U.S.C. §§ 1321(o), 2718.

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cc: Craig Tillery

## PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT

### Multi-State Compacts

A compact is a multi-state agreement consented to by Congress, through which states form a governing body pertaining to issues of regional concern.<sup>1</sup> Multi-state compacts have been used to address problems such as air pollution, land use planning, and water allocation. The one consistent theme of all multi-state compacts is the presence of a regulatory problem which transcends state boundaries. In the case of the proposed Pacific Ocean Resources Compact, the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington (and potentially British Columbia as a non-voting member) would join in a multi-state compact for the purpose of the regulation of shipments of oil and hazardous substances which impact the region. The Compact does not address resource management or allocation, or the regulation of fisheries.

In structure, compacts are formal agreements enacted by statute in the legislatures of the separate states--the wording of each state's statute is essentially the same. Once ratified by each state and approved by Congress, the compact cannot be altered, repealed, revoked or ignored by a member state. Because it is approved by Congress, the compact is a federal rather than state law as it relates to legal, Constitutional objectives. As a result of Congressional approval which bestows federal authority, a multi-state compact, by definition, does not interfere with interstate commerce. Therefore, the multi-state compact agency can address resource problems with regulations that compact members could not do as individual states.<sup>2</sup>

The Pacific Ocean Resources Compact as currently proposed will have three members from each of the states of Alaska, California,

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<sup>1</sup>Much of the information contained in this overview summarizes, Harry Bader, "Potential Utility of and Interstate Compact as a Vehicle for Oil Spill Prevention and Response," and Alison Rieser, "Federal Pre-Emption Considerations for State Oil Spill Prevention and Response Arrangements," in Alaska Oil Spill Commission, SPILL, The Wreck of the Exxon Valdez, Appendix M, State of Alaska, February 1990.

<sup>2</sup>For example, many of the regulations Alaska enacted in 1976 concerning oil tanker safety standards, the coastal protection fund, and tanker searches that were prohibited in Chevron v. Hammond in 1979, or removed from statute after Ray v. Atlantic, could theoretically have been permitted had they been enacted by a compact to which Alaska was a member.

Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. Fiscal support of the compact agency is in proportion to each state's portion of the total gross states' product with no state paying more than 50 percent or less than ten percent of the agency's annual budget. Selection and compensation of each state's members is the discretion of the states.

#### Benefits to Alaska of Joining the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact

Alaska can benefit in numerous ways from joining the Pacific compact. The primary benefit is enhanced state sovereignty over issues of critical importance to the state such as the prevention of oil and hazardous waste spills, transportation of oil and hazardous wastes, oil spill contingency planning, and environmental monitoring and research. By forming a multi-state compact approved by Congress, regulatory authority that was previously the exclusive domain of the federal government is transferred to the compact agency. Of particular relevance to the Pacific compact is the jurisdiction over the ocean waters from the state's three-mile limit to the 200-mile limit. Regional spill response and prevention contingency planning would be extended into this 200-mile zone. The compact agency will have the authority to regulate activities related to oil and hazardous substances within this zone.<sup>3</sup>

Of particular concern to Alaska is the compact's ability to influence or regulate aspects of oil tanker transportation such as tanker design, tug escorts, safety equipment, and crew size and training. Undoubtedly, the multi-state compact will have greater authority than the individual states currently have. To the extent that the compact regulates regional North Slope tanker traffic, the compact would not conflict with the federal Ports and Waterways Safety Act which sets tanker safety standards to avoid international conflicts. However, this regulatory authority would be contingent upon North Slope tanker traffic continuing to be confined to the compact region as a result of the export ban. Certain aspects of tanker standards such as double hulls, is likely to receive legal challenge as a result of questions remaining from Ray v. Atlantic Richfield Company and Chevron v. Hammond.

In addition to establishing uniform vessel safety standards, the compact will have the authority to coordinate the oil and hazardous substance spill response plans and programs of the states, federal agencies and private organizations. The compact also establishes requirements for the submission and approval of contingency plans

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<sup>3</sup>In the early 1980s, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game completed a study on the potential effectiveness of multi-state compacts and concluded that they offer little benefit. Since that time, however, the lawsuit Seattle Master Builders v. Pacific Northwest Power and Conservation Council 786 F.2d. 1359 (1986), explicitly established the authority of multi-state compacts.

for vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances in the compact zone. These requirements must be at least as stringent as those required under the federal Oil Spill Pollution Act of 1990.

Alaska's sphere of influence would also be significantly increased because Alaska would comprise one-fifth of the voting power within the compact agency with each party having one vote. In contrast, Alaska holds less than one half percent of voting power in Congress.

In general, industry has expressed support for the uniform set of standards that would result from the Compact. For example, only one vessel contingency plan would be required to operate in the region. Similar legislation has been introduced in the states of California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.

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B.C. ENVIRONMENT

MAR 26 1991

ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY  
SERVICES BRANCH  
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Ms. Gregoire:

Re: Proposed Interstate Compact

I have now had a chance to review the proposed Compact and have the following comments.

It appears that British Columbia cannot become a Party to the proposed Interstate Compact. The Compact makes assumptions and statements with respect to the jurisdiction of the Parties that are not correct as a matter of law when applied to British Columbia.

One of the main purposes of the Compact, "providing uniform regulation of the transportation of oil or hazardous substances within the compact zone" is beyond the Province's constitutional and territorial authority. The differences between our constitutional division of powers and that of the United States makes it difficult if not impossible to join with the states in an effort to jointly (co-operatively) exercise this regulatory authority.

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# MEMORANDUM

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Mr. Richard Dalon  
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Ministry of Environment

March 7, 1991

B.C. ENVIRONMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY  
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VICTORIA, B.C.

Re: Proposed Interstate Compact

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Bill Wolferstan of your Ministry has asked our Branch to review the Interstate Compact proposed by Washington for consideration by the States/B.C. Oil Spill Task Force. John Bones has forwarded a copy of the proposed Compact and related correspondence from the Washington Department of Ecology.

It is my understanding that officials in your Ministry, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Ministry of Regional and Economic Development do not support full membership for B.C. in the Interstate Compact. They support observer status for B.C. as the appropriate alternative.

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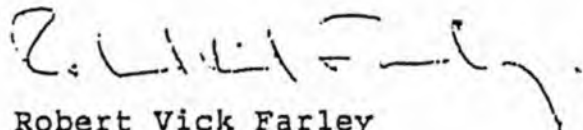
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I hope that this will be of assistance. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Robert Vick Farley  
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Constitutional Affairs,  
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cc: Mr. Jack MacDonald  
Mr. Bill Wolferstan  
✓ Mr. John Bones

ATTACHMENT 1

OIL SPILL  
MEMORANDUM  
OF  
CO-OPERATION

*Between the*  
Province of British Columbia  
*the*  
State of Washington  
*the*  
State of Oregon  
*the*  
State of Alaska  
*and the*  
State of California



June 1989

# OIL SPILL

## MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION

Whereas the Province of British Columbia (the "Province") and the States of Washington, Alaska, Oregon and California (the "States") have a mandate to enhance the environment and protect it from oil spills; and

Whereas the Province and the States share and manage common transboundary fish and wildlife particularly in and near the waters of the Pacific Ocean; and

Whereas the Province and the States concur that such fish and wildlife and the supporting environment must be given the fullest protection from damage caused by spills and other discharges of oil; and

Whereas it is paramount to maintain and improve a co-ordinated response to prevent, reduce, or overcome the effects of an oil spill in our respective waters, within the framework of the Canada-U.S.A. Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan; and

Whereas the future requires continued need for co-operation in preventing or abating oil spills in the aforementioned waters, including the participation of the Federal Governments of Canada and the United States;

Now therefore, in recognition of the spirit of co-operation which has characterized their efforts thus far, the Province of British Columbia, through its Premier, the Honourable W. N. Vander Zalm, and the State of Washington, through its Governor, the Honourable Booth Gardner, the State of Oregon, through its Governor, the Honourable Neil Goldschmidt, the State of Alaska, through its Governor, the Honourable Steve Cowper, and the State of California, through its Governor, the Honourable George Deukmejian, join together in this memorandum of co-operation pertaining to the resolution of mutual problems of oil spill pollution in the aforementioned waters. In this regard the Province and the States have formed an Oil Spill Task Force to develop co-ordinated programs for oil pollution prevention, abatement and response.

The Task Force is chaired jointly by the British Columbia Deputy Minister of Environment, the Washington Director of Department of Ecology, the Oregon Director of Department of Environmental Quality, the California Environmental Affairs Agency, and the Alaska Commissioner of Department of Environmental Conservation. To ensure future effective co-ordination of intergovernmental efforts, representatives of each government will be appointed to maintain this memorandum. This responsibility will be included in the job descriptions of these representatives and written notification of their appointment will be provided to all other parties to this memorandum. These representatives will meet annually to review progress and plan future co-operation. Four subcommittees have been established to address:

- (1) Prevention Alternatives
- (2) Technology Sharing
- (3) Emergency Response
- (4) Financial Recovery.

Issues addressed by the subcommittees will include:

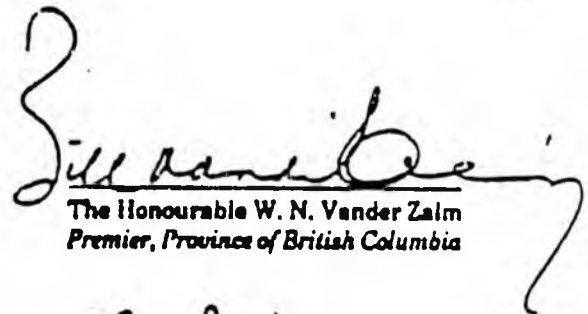
- (1) the creation of a joint emergency response plan;
- (2) an evaluation of capabilities and technologies for spill prevention, response and containment;
- (3) a review of tanker safety, routes and operating requirements;
- (4) an inventory of equipment, material, and personnel available to either the Province or the States for use in oil spill control and clean-up operations;
- (5) joint spill response drills and training.

The duration of this memorandum is intended to be perpetual, but each party may terminate at will its agreement by giving written notice to the other parties.

The parties do not intend by this memorandum to create any separate legal or administrative entity.


Each party shall bear its own expenses of co-operating pursuant to this memorandum.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1989.



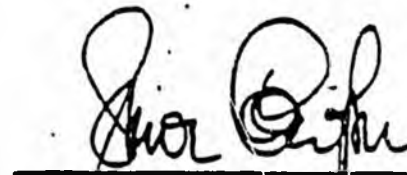
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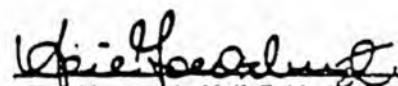
The Honourable Booth Gardner  
Governor, State of Washington

Signed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1989.



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Governor, State of Alaska

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1989.



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Governor, State of Oregon

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1989.

George Dukmejian  
The Honorable George Dukmejian  
Governor, State of California

## STATES/B.C. TASK FORCE

Membership includes Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California. Commissioner Sandor serves as Task Force member representing State of Alaska. Staff needed to complete Task Force functions provided voluntarily from all jurisdictions if available.

Task force organized in aftermath of Nestucca barge spill and Exxon Valdez disaster. Organization formalized by a Memorandum of Cooperation completed in November, 1989. During formation of the Task Force, meetings at the Commissioner level were held quarterly. The Task Force now holds an Annual Meeting, scheduled this year for Portland, Oregon on May 28. Staff meetings occur quarterly.

Immediate goal of Task Force was realized with completion of Final Report in October, 1990. Report includes 46 joint recommendations requiring implementation at the State, Provincial and federal levels. To date many of these recommendations have been implemented in Alaska.

Current focus of Task Force centers on implementing Annual Action Plan through four subcommittees: Prevention, Rules Coordination, Technology, and Emergency Response. Subcommittees serve as important clearinghouses for information sharing and rulemaking consistency.

Prevention remains the primary goal of Task Force, requiring continuous re-evaluation of preventative lessons learned from recent spills (such as the Tenyo Maru and the Kenai Pipeline spills) and identification of specific technology and research needs.

Rules coordination also receives significant emphasis from the Task Force. Recent efforts have focused on providing consolidated input into federal rulemaking pursuant to OPA 90. The Task Force's goal is to provide a level regulatory playing field and the best possible regulatory standardization, not only for benefit of industry, but for public and the environment. The present Task Force structure dictates that this is to be achieved voluntarily through existing legal mechanisms within individual jurisdictions.

Technology efforts have focused on developing standards for geographic information systems and to serve as a clearinghouse for coordinating the multitude of research and development efforts of Task Force members among each other and the federal governments. In this way, individual member efforts can be "leveraged" for greater common benefits.

Emergency response efforts are concentrating on upgrading mutual aid agreements, terms and conditions among individual members. Alaska has much to gain from aid agreements to provide emergency response resources, and from sharing information of mutual concern, such as providing departing tank vessel inspection reports in return for ballast water shipment information.



Four Pacific coast states and the Province of British Columbia have combined resources to form the States/B.C. Oil Spill Task Force. The map shows important transboundary marine transportation routes for crude and refined oil that may potentially impact Task Force members.

# States / British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force

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Alaska

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B.C. Environment

Michael Kahoe  
California

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August 15, 1991

Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Governor, State of Alaska  
Honourable Rita Johnston, Premier, Province of British Columbia  
Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor, State of California  
Honorable Barbara Roberts, Governor, State of Oregon  
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Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

We are pleased to announce the inauguration of the 1991-1992 Action Plan for the States / British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force. This plan is intended to maintain and expand the Task Force's leadership in marine oil spill prevention and response. It will also guide us in working together with industry, our federal governments, and others to avert the serious environmental and economic consequences of major marine oil spills. A copy of the Action Plan is enclosed for your information.

The Task Force was established in the spring of 1989 and was formalized by the *Oil Spill Memorandum of Cooperation*, signed by the Premier of British Columbia and Governors of Washington, Alaska, Oregon and California. It is charged with the resolution of mutual concerns related to pollution caused by marine oil spills, and the coordination of our individual efforts in order to achieve a consistently high level of protection and response capability for the Pacific Coast of North America.

The Task Force has been very successful in addressing its first phase agenda. During 1990, we accomplished a major milestone with the publication of the *Final Report of the States / British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force*, and we have received national attention for our leadership in the arenas of spill prevention and response. Moreover, the "final report" and its many supporting technical studies have been used successfully, in every one of the Task Force members' jurisdictions, as a resource and point of departure for significant new legislative, policy and technical initiatives.

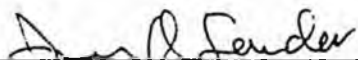
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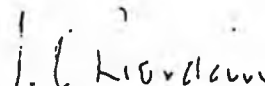
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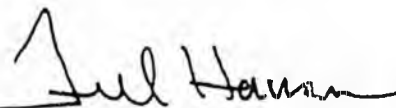
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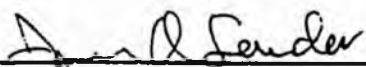
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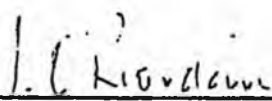
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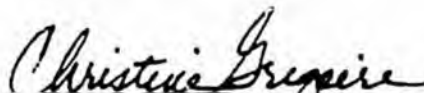
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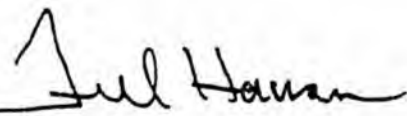
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# States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force 1991 - 1992 Action Plan

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The Final Report of the State/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force was published in October 1990. This report adopted a comprehensive set of recommendations which, if implemented, would minimize the probability of major and catastrophic spills and help assure an effective response to such incidents.

With the recent change in 4 out of 5 of the west coast State/Provincial Administrations, the passage of major spill related legislative packages, and the completion of the final report, the Task Force is taking this opportunity to review its mission and renew its commitment to be an advocate for effective oil spill prevention and response under the Oil Spill Memorandum of Cooperation (1989).

The theme for activities in 1991 will be cooperation and information sharing among the members in an effort to improve regulatory consistency and efficiency. This theme is particularly important at this juncture given the large number of state/provincial and federal rules which are currently being developed. This rule development process provides an unusual opportunity for the Task Force members to share expertise and coordinate individual actions to achieve consistency, and to provide unified input into federal rule making. Input into federal rules will assure that they address West Coast needs and that these rules are effectively integrated with state/provincial initiatives. The Task Force has also reaffirmed its commitment to focusing on spill **prevention**, recognizing that response efforts can not effectively eliminate the impact of large oil spills. Although the Task Force has decided not to address hazardous substances as part of its mission, many of the findings may prove applicable to the prevention and response to this type of spill event.

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The membership and objectives of subcommittees are slightly modified and the Chairs have been rotated. The Task Force will establish one set of key Task Force "advisors" who will be available to consult with the subcommittees and review draft reports prepared by the Task Force. The advisors will be: the Canadian and United States Coast Guards, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and Environment Canada. In the event that subcommittees need additional input, the chairs may ask a philosophically balanced group of representatives from industry, environmental organizations, local

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### MEMBERSHIP:

Roger Dunstan, CA - Chair  
Bruce Sutherland, OR  
Bill Wolferstan, BC  
Chris Pace, AK  
Jon Neel, WA

### OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:

- The Prevention Subcommittee will serve as the mechanism to evaluate new technologies/systems which may be effective in preventing oil spills. The Subcommittee will focus on policy issues and utilize the following sources of information to evaluate the need for preparing new draft recommendations:

- A. Evaluations of the causes of major oil spills;
- B. The findings of the Technology and Research Subcommittee;
- C. Special studies by the Task Force; and
- D. Other sources of information.

### TASKS AND MAJOR MILESTONES:

- Develop a list of potential key Task Force advisors for review and approval by the Task Force. (Schedule for completion - August 1991).
- Provide a mechanism for States and British Columbia to coordinate on prevention policy issues. (Schedule for completion - Ongoing).
- Evaluate the need for prevention related studies in specific geographic areas.
- Serve as a focal point for evaluating and drafting additional Task Force spill prevention recommendations. This task will be accomplished in part through participation in the debriefing process after major spills have occurred. (Schedule for completion - January 1992).
- Review and provide coordinated input into the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) deliberations by providing comments to the respective Coast Guards and State Departments. (Schedule for completion - dependent upon IMO addressing key issues).

## Emergency Response Subcommittee (B.C. Chair)

### MEMBERSHIP:

Dean Monterey, BC - Chair  
Bruce Sutherland, OR  
Chris Pace, AK  
Jon Neel, WA  
Roger Dunstan, CA

### OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:

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## Emergency Response Subcommittee (B.C. Chair)

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## Rules Coordination and Review Subcommittee (Washington Chair)

### MEMBERSHIP:

Lin Bernhardt, WA - Chair  
Bruce Sutherland, OR  
John Bones, BC  
Lynn Kent, AK  
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## Technology and Research Subcommittee (Alaska Chair)

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Fiscal Note

1991 Regular Legislative Session  
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION  
Prepared by the Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 500  
STATUS: C-Engrossed  
SUBJECT: Ratifies Pacific Ocean Resources Compact.  
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Land Conservation and  
Development, Legislative Assembly  
PREPARED BY: Ken Rocco  
REVIEWED BY: Ann Glaze, John Lattimer  
DATE: 6/26/91

	<u>1991-93</u>	<u>1993-95</u>
<b>EFFECT ON EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Emergency Board	General Fund	\$ 25,000
Legislative Assembly		Indeterminate

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: Measure is not included in Governor's budget.

**COMMENTS:**

The measure, as amended, provides ratification of the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact by the Legislative Assembly. The compact is designed to coordinate protection of marine and coastal resources by the States of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington. The amended measure provides for a General Fund appropriation to the Emergency Board of \$25,000 to carry out the provisions of the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact. The appropriation reflects the amount anticipated for the initial costs of maintaining involvement with the compact while the ratification process occurs in other states.

Each ratifying state is to appoint two persons to act as representatives to the compact. As amended, one member of the Senate and one member of the House are to be appointed to represent Oregon. The fiscal impact on the Legislative Assembly depends on several unknowns such as the date of ratification and the number and location of meetings. Funds are allocated to the Legislative Assembly for committees and membership on organizations. The ability of this activity to be funded from the resources depends on the total amount budgeted and on the priorities set by the leadership in allocating the available funds.

Expenditures could increase in subsequent biennia depending on the number of states that ratify the compact and the scope of the compact's activity. Preliminary estimates of the Department of Land Conservation and Development's Ocean Resources Program indicate that a staff of at least three professional level positions would be required for full implementation. Total

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compact expenditures for personal services, travel and office expenses, administrative costs, and capital outlay expenditures could range between \$500,000 and \$750,000 per biennium. Assuming all five states ratify the compact and share expenses on some pro rata basis, Oregon's share could range between \$100,000 and \$150,000 per biennium.

State agencies with responsibilities for marine and coastal resources could encounter additional work due to the compact, but the increase is expected to be minimal.

LEGISLATIVE REVENUE OFFICE

REVENUE IMPACT ANALYSIS

BILL # SB500C

DATE 6-26-91

THE LEGISLATIVE REVENUE OFFICE HAS DETERMINED  
THIS LEGISLATION HAS NO IMPACT ON STATE OR LOCAL  
REVENUES ANALYZED BY THIS OFFICE

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Senator Sam Cotten  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Juneau, AK. 99811

March 14, 1991

Dear Senator Cotten:

We were aware of a compact being worked on by the Pacific Coast states and the Province of British Columbia, however information was somewhat scarce. We are very appreciative of having been brought up to speed on the status of the compact and of Senate Bill No. 102. We have reviewed SB 102 and find both agreements and disagreements with the bill.

This bill, as with HB 567 of 1990, fails to recognize the largest potential for a major oil spill in Alaska or members of the compact. Certainly the Exxon Valdez made an impression, but historically how many tankships have had major spills in the last 12 years? How many large freight vessels and foreign flag passenger vessels have had major spills? A review of U.S. Coast Guard records will show a very real list. In Southeast Alaska and the nearby Canadian waters in recent years - the Lee Wang Zin, the Sundancer, the North Star, just to name a few who have grounded and spilled oil into the water. No, they are not carrying crude oil, but they all carry and use heavy bunker oil (persistent). Some of the old and the majority of the new foreign flag passenger vessels carry in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 gallons of this heavy oil. During the summer they transit throughout Southeast Alaska, Prince William Sound, Seward, and into Anchorage. They do not have onboard any major oil response equipment.

Scenario: At 0200 on a summer morning the foreign flag passenger vessel Rotterdam grounds on a charted pinnacle in the vicinity of the entrance to Glacier Bay, Alaska. Two fuel tank compartments have been holed and heavy bunker oil is leaking. Weather is Southeasterly winds 30 kts with gust to 40; tide is flooding. There are 1200 passengers onboard and the vessel has a 15 degree list.

With this scenario, we have search and rescue - 1800 persons (passengers and crew) in jeopardy, a grounded vessel that may or may not be salvageable, oil in the water and the potential for a lot more oil. They have no C-Plans, no response equipment, no trained personnel to respond, and minimum liability insurance for clean-up. This oil will be around for a long time and the impact will be tremendous and so will the public outrage. Why aren't these vessels required to comply will be the question?

Other oceangoing freight vessels, including fish processors, visit ports year round from Ketchikan to Dutch Harbor and the Pribilofs. These vessels meet the minimum federal pollution prevention regulations but carry very little oil response equipment onboard. If one of these vessels grounded, there would be little to no containment of heavy oil by the spiller.

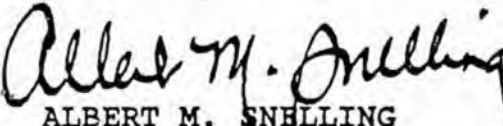
The above noted vessels need to be added to the definitions under Article II and they need to be regulated, as they are the biggest threat to the waters of Alaska and the members of the compact. ADEC appears unwilling to acknowledge these vessels as potential threats, but the compact should, because they are threats.

As noted in your cover letter, we agree an exemption should be made for tank barges transporting non-crude petroleum products to communities. We recommend that instead of deadweight tonnage that vessel exemption be based on the barge capacity. We would recommend tank barges transporting non-persistent oils (gasoline, kerosene, diesel) of not more than 50,000 barrels be exempted. Tank barges are presently under inspection and monitored by the U.S. Coast Guard for safety, manning, and pollution prevention. They carry onboard pollution containment equipment, personnel are licensed/documented, and personnel are trained in oil spill response.

We agree with the uniformity of standards, as we transport not only petroleum products but deck cargo as well to and from Southcentral, Western, and Southeast Alaska. Requiring only one spill C-Plan for petroleum products for the Pacific region would be ideal. There are some standards that would be disadvantageous to industry and we have a disagreement with. Establishing routes that may exclude transit at night or dictate where a class of vessel must navigate; inspection standards for uninspected vessels; manning of vessels. The intent of establishing some of these standards is well meaning however industry must be included in any finalization of compact regulations. Research and studies should be done utilizing all data available and support agencies (Article VIII) should not be agencies of signatory parties. Parties outside the compact should be employed to do the research, as state agencies tend to be partial to the state government and its needs, rather than the needs of the overall people, including industry.

These are the immediate concerns of SB 102 that we have. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

  
ALBERT M. SNELLING  
Safety Officer

cc: Senator Eliason

# NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Jeslie Kaleak, Sr., Mayor



April 13, 1992

Senator Al Adams  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

**Re: Pacific Oceans Resources Compact - CS For Senate Bill 102**

Dear Senator Adams:

The Borough has had the opportunity to quickly review Senate Bill 102 and its accompanying materials. We strongly support in concept the idea of a Pacific Ocean Resources Compact, and the State of Alaska's active participation in such an organization. We have reservations, however, about the means by which Alaska's two or three representatives will be selected (the Bill specifies 2 in Article IV, while the supporting materials indicate that there will be 3 members from each state).

The Borough has long been concerned about the possibility of both American and Canadian oil tanker traffic through the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, and the devastating impacts which a tanker spill might have on our area's resources and our subsistence activities. We have encouraged and continue to support stronger oil spill contingency planning and more realistic spill response exercises. We would be very pleased to see the influence and jurisdiction of the State of Alaska in these matters extended to the 200-mile limit of federal waters through implementation of the Pacific Compact.

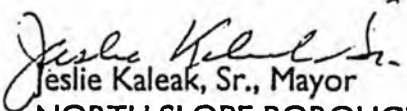
A greater voice is a benefit, however, only if the positions which the Alaskan members will express through the compact are those endorsed by the at-risk coastal regions of the state. We do not believe that representatives

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directly appointed by Governor Hickel will be likely to find favor with the coastal regions. The Governor's history of appointments to positions with influence over resource development and spill contingency planning has been less than positive in our view. We urge you, therefore, to seek amendment of proposed Section 46.47.030 of the statute to require that the representatives of the state to the compact must be appointed by the Governor from nominees submitted by the Citizens' Oversight Council on Oil and Other Hazardous Substances, subject to confirmation by the Legislature. As you are aware, the Council was created by the Legislature in 1990 to promote safe production, transport, and storage of oil and other substances. The attached materials on the Council clearly indicate that it would be a natural extension of its duties to select suitable nominees for appointment to the Pacific Compact.

Thank you for bringing this important legislation to the Borough's attention. I hope our comments have been helpful in your review of the proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Leslie Kaleak, Sr., Mayor  
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

cc: Rep. Eileen MacLean  
Department of Wildlife Management



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

ON

## OIL AND OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

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In 1990 the Legislature created the Citizen's Oversight Council on Oil and Other Hazardous Substances. Creation of the Council was one of the key recommendations of the Alaska Oil Spill Commission. Below are some questions and answers about the Council.

### Q. WHAT IS THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ON OIL AND OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES?

>The Citizen's Oversight Council on Oil and Other Hazardous Substances is a legislatively appointed, permanent, five member panel whose sole responsibility is to promote the safe production, transport and storage of oil and other substances.

### Q. WHY CREATE A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COUNCIL?

>Currently, no agency of state or federal government has, as its sole responsibility, the safe production, transport and handling of hazardous substances.

>The Alaska Oil Spill Commission felt that only an independent citizen's group can provide the continuing vigilance necessary for proper oversight of state and federal regulatory agencies.

### Q. WHO MAY SERVE ON THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COUNCIL?

>Citizen's who have no direct financial stake in the oil industry but who do have an interest in and a commitment to preventing oil and hazardous substance releases. Council terms are for four years except that the first appointments

will include a one year, a two year, a three year and two four terms.

Q. WHO MAY NOT SERVE ON THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COUNCIL?

>Elected officials or any federal, state or municipal employees or contractors directly or indirectly involved in the oversight or regulation of the oil industry.

>Oil industry employees or any contractors or subcontractors to the oil industry are prohibited from serving on the Citizen's Oversight Council.

Q. WHO APPOINTS MEMBERS OF THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COUNCIL?

>Members are appointed by the Legislative Council, a permanent, joint House/Senate Committee of the Alaska State Legislature.

Q. WHAT AUTHORITY DOES THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COUNCIL HAVE?

>The Council has an advisory role in state government. There are seven specific directives to the Council in the enabling legislation. They all direct the Council to assess the risks of oil and hazardous substance spills in Alaska, to make that information known and to recommend action on the part of the responsible agencies.

>The Council has the power to conduct investigations, subpoena witnesses and require the production of files, books and papers necessary for the proper conduct of investigations.

>The Council is to serve as a coordinating group for other citizen groups in Alaska.

Q. ARE THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COUNCIL MEMBERS PAID?

>No. The Council budget includes money only for travel and expenses for the members.

Q. HOW MUCH TIME WILL MEMBERS HAVE TO DEVOTE TO THE COUNCIL?

>There is no set amount of time that must be devoted to the Council. However, the Legislative Council is looking for five citizens who regard the prevention of releases of oil and other hazardous substances as a serious and important matter to the future of Alaska. In a oil dependent state such as Alaska, the promotion of prevention will be a complex and time-consuming matter.

The Council will probably meet on a regular basis, either in person or through the teleconference system. Public hearings will probably be held on an irregular basis. The current budget includes money for travel to six meetings.

Council members will have the assistance of staff. The Council budget includes money for two employees, an administrator and a secretary. More than \$100 thousand in contractual money is available for research projects.

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## Spill council organized

The Associated Press

JUNEAU — Five Alaskans have been named to a new advisory council that will determine whether government agencies are properly regulating the transportation and handling of oil and other hazardous substances.

The state Citizens' Oversight Council on Oil and Other Hazardous Substances was created by the 1990 legislature in response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The legislature found that "a pervasive contributing factor to the Exxon Valdez disaster was the complacency of the oil industry and the federal and state agencies." It concluded "it is essential to involve local citizens to help ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations."

The council will file an annual report with the legislature and governor assessing the performance of state and federal agencies and recommending changes in laws and procedures to improve environmental safety.

Its members were recently appointed by the Legislative Council, the panel of lawmakers that handles legislative business between sessions. The members are:

• Leo Hannan, a retired engineering technician with the U.S. Air Force in An-

chorage.

• John H. Lucking Jr., a sergeant with the Unalaska police force.

• Harry R. Bader, an assistant professor of natural resources management at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

• Gary Kompkoff, a commercial fisherman and village council president in Tatitlek.

• Kathryn L. Kinnear of Kodiak, a national board member of the Women's Fisheries Network.

The council plans to hold its first organizational meeting Wednesday in Anchorage at the Legislative Information Office.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA PETROLEUM RESOURCE ORGANIZATION  
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03/19/91

Statement concerning the proposed adoption of the Pacific  
Ocean Resources Compact by SB 102 & HB 135

The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization, SEAPRO, is a recently formed cooperative organization representing several oil transporters, oil terminals, and bulk oil users who do business in the Southeast Alaska region. Our area of operation is from Dixon Entrance to Yakutat, and our headquarters office is located in Ketchikan. The purpose of the organization is to enhance the regional industry's ability to respond to oil spills which may occur in this area, especially any spill which may be greater than the capacity of any one member to control and clean up. Currently SEAPRO operates as an information network between member companies, other regional companies, government agencies, and other pollution response organizations. One of the goals of this network is to be able to provide a rapid and comprehensive means of communication between industry and government which will allow more efficient planning for pollution prevention and response, plus acquire appropriate pollution response resources as rapidly and efficiently as possible in the event that they are needed.

Over the past couple of days we have been reviewing the proposed Pacific Ocean Resource Compact in light of it's potential impact on pollution prevention and response within our area of concern, which includes the adjacent waters of British Columbia. It is the opinion of SEAPRO management that this Compact offers some potential benefits in advancing pollution prevention and response, but that it also contains several technical deficiencies and omissions which should be corrected in advance of adoption.

#### BENEFITS

1. The adoption of the Compact, especially if British Columbia is included, should improve overall pollution prevention and response efficiency. All of the Pacific coastal jurisdictions are in the process of adopting rules, regulations, and procedures which are intended to enhance pollution prevention and response. Unfortunately, each jurisdiction seems to be creating different approaches to solving the same problems. The multiplicity and duplication caused by this circumstance has forced industry to expend time, energy, and resources, sometimes at cross purposes, in attempts to divine means of compliance with the anticipated desires of each separate jurisdiction.

(1. Continued) Establishing a single set of rules to govern the entire region will allow industry to focus it's efforts and expenditures in those areas which are mutually determined to be of greatest benefit toward pollution prevention and response.

2. Adoption of the Compact should improve the expertise of each individual jurisdiction. Currently, each individual state or province is limited in it's pollution specific expertise by it's own internal capability to acquire and maintain such expertise. Additionally, the expertise acquired by any particular jurisdiction is generally limited to the specific concerns of the agencies within that region. This handicap greatly limits the broader professional knowledge which is necessary to keep abreast of technological trends or developments which tend to antiquate specific regulations as well as prevention and response planning and methods. The Compact could act to centralize available expertise and distribute information tailored to the specific need of any particular jurisdiction, thereby increasing the access to expertise for all of the jurisdictions without necessarily having to maintain such expertise "in house".

3. Adoption of the Compact should force the federal government to improve the level of professionalism within their regulatory agencies. Enforcement of the Compact requirements will fall on the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard has been charged with enforcing pollution prevention and vessel safety regulations for decades. Unfortunately, due to a number of complex personnel policies and conditions within the Coast Guard, the level of professional competence at the inspection and enforcement level has deteriorated over the past several years. This condition has caused resentment of, and decreased cooperation with, Coast Guard inspectors by many in industry. Requiring the Coast Guard to enforce the provisions adopted by the Compact will allow the several jurisdictions direct oversight over the Coast Guard's professional performance. This may well force the leadership of the Coast Guard to adopt policies and procedures which will improve the level of professional competence of their inspectors and administrators, thereby increasing industries willingness to cooperate with those personnel. The end result would be an improvement in the overall material condition of merchant vessels and waterfront facilities.

TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES

1. There seems to be a growing trend by legislators to be overly specific in technical terms when creating new law. We view this as a serious mistake. For example, under Article II Definitions (5), you end the definition of "oil" with the words "liquified natural gas, or propane". While propane is a petroleum product, (liquified petroleum gas), it is only one of a series of such products.

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(1. Continued) By adopting such precise language you specifically omit other similar petroleum gasses such as butane, propylene, and butylene which are capable of liquefaction by pressurization only, while specifying LNG, (methane), which is not capable of liquefaction unless refrigerated to extreme temperatures. Aside from the fact that none of these gasses, especially LNG, pose any serious environmental threat if spilled, and aside from the fact that technology to contain these products if spilled does not exist, the attempted specificity makes the law appear silly in the eyes of professionals, and creates serious problems of compliance and enforcement.

2. Article II Definitions (8) gives a definition for "vessel" which appears to be legally insufficient. It appears that an attempt to specify tank vessels is being made, but falls short of doing so. It also points to three additional characters, "bulk", "cargo" and "residue", which are key to the definition of a vessel, yet these three characters are not defined. All three of these characters have specific definitions under 33 CFR, 46 CFR, and 49 CFR. It would be interesting to know which definition this law envisions. Also, since you are dealing with interstate commerce, possibly international commerce, it would be nice if the definition of "vessel" were a little more in compliance with that which is specified in 1 USC.

3. Article II Definitions (8) (B) ends with the words "in a place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States." Since this Compact could possibly include an international jurisdiction, possibly that wording should be changed to "in a place subject to the jurisdiction of the Compact."

4. Unfortunately, we have not had sufficient time to thoroughly analyze the proposed legislation in conjunction with the referenced laws, but we tend to believe that the general concept is acceptable if specific technical details of the regulations promulgated under the referenced laws are directly incorporated by the Compact.

#### OMISSIONS

The most serious omission of this proposed Compact is that it patently ignores existing and future threats to the environment. As is traditional after all oil spills which achieve notoriety, the public, (media), clamors for action and politicians pass laws to prevent a repetition of similar incidents. The problem is that usually such actions are directed at closing the barn door through which the horse has already bolted. The legislation drawn usually envisions a specific incident, but it's impacts will be felt in places unimagined.

This certainly has been the case with all of the environmental legislation passed by Alaska since the EXXON VALDEZ, and it appears to be the case here. As is clear from attempting to define a "vessel" within this legislation, everybody seems to have put their blinders on and are focusing on "tank vessels". Specifically tank vessels carrying crude oil. While tank vessels carrying crude oil will always pose a threat to the environment, they are not the sole threat. Unfortunately, the entire state of Alaska seems to be oblivious to the fact that there are other vessels plying our waters which also threaten the environment, as well as the health and safety of large numbers of people.

Every year for the past ten years, there have been significant casualties involving foreign flag cruise ships either in Alaskan waters, enroute to Alaska, or just departing Alaska. Of these, the fire and sinking of the PRINZENDAM, and the grounding and sinking of the SUN DANCER resulted in significant pollution. Fortunately, the first happened well out to sea, while the other occurred in Canada. But several others such as the DAPHNE and NORTH STAR have resulted in moderate pollution of Alaskan waters.

Many of these ships carry large quantities of heavy fuel oil which looks and acts much like crude oil. These ships proceed into some of the most sensitive habitats in our state, through difficult navigational areas, with the added pressure of keeping precise time schedules. None of these ships have contingency plans, none have adequate pollution response or control equipment, none have adequately trained spill response personnel, and all are capable of protecting themselves from legal claims arising from a ship casualty. Of course none of us will be all that concerned with environmental protection when one of these ships goes to the bottom hazarding the lives of 800 visitors to our state, but oil pollution will be a by-product of such a tragedy. You are courting disaster by not recognizing this threat and planning accordingly.

In addition to cruise ships, a significant number of foreign flag freight ships call at locations large and small throughout the state. Again, these vessels carry large quantities of heavy fuel, and they have a history of causing pollution incidents, although not as frequently as cruise ships. The most serious pollution incident in Southeast Alaska's history was caused by such a ship sinking in Dixon Entrance, and a couple of freight trampers have caused environmental damage in the Aleutians over the past couple of years.

Finally, the rapidly increasing size and number of "uninspected" fishing vessels bearing the U.S. flag working Alaskan waters also pose a serious threat. Recently one such vessel sank in Tongass Narrows in front of the oil terminals in Ketchikan, causing the largest oil spill in that community in many years. Because these vessels have had the political ability to prevent themselves from falling under Coast Guard inspection, they usually fall far below the material condition, damage control capability, and manning standards of even the foreign flag cruise ships. Again these ships pose a substantial threat to the environment, not to mention the threat to the health and safety of their crews and innocent by-standers, yet the threat they pose is being ignored.

Another omission, or more correctly a mis-classification, which will lead to serious deficiencies in pollution prevention and preparedness planning has already been encoded in HB 567 which was passed last year, and has been the cause of furious regulatory activity so far this year. This is the professionally unacceptable mistake of dividing oils into the categories of crude oil and non-crude oil for the purpose of assigning pollution regulation applicability. The use of the wording crude and non-crude was an apparent attempt by the legislature to recognize that certain non-persistent oils common to the Alaskan transportation system pose a lesser threat to the environment than does "Alaskan" crude oils. This division then was established to allow for a lesser degree of financial responsibility and even prevention and preparedness measures.

Those of us in the oil pollution business divide oils by there tendency to pose threats to the environment. The terms persistent and non-persistent are the classifications normally use to determine the gross environmental threat of a product. We tend to think of crude oil as persistent, however, there are numerous examples of crude oils which exhibit characteristics similar to gasoline or case head oils. We also tend to think of non-crude oils as non-persistent. But Number 6 oil, Bunker C, and Asphalt are all examples of non-crude oils which are highly persistent when spilled into the marine environment. In the first case, there is little concern because we do not experience very light crude oils in the Alaskan transportation system. In the second case, however, there is very real cause for concern, because we experience all three of the products mentioned with relative frequency in Alaska.

In our view, the threat to the environment posed by a spill of 100,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil or asphalt is roughly similar to a 100,000 gallon spill of "Alaskan" crude oil.

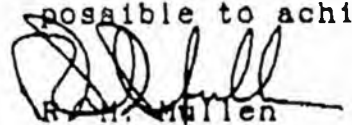
If you judge the threat to the environment by the relative persistence of the product, you can see how foolish it is for the state to treat oils of relatively equal persistence as a lesser threat than "Alaskan" crude oil. Yet this is exactly the situation created by the wording of HB 587. This is another example of trying to be over technical in writing law when you have little professional knowledge of the subject at hand.

Our reason for mentioning this last item is to illustrate the almost impossible regulatory compliance climate which is being developed by the State of Alaska. While Alaska has lead the pack in creating an impossible compliance climate, it is not alone. All of the other jurisdictions considering the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact are working toward equally impossible regulations.

It is our hope that by placing the authority for further development of pollution prevention and response regulations under a single jurisdiction, we will be able to then work with that jurisdiction to achieve a more rational and professional approach to controlling the threat posed by the transportation of oils and hazardous materials than is currently possible.

It is also our hope that in the event this Compact is not established in the very near future, that the Alaska State Legislature will revisit the legislation passed in the wake of the EXXON VALDEZ, assess the damage which those laws and subsequent regulations are doing to Alaskan businesses, and make adjustments which improve the regulatory compliance capabilities of our businesses without compromising environmental protection.

Our organization stands ready to assist you in any way possible to achieve the goals stated above.

  
 R. M. Mullen  
 Manager

FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. CS SB 102 (O&G)

STATE OF ALASKA  
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: An Act enacting and entering into Pacific Ocean  
 Resources Compact \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Senators Cotton, Zharoff, Sturqulewski, et. al.  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Affected: Office of the Governor  
 BRU: Executive Operations  
 Component: Executive Office

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>

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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE:						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.8</b>

POSITIONS:

FUL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: n/a

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)  
 Fiscal note assumes travel for Governor and attending staff to meet annually with the governors of the compact states regarding compact issues.

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 102 (O & G)

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: Pacific Ocean Resources  
           Compact  
 Sponsor: Cotten  
 Requestor: Senate Finance

Department Affected: Environmental Conservation  
 BRU: Spill Prevention and Response  
 Component: Spill Prevention and Response

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1 | 0 | 1 | 6

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	57.0	57.0	57.0	57.0
TRAVEL	10.0	20.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	4.0	200.0	440.0	440.0	440.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	1.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
LAND&STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>10.</b>	<b>25.</b>	<b>317.</b>	<b>557.</b>	<b>557.</b>	<b>557.</b>

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
FUND SOURCE:						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	10.0	25.0	317.0	557.0	557.0	557.0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OTHER						
FUND SOURCE:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.</b>	<b>25.</b>	<b>317.</b>	<b>557.</b>	<b>557.</b>	<b>557.</b>

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact none

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)	See Attached
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## ATTACHMENT TO CSSB 102 FISCAL NOTE

Estimation of this fiscal note has required several fundamental assumptions regarding the future direction of the proposed compact. If the parties to the compact choose to be expansive in exercising their mandate, then the operational costs will be greater than if the compact remained in a more advisory capacity. For this analysis we choose assumptions that would result in a fiscal note that assumes startup of the compact over a three year period while other states pass similar laws and Congress ratifies the compact through the high end of the multiplicity of possible fiscal impacts to the State should the compact develop its own regulatory package.

We did not factor in the compact's proposed funding formula, and instead choose to reflect Alaska's costs will be a contribution equal to that of the four other states. If less than five states joined the compact, then the costs to each would be increased somewhat due to lessening of economies of scale.

During start-up of the compact, the amount required for participation will be considerably lower because the organizational details and the compact's mandate would not be established. The first two years of funding will cover organizational meetings and negotiations.

It is assumed that under any scenario, one new full-time staff position (Environmental Specialist III) would be needed after the first two years to carry out Alaska's responsibilities under the compact. Additional funding is provided after the second year to cover the travel costs for Alaska's three appointed representatives and contractual funding to pay Alaska's share of the total annual budget for the compact. This contractual amount would phase in and by FY 96 would pay for five staff and for operational costs at the compact's headquarters.

Funding to carry-cut these new responsibilities is not available in existing budgets. The compact is envisioned as a permanent body and thus, the need for funding would continue in future years unless the state withdrew from participation. The costs for participation should remain stable, although the state's contribution for support of the compact would likely fluctuate depending on the funding formula and the extent of the compact's mandate.

General funds are shown as the funding source. The Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response Fund could be considered as a back-up source if a determination was made that this use is consistent with the purposes of the fund.

### FY 93 FUNDING

Travel

10.0

Total 10.0

**FY 96 FULL FUNDING**

Personal Services

1 Environmental Specialist III 57.0

Travel

Estimated for staff and three appointed representatives to attend meetings of the compact 40.0

Contractual

Includes Alaska's estimated contribution to support the compact and five staff positions 440.0

Supplies

10.0

Equipment

Total 10.0  
557.0

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# Alaska State Legislature

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### Summary of Changes to SB 102--The Pacific Ocean Resources Compact

The Pacific Ocean Resources compact legislation was simultaneously introduced in Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, and California on February 1, 1991. The intent of the legislation is to provide a unified effort to 1) prevent spills of substances, especially oil, dangerous to the environment and fisheries of the Pacific Ocean and 2) provide a uniform set of standards for matters such as contingency planning and financial responsibility.

When introduced in each state, the legislation was identical, but various changes have been made in hearings in each state. Many of these changes were discussed by prime sponsors at Western Legislative Conference, Ocean Resources Committee meetings on March 1 and 2 in San Diego and April 5 and 6 in San Francisco. The next sections briefly discuss changes incorporated into the bill in joint hearings in the Alaska Senate in the Special Committee on Oil and Gas and Transportation Committee. While an identical bill was introduced in the Alaska House of Representatives, no hearings occurred.

#### Original Bill

The Compact bill, as originally introduced, would have given the Compact considerable authority to direct federal agencies, especially the U.S. Coast Guard. In addition, the compact agency could establish uniform standards for routes, crews, and equipment, contingency plans, and financial responsibility, and provide oversight for the implementation of these standards. A more complete discussion of the original bill is contained in the Compact overview paper attached.

#### "Oregon" Proposed Bill

At the Ocean Resources Committee meeting in San Diego, members discussed testimony received in hearings on the Compact in Alaska, California, Washington, and Oregon (Hawaii adjourned shortly after their bill was introduced before any hearings occurred). As a result of these discussions, Oregon proposed a second version of the Compact (shown as Oregon SB 500). This version significantly reduced the proposed Compact authority--instead of directing

federal agencies and setting uniform standards, the Compact would provide a "short cut" into the federal Administrative Procedures Act by establishing the Compact as an interested party. This would give the Compact standing in any federal agency rulemaking procedure. Thus, the Oregon proposal would facilitate the ability of the compact states to influence U.S. Coast Guard rulemaking.

#### Alaska Senate Special Committee on Oil & Gas Committee Substitute

In general, this version of the bill is a compromise between the original bill and the state of Oregon proposal. Under the first bill, the Compact agency would have authority to essentially direct U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) rulemaking. The second proposal established the Compact as an interested party for making recommendations to the USCG.

Under the current proposal, the Compact agency continues to have the status of an interested party. In addition, by serving as a West Coast Spill Prevention Advisory Committee to the USCG, the Compact is more intricately involved in the development of rules pertinent to the prevention of oil spills. This committee is created by the Compact. As in all the reviewed versions, the USCG retains enforcement authority. Compact voting procedures are also changed in this draft. Under this proposal each state has two voting representatives; at least one affirmative vote from each state is required for a measure to pass.

#### Amendments Unique to the Current Alaska Committee Substitute

The current Alaska committee substitute contains two amendments that have not been passed in other states. The first amendment (attached) is a technical amendment clarifying the transition from state approved contingency plans to Compact approved contingency plans. Without this amendment, state approved plans could remain in effect indefinitely. This amendment requires contingency plans to be approved under Compact regulations once Compact regulations are in place and a state approved plan expires.

The second amendment (attached) changes the definition of vessels to exempt vessels under 5,000 gross weight tonnage. This amendment is still in need of negotiation with other party states because Oregon sponsors preferred an exemption for vessel less than 2,500 gross weight tonnage. The intent of this amendment is to avoid potentially raising fuel prices in rural Alaska as a result of Compact actions. These smaller vessels, however, would continue to be subject to state jurisdiction.

#### Status of Compact Legislation in Other States

The following is brief summary of the status of Compact legislation in the party states:

Oregon--legislation is ~~expected to be passed~~ <sup>1991</sup> this year;  
Oregon's legislature meets biennially;

Washington--there have been a number of hearings on the bill which has moved through committees but it is not expected to pass the legislature this year as a result of industry concerns; Washington meets annually;

California--some hearings have been held but the legislation is not expected to pass because in fall 1990 California passed extensive oil spill prevention legislation; California's statutes are now more stringent than other west coast states; California is reluctant to potentially give up these standards; California meets annually; and

Hawaii--no action to date because of adjournment; hearings expected when legislature reconvenes.

Attachments

G. Fay, May 21, 1991

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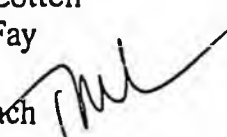
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**MEMORANDUM**

March 19, 1991

**SUBJECT:** Vessel Contingency Plans  
(Work Order No. 7LS-1032)

**TO:** Senator Sam Cotten  
Attn: Ginny Fay

**FROM:** Terri Lauterbach   
Legislative Counsel

You have asked whether the laws of California are more comprehensive or more stringent than the laws of Alaska with respect to oil spill contingency plans for vessels.<sup>1/</sup>

In my opinion, the laws of California are both more comprehensive and more stringent than the laws of Alaska for vessel contingency plans. Contingency plan requirements for vessels in California cover at least one additional area compared to Alaska and have stricter requirements in some of the areas that are covered in both states' laws.

**CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION**

The context in which you asked your question comes from the possibility of Alaska joining an interstate compact with other West Coast states that might contain language such as the following:

The compact shall work closely with officials of the [party states] to assure that the vessel contingency plans required under this compact are at least as comprehensive as similar plans required by the parties before adoption of this compact and to integrate, to the fullest extent possible, any requirements for vessel contingency plans in effect at the time the compact initiates its requirements under this subparagraph. (Emphasis added.) (Language obtained from you.)

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<sup>1/</sup> This memo is restricted to a discussion of the statutes of the two states. No attempt is made to compare the regulations of each state. Both sets of regulations are still being developed.

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I interpret this language to mean that the vessel contingency plans of the compact states must not only address all relevant areas (comprehensiveness) but also contain "any requirements...in effect at the time" (be as stringent).<sup>2/</sup>

### COMPREHENSIVENESS

The main area covered by California laws that makes their contingency planning requirements for vessels more comprehensive than under Alaska's laws is in the area of prevention measures.

California requires that vessel contingency plans demonstrate that "all protection measures are being taken to reduce the possibility of an oil spill occurring as a result of the operation of the...vessel." Alaska has no such requirement to reduce the possibility of an oil spill.

Our laws call the plans "oil discharge prevention and contingency plans" but Alaska law only contains standards for response measures that must be taken after a spill occurs. DEC can make exceptions to the response planning standards for vessels that take prevention measures, but no vessel is required to take prevention measures under our law.

### STRINGENCY

California's vessel contingency plan laws are more stringent than Alaska's in several respects.

(1) Best available protection. California's laws require that contingency plans provide for "the best achievable protection of coastal and marine resources."<sup>3/</sup> In contrast, Alaska's laws set specific response planning standards in terms of size of vessel, size of discharge, and number of hours.

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<sup>2/</sup> Since the compact language you sent to me deals only with vessel contingency plans, that is the only subject addressed in this memo. This memo does not address master state plans or other aspects of state prevention or response to oil discharges, such as state research into technology, state deployment of equipment and personnel, or state marine safety regulations.

<sup>3/</sup> Govt. Code 8670.28(a). "Best achievable protection" is defined in Govt. Code 8670.3(c) as being  
the highest level of protection which can be achieved through both the use of the best achievable technology and those manpower levels, training procedures, and operational methods which provide the greatest degree of protection achievable...

"Best achievable technology" is further defined in Govt. Code 8670.3(d) to include processes "that are being developed, or could feasibly be developed anywhere in the world."

In my opinion, California's "best achievable protection" standard might well be a stricter standard than our 72-hour standard, particularly as technologies improve, and particularly for smaller spills which, in Alaska, are only subject to the same 72-hour standard as larger spills.

(2) Best available technology. In California, the state can require a contingency plan to be resubmitted when new response technologies become available.<sup>4/</sup> In Alaska, a plan only needs to contain the best technology available at the time of submission or renewal, with no modifications required for upgrading technology within the three-year approval period.<sup>5/</sup>

(3) Reasons for modification. In California, the state can require resubmission of a contingency plan for reasons not allowed in Alaska. Those reasons are availability of better technology than when the plan was first approved (discussed above), changes in regulations (not necessarily in response to a change in the underlying law), deficiencies determined in a statewide evaluation one year after the 1991 regulations are adopted, and increased need to protect endangered species habitat.<sup>6/</sup>

In Alaska, the only specified reasons for modifications within the three-year approval period are changes within the operation of the facility and discharge experience.<sup>7/</sup>

(4) Approval period. In California, a contingency plan is approved for only a two-year period. In Alaska, a plan is approved for three years.

(5) Conditional approval. It does not appear to me that California's law allows for approval of a plan subject to conditions, as is allowed under regulations of DEC in Alaska.<sup>8/</sup> California law specifically provides that "A plan is not deemed approved until all portions are approved."<sup>9/</sup> A nonapproved plan must be returned to the sender. Failure to gain approval after a second submission may be determined to be a violation in California.

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<sup>4/</sup> Govt. Code 8670.31(g).

<sup>5/</sup> AS 46.04.030(e).

<sup>6/</sup> Govt. Code 8670.31(g).

<sup>7/</sup> AS 46.04.030(e).

<sup>8/</sup> While this memo is primarily limited to statutory comparisons, I mention this particular Alaska regulation because it has been made noteworthy by developments in this state. I consider it highly unlikely that California might turn out to have a similar regulation when its regulations are adopted because of its more specific statutory language about plans not being approved in parts.

<sup>9/</sup> Govt. Code 8670.31(d).

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I hope you find the discussion in this memo helpful. Please let me know if I can answer further questions on this matter or be of other assistance.

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*See new 4/24/92  
draft by  
Sen. Cotten.*

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 102 (FINANCE)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS COTTEN, Zharoff, Sturgulewski, Eliason, Menard**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act enacting and entering into the Pacific Ocean Resources Compact."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 \* Section 1. AS 46 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

4 CHAPTER 47. PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT.

5 Sec. 46.47.010. COMPACT ENACTED AND ENTERED INTO. (a) The Pacific Ocean  
6 Resources Compact as set out in AS 46.47.020 is enacted into law and entered into on behalf of  
7 the state. This compact shall take effect after two or more of the states of California, Hawaii,  
8 Oregon, or Washington ratify the compact in substantially the same form as set out in  
9 AS 46.47.020 and consent is granted by the Congress as required by section 10, Article I, of the  
10 Constitution of the United States.

11 (b) In addition to the states named in (a) of this section, the Province of British Columbia  
12 may become an associate party to the compact, without voting power. Upon request of the  
13 Province of British Columbia and approval of the Congress, the Province of British Columbia  
14 may become a full party to the compact with the same rights and powers as the party states.



1 (D) environmental monitoring and research;

2 (4) each party has jurisdiction over the submerged and submersible land within  
3 its territorial sea and responsibility for management of many marine resources and ocean uses;  
4 each party has unique natural resource, social, economic, and political conditions for which local  
5 management by the individual party is the most appropriate;

6 (5) the parties now do not have an effective means to address mutual concerns  
7 related to transport of oil and hazardous substances in waters within and beyond the party's  
8 jurisdiction that may jeopardize ocean resources and uses important to one or more coastal  
9 parties;

10 (6) the 1983 Presidential Proclamation of the 200-mile United States Exclusive  
11 Economic Zone has created the opportunity for all coastal states to more fully exercise and assert  
12 their responsibilities pertaining to the protection, conservation, and development of ocean  
13 resources under United States jurisdiction;

14 (7) citizens of the Pacific states and the Province of British Columbia are  
15 increasingly concerned with the environmental integrity of the ocean and protection of all ocean  
16 resources;

17 (8) recent studies conducted in the wake of major accidental releases of oil or  
18 hazardous substances have concluded that the existing system of response to spills could be  
19 improved in the following ways to provide better protection of ocean resources:

20 (A) enhanced personnel training and qualifications;

21 (B) improved vessel design and integrity;

22 (C) better mechanisms for cost recovery by the states or the province;

23 (D) improved coordination in regulatory oversight;

24 (E) enhanced traffic management; and

25 (F) an improved information base dealing with marine and coastal  
26 environments;

27 (9) a spill or discharge of oil or a hazardous substance from an ocean-going vessel  
28 has the potential of causing major regional effects.

29 (b) Therefore, the purpose of this compact is to

30 (1) assist in the promotion of interstate commerce by encouraging uniform  
31 regulation of the transportation of oil or hazardous substances within the compact zone;

- 1 (2) provide a legal mechanism to regulate certain ocean activities within the  
2 United States Exclusive Economic Zone;
- 3 (3) enhance regional coordination of issues of critical importance;
- 4 (4) work with federal agencies to advance the best interest of the region;
- 5 (5) foster regional cooperation and pooling of resources to reduce costs and  
6 increase effective use of scarce resources;
- 7 (6) monitor activities of concern to the parties;
- 8 (7) address issues of mutual concern to the Pacific states and the Province of  
9 British Columbia and enhance the parties' influence over activities of concern that are not now  
10 addressed through existing compacts, including
- 11 (A) spill prevention;
- 12 (B) transportation of oil and other hazardous substances;
- 13 (C) spill response planning; and
- 14 (D) environmental monitoring and research;
- 15 (8) foster cooperation and coordination among the parties in order to increase the  
16 effectiveness of the individual party's ocean laws and programs;
- 17 (9) provide technical assistance to parties for ocean activities covered by this  
18 compact;
- 19 (10) provide for formal participation by the Province of British Columbia with  
20 the compact to more fully address issues of regional concern;
- 21 (11) ensure that the citizens of the region have opportunities to participate in  
22 discussions and deliberations of regional ocean resources issues;
- 23 (12) establish an innovative system under which the parties can represent their  
24 shared interests within the compact zone, including
- 25 (A) the maintenance and protection of common ocean resources; and
- 26 (B) vessel transportation of oil and other hazardous substances;
- 27 (13) recommend uniform safety standards for routes, crews, and equipment for  
28 vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances within the compact zone and monitor the  
29 implementation of these standards and regulations by federal agencies, states or provinces, and  
30 private industry;
- 31 (14) promote more coordinated management of ocean resources that are of mutual

1 concern;

2 (15) provide a forum for the regional coordination of the individual parties' plans  
3 for the management and protection of those areas of the Pacific Ocean and adjacent waters over  
4 which the compacting parties jointly or separately now have or may acquire jurisdiction.

5 ARTICLE II  
6 DEFINITIONS

7 In this compact,

8 (1) "compact" means the representative body created by Article IV of this  
9 compact;

10 (2) "compact zone" means the portion of the oceans bordering the parties within  
11 the 200-mile exclusive economic zone;

12 (3) "hazardous substance" means an element or compound that, when it enters in  
13 or on the water, presents an imminent and substantial danger to the public health or welfare or  
14 the environment, including fish, animals, vegetation, or a part of the natural habitat in which they  
15 are found; "hazardous substance" includes a substance designated under 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(2)(A),  
16 an element, compound, mixture, solution, or substance designated under 42 U.S.C. 9602, a  
17 hazardous waste having characteristics identified under or listed under 42 U.S.C. 6921, a toxic  
18 pollutant listed under 33 U.S.C. 1317(a), and an imminently hazardous chemical substance or  
19 mixture with respect to which the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection  
20 Agency has taken action under 15 U.S.C. 2606;

21 (4) "navigable waters" means the waters of the United States, including the  
22 territorial sea;

23 (5) "oil" means crude petroleum oil or any other hydrocarbon, regardless of  
24 gravity, that is produced at the well in liquid form by ordinary production methods, and any  
25 petroleum products or petrochemicals of any kind and in any form whether crude, refined, or a  
26 petroleum byproduct, including petroleum, fuel oil, gasoline, lubricating oils, oily sludge, oily  
27 refuse, or mixed with other wastes, liquefied natural gas, or propane;

28 (6) "party" means a state or province that ratifies this compact as provided in  
29 Article III of this compact;

30 (7) "representative" means an individual appointed as provided in Article IV of  
31 this compact to represent a party;

1 (8) "vessel" means a watercraft or other artificial contrivance that is constructed  
2 or adapted to carry, or that carries oil or hazardous substances in bulk as cargo or cargo residue  
3 and that is greater than 5,000 gross weight tonnage, and that

4 (A) operates on the navigable waters of the compact zone; or

5 (B) transfers oil or hazardous substances in a place subject to the  
6 jurisdiction of the United States.

7 ARTICLE III

8 OPERATIVE DATES

9 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this article, this compact shall become effective when  
10 this state and two or more of the states of California, Hawaii, Oregon, or Washington ratify the  
11 compact and the consent of the Congress is or has been granted as required by section 10,  
12 Article I, of the Constitution of the United States.

13 (b) This agreement shall become operative as to the Province of British Columbia as a  
14 full party upon request of the Province of British Columbia and approval of the Congress.

15 ARTICLE IV

16 PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT

17 (a) The Pacific Ocean Resources Compact is created and shall have its offices within the  
18 territorial limits of one of the parties, shall carry out its duties and functions in accordance with  
19 this compact, shall continue in force and effect in accordance with this compact, and, except as  
20 specifically provided in this compact, may not be considered an agency or instrumentality of the  
21 United States for the purpose of any federal law. Each party participating in this compact shall  
22 appoint two persons, subject to the applicable laws of the appointing party, to undertake the  
23 functions and duties of representatives of the compact. This compact shall be invested with the  
24 powers and duties set out in this compact.

25 (b) The term of each representative shall be four years. A representative shall hold office  
26 until a successor is appointed and qualified but the successor's term shall expire four years from  
27 the legal date of expiration of the term of the predecessor. Vacancies occurring in the office of  
28 a representative for any reason or cause shall be filled for the unexpired term by the party  
29 represented by the vacancy. A party may remove the representative for that party in accordance  
30 with the statutes of the party concerned. Each representative may delegate to a deputy the power  
31 to be present and participate, including voting as the representative or substitute, at any meeting

1 of or hearing by or other proceeding of the compact.

2 (c) The compact shall invite the Secretary of the United States Department of  
3 Transportation, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the  
4 Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or their designees to  
5 participate as nonvoting members of the compact.

6 ARTICLE V

7 PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT AUTHORITY

8 (a) The Pacific Ocean Resources Compact is authorized to

9 (1) facilitate the prevention of or response to oil and hazardous substance spills

10 by

11 (A) serving as a West Coast Spill Prevention Advisory Committee to the  
12 United States Coast Guard; as such, the compact shall advise the United States Coast  
13 Guard on matters pertaining to spill prevention and response within the compact zone and  
14 also shall advise the United States Coast Guard on other matters within the compact's  
15 authority as set forth in this compact;

16 (B) participating as an interested person in any rulemaking proceeding by  
17 the United States Coast Guard related to the establishment of safety standards for routes,  
18 crews, and equipment for vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances; the United  
19 States Coast Guard shall adopt the recommendations of the compact, unless the United  
20 States Coast Guard makes a finding, as part of the rulemaking process, that the adoption  
21 of a recommendation would not prevent or facilitate response to oil and hazardous  
22 substance spills;

23 (C) as an interested person, requesting the United States Coast Guard to  
24 initiate rulemaking for the establishment or amendment of safety standards for routes,  
25 crews, and equipment for vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances; the United  
26 States Coast Guard shall initiate rulemaking as requested by the compact, unless the  
27 United States Coast Guard makes a finding that the initiation of the rulemaking would not  
28 further the prevention of or response to oil and hazardous substance spills;

29 (D) making recommendations to other appropriate state, federal, and  
30 regional entities regarding uniform safety standards for routes, crews, and equipment for  
31 vessels transporting oil and hazardous substances in the compact zone;

1 (2) ensure a coordinated network of oil and hazardous substance spill response  
2 plans and programs of the parties, federal agencies, and private organizations;

3 (3) by regulation, establish the requirements for submission of and approval by  
4 the compact of a contingency plan by any vessel transporting oil or hazardous substance in the  
5 compact zone; the requirements must be compatible with the requirements for response plans  
6 under sec. 4202 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-380); a plan developed in accordance  
7 with the regulations adopted by the compact and approved by the compact shall satisfy the  
8 requirements of sec. 4202 of the Oil Pollution Act and shall satisfy and supersede any  
9 requirements of an individual party for submitting a vessel contingency or spill response plan;  
10 however, all plans approved by parties to this compact before the operative date of the compact  
11 shall remain in full force and effect until a contingency plan is approved by the compact under  
12 this paragraph; if a contingency plan approved by one of the parties to this compact expires after  
13 the compact contingency plan regulations are adopted, a new contingency plan must be adopted  
14 under the compact regulations; in establishing regulations under this paragraph, the compact shall  
15 work closely with officials of the parties to assure that the vessel contingency plans required  
16 under this compact include all subject areas included by the member parties in the standards for  
17 vessel contingency plans of the parties, in the aggregate, before the adoption of the compact;

18 (4) establish and maintain an informational clearinghouse related to spill response,  
19 including a directory of personnel, equipment, technical expertise, organizations, and other  
20 resources available to assist as part of a regional oil or hazardous substance spill response;

21 (5) provide a forum for discussion and recommendation to resolve conflicts  
22 among member parties or the federal government regarding various ocean resources programs  
23 that have been or may be established by each party;

24 (6) provide opportunities for public participation in compact activities by holding  
25 meetings of the compact in various locations within the territorial limits of the parties, providing  
26 opportunities for public comment at meetings and developing a public outreach program;

27 (7) designate state or provincial agency officials to act on behalf of the compact  
28 as liaisons with federal agencies;

29 (8) identify the regional data needs related to ocean resources and recommend a  
30 method for compiling the data in a format that can be shared by all parties;

31 (9) consult with and advise any pertinent party or federal agency with regard to

1 problems connected with ocean resources management and recommend the adoption of any rules  
2 or regulations the compact considers advisable that are within the jurisdiction of the agency;

3 (10) establish sanctions and a schedule of civil penalties for violations of the rules  
4 or regulations of the compact and impose those sanctions or civil penalties in accordance with  
5 5 U.S.C. 551 - 559 and 701 - 706;

6 (11) request the United States Coast Guard to enforce or assist in the enforcement  
7 of any regulations adopted by the compact including, but not limited to, regulations related to the  
8 submission of a contingency plan or financial assurance requirements in the compact zone;

9 (12) establish a schedule of reasonable fees to be assessed for the review of a  
10 contingency plan submitted under (3) of this subsection; the fees must be sufficient to recover  
11 the costs of reviewing the plans and conducting any related inspections; the fees may be assessed  
12 in increments up to the maximum amount.

13 (b) In addition to the authority granted under (a) of this article, the compact may

14 (1) accept grants and gifts;

15 (2) enter into contracts for whose performance the compact shall be solely  
16 responsible in order to support its operations;

17 (3) conduct and prepare, independently or in cooperation with others, studies,  
18 investigations, research, and programs relating to the purposes of this compact;

19 (4) conduct public hearings on matters pertaining to the purposes of this compact;

20 (5) establish a standardized cost recovery formula for damages to other resources  
21 based on the amount of oil or hazardous substance spilled;

22 (6) enter into an agreement with the United States Coast Guard under which the  
23 compact will administer compliance with the requirements for demonstrating financial  
24 responsibility under section 1016 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 in an amount established by  
25 the compact; proof of financial responsibility, if established by the compact under this paragraph,  
26 shall satisfy and supersede the requirement of any individual party for demonstrating financial  
27 responsibility; however, all financial responsibility requirements established by the parties to this  
28 compact before the compact establishes an amount under the paragraph shall remain in full force  
29 and effect until the compact establishes a requirement and enters into an agreement with the  
30 United States Coast Guard under this paragraph; in establishing the amount of financial  
31 responsibility under this paragraph, the compact shall work with officials of each party to assure

1 that such requirements are sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the parties, in aggregate;

2 (7) in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 551 - 559 and 701 - 706,  
3 enforce the rules and regulations adopted by the compact to carry out the authority of the  
4 compact as set out in this article;

5 (8) appoint technical and advisory comm[~~itee~~] for the purpose of advising the  
6 compact on regional ocean resources issues, data needs ~~and~~ format, and other purposes related  
7 to the compact's activities; a technical or advisory committee appointed by the compact is not  
8 subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, as amended);

9 (9) allow a variance from the provisions of this compact or rules or regulations  
10 adopted by the compact under this article; a variance must be based on a showing by the person  
11 or entity seeking the variance that the activity allowed under the variance will have no regional  
12 effect and that the variance is economically necessary; under no circumstances may a variance  
13 result in the regulation of the transportation of oil or hazardous substance according to standards  
14 less stringent than standards imposed under federal law.

15 (c) The compact shall adopt all regulations necessary to carry out its duties and exercise  
16 its authority under this article. The compact shall adopt the regulations in accordance with the  
17 provisions of 5 U.S.C. 500 - 559.

## 18 ARTICLE VI

### 19 PACIFIC OCEAN RESOURCES COMPACT ORGANIZATION

20 The compact shall select a chair and a vice-chair. After the initial chair and vice-chair  
21 are selected, the compact shall establish a rotation for the selection of the chair and vice-chair  
22 so the office rotates through the parties to the compact. The compact shall appoint and at its  
23 pleasure remove or discharge such officers and employees as may be required to carry the  
24 provisions of this compact into effect and shall fix and determine their duties, qualifications, and  
25 compensation. The compact shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.  
26 It may establish and maintain one or more offices for the transaction of its business and may  
27 meet at any time or place within the territorial limits of the signatory parties but must meet at  
28 least once a year.

## 29 ARTICLE VII

### 30 VOTING AND QUORUM

31 (a) A majority of the representatives shall constitute a quorum.

1 (b) Each representative shall be entitled to one vote. An action or decision of the  
2 compact may not be approved unless the action or decision receives a majority of the votes of  
3 the representatives, including at least one affirmative vote from each party.

4 ARTICLE VIII

5 SUPPORT AGENCIES

6 The compact may contract for the staff support necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
7 compact or request appropriate agencies of the signatory parties to act as the research agencies  
8 of the compact.

9 ARTICLE IX

10 PARTIES' POWERS UNDER COMPACT

11 Except as specifically provided in Article V of this compact, nothing in this compact may  
12 be construed to limit the powers of a party or to repeal or prevent the enactment of legislation  
13 or the enforcement of a requirement imposing additional conditions and restrictions to conserve  
14 ocean resources.

15 ARTICLE X

16 ABSENCE

17 Continued absence of representation or of a compact representative from a party shall be  
18 brought to the attention of the appointing authority of the party not represented.

19 ARTICLE XI

20 FUNDING

21 (a) Each party shall contribute to the support of the compact.

22 (b) The annual contribution of each party shall be figured to the nearest \$100.

23 (c) The compact shall prepare an annual budget which shall be approved by vote of the  
24 compact. After approval, the proposed budget shall be presented to the chief executive and the  
25 legislative body of each party.

26 (d) Each party shall be responsible for the expenses of its own representatives.

27 ARTICLE XII

28 WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPACT

29 This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each party until renounced  
30 by it. Renunciation of this compact must be preceded by sending six months' notice in writing  
31 of intention to withdraw from the compact to the other parties to the compact.

1                   Sec. 46.47 030. REPRESENTATIVES. The two representatives of the state to the Pacific  
2                   Ocean Resources Compact shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the  
3                   legislature.

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