

A photograph of an oil spill cleanup scene on a rocky beach. Several workers in orange protective suits and hard hats are visible, some bent over cleaning the shore. In the background, a large ship is docked at a pier, and mountains are visible in the distance. The entire image is overlaid with numerous white, teardrop-shaped droplets of varying sizes, suggesting a spill or rain. The text 'Exxon Valdez Oil Spill' is superimposed in large, bold, black letters across the center of the image.

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill



Exxon spilled oil on march 24, 1989 in to the Bligh reef in Prince William sound, Alaska.



Spilling 10.8 million gallons of oil of it's 53 million gallon cargo



Exxon was then fined \$150 million, the largest fine ever imposed for an environmental crime



The spill caused over \$300 million of economic harm to more than 32 thousand people whose livelihoods depended on commercial fishing



Pink salmon embryos continued to be harmed and killed by oil that remained on stones and gravel of stream banks through at least 1993.

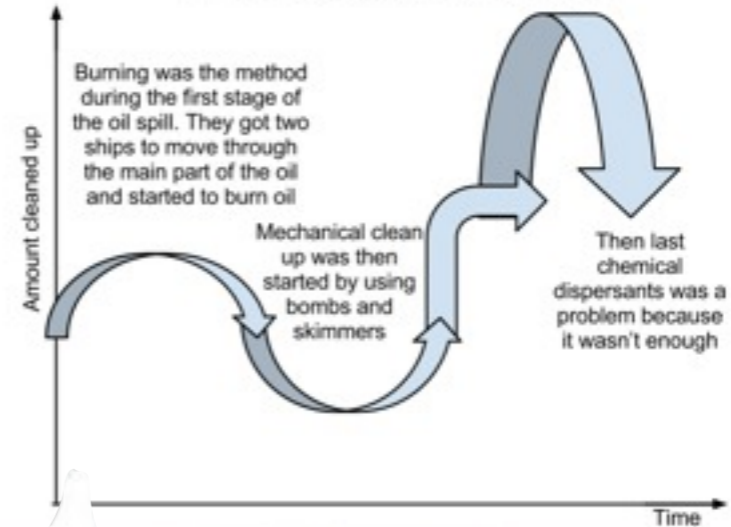


The oil spill affected the way people fished in that area. Some people who couldn't afford much didn't have food. But humans and fishes weren't the only ones affected.



As many as 2,800 sea otters, 300 harbor seals, 900 bald eagles and 250,000 seabirds died in the days following the disaster

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Twelve years after the spill, oil could still be found on half of the 91 randomly selected beaches surveyed.