

HAVE YOU SEEN ONE OF THESE DRIFT CARDS?



I am a student studying what would happen if there was a catastrophic oil spill in Washington State waters. Did you know that thousands of huge oil tankers come through the Strait of Juan de Fuca every year carrying millions of gallons of crude oil to six oil refineries in Washington and Vancouver, BC? Did you know the water in the Salish Sea along the oil tanker routes is

habitat for more than 100 endangered or threatened species like the orca whale? Did you know that most of the oil tankers go right through the San Juan archipelago? Where would spilled oil drift if it spilled during a tanker accident? How much would it hurt the ecosystems? To find out, I am releasing 400 non-toxic, biodegradable drift cards like these in Rosario Strait next to Orcas Island. They will wash ashore for many months beginning in September. I will use information about where they washed up to understand oil spill trajectories so our ecosystems can be prepared in case a real oil spill happens.

Help scientists learn more about ocean oil spills in our area!

You can help by watching out for these yellow drift cards, picking them up, and reporting **WHEN** and **WHERE** you found them to this website: www.oilspillscience.org. You will be helping our environment! Thank you!

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