

# Vessel Oil Spill Penalties\*



Washington State



USCG – Port State



Oregon State

<p><b>DISCHARGE</b></p> <p>Up to \$10,000 per discharge with each day of discharge a separate violation.</p>	<p><b>DISCHARGE – Administrative Penalties (by the CG)</b></p> <p><b>Class 1 penalty</b> – up to \$15,000 per violation to a maximum of \$40,000;  <b>Class 2 penalty</b> – up to \$15,000 per day of violation up to a maximum of \$190,000.</p>	<p><b>DISCHARGE</b></p> <p>Up to \$25,000 per discharge with each day of discharge a separate violation.</p>
<p><b>NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE</b></p> <p>Up to \$100,000 per violation with each day oil poses a risk to the environment a separate violation.</p>	<p><b>DISCHARGE – Civil Penalties (by a federal court)</b></p> <p>Up to \$40,000 per day of discharge; or \$1,100 per barrel of oil or hazardous substance discharged.</p>	<p><b>NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE</b></p> <p>Up to \$100,000 per violation.</p>
<p><b>RECKLESS OR INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE</b></p> <p>Up to \$500,000 per violation with each day oil poses a risk to the environment a separate violation.</p>	<p><b>GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT</b></p> <p><b>Judicial Assessment</b> - A minimum of \$130,000 and not more than \$4,000 per barrel of oil discharged.</p>	<p><b>INTENTIONAL DISCHARGE</b></p> <p>Up to \$25,000 per violation.</p>
<p><b>FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, RULES OR ORDERS</b></p> <p>Up to \$10,000 per violation with each day of noncompliance a separate violation.</p>	<p><b>FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PORT AND WATERWAY SAFETY ACT REGULATIONS – Administrative Penalties</b></p> <p>Up to \$40,000.</p>	<p><b>FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, RULES OR ORDERS</b></p> <p>Up to \$25,000 per violation with each day of noncompliance a separate violation.</p>
<p><b>FAILURE TO HAVE A STATE APPROVED OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN OR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY</b></p> <p>Up to \$100,000 per violation with each day of noncompliance a separate violation.</p>	<p><b>FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS ISSUED UNDER 33 USC §1321 (j) – Civil Penalties</b></p> <p>Up to \$40,000 per day of violation.</p>	<p>* * * INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK * * *</p>
<p><b>FAILURE TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY WASHINGTON STATE (1-800-258-5990 or 253-912-4904)</b></p> <p>Up to \$10,000 per violation with each day a separate violation.</p>	<p><b>FAILURE TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER (1-800-424-8802 or 202-267-2675)</b></p> <p>Federal crime: upon conviction up to 5 years in prison, and/or a maximum fine of \$250,000 for individuals, or \$500,000 for organizations.</p>	<p><b>FAILURE TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY OREGON STATE (1-800-452-0311 or 503-378-6377)</b></p> <p>Up to \$25,000 per violation with each day a separate violation.</p>

\* Responsible Party for the spill may also pay costs for response and cleanup, damages to natural resources, state and federal expenses, and third party damages.

**In case of an oil spill, contact the following agencies immediately:**

**WASHINGTON:** U.S. Coast Guard 800-424-8802 or 202-267-2675 & Washington Emergency Management Department 800-258-5990 or 253-912-4904 & WSMC (Puget Sound) 206-448-7557  
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**OREGON:** U.S. Coast Guard 800-424-8802 or 202-267-2675 & Oregon Emergency Management 800-452-0311 or 503-378-6377  
 & MFSA (Columbia River) 503-220-2055

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