

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

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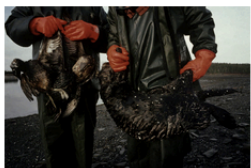
When it happen and what happen:

On march 28th 1989, the oil tanker known as the "Exxon Valdez" Crashed into a reef called "Bligh Reef" off the coast of Alaska. A uncertified officer was in command the ship when it crashed.



The spill caused the death of:

- 300 harbor seals
- 900 bald eagles
- 2800 sea otters
- 250,000 seagulls
- The Mayor of one of the affected towns



Money stuff:

- The oil spill cost Exxon mobil approximately one billion dollars in damage costs



Community Response

The oil spill crippled the local fishing industry, Putting hundreds of fishermen out of business. These same people did not lose all hope though. Hundreds of citizens worked along side Exxon Mobil workers to clean up the spill

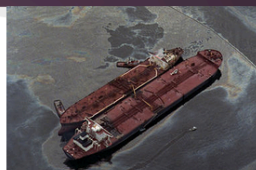
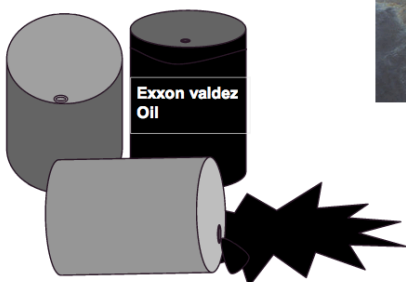
Government Response

As a result of the spill, the government passed a law forbidding any vessel, including the Exxon Valdez, that was directly involved in an oil spill from going within one thousand miles of Alaska

Approximately 600000 barrels of oil spilled into the ocean (11 million gallons)

Aftershock:

It is estimated that there are approximately 23000 gallons of crude oil still resting in the sand.



- Spilled 11 million gallons
- It was four days before it stopped spilling.
- That is enough oil to fill 17 olympic swimming pools

