



HAZWOPER and Oiled Wildlife Class

Oil spills can significantly impact wildlife. The response to oiled wildlife requires coordination, lots of effort, and lots of pre-trained volunteers. If you are interested in helping with oiled wildlife response efforts here is your chance to receive free training. Two classes are being offered in the Port Angeles area: an 8-hour HAZWOPER class and an 8-hour Oiled Wildlife Class. **Participation in the Oiled Wildlife Class requires prior completion of an 8-hour HAZWOPER Class.**

HAZWOPER Class: The US Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Ecology, Clallam County Marine Resources Committee, Marine Spill Response Corporation, Global Salvage and Diving, and the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation are happy to announce that they will be conducting a free 8-Hour HAZWOPER (**H**azardous **W**aste **O**perations and **E**mergency **R**esponse 29 CFR 1910.120) Certification Class. This one day training is primarily designed to provide you with the skills needed to recognize and react to protect yourself from the hazards associated with an oil spill event. The class will cover hazardous situation recognition, site assessment and air monitoring, personal protective equipment, decontamination procedures, and an overview of how oil spill response operations are conducted. A part of the class will be devoted to specific hazards associated with working around oiled wildlife. Note: This class will satisfy the annual HAZWOPER renewal requirement if you have previously completed a HAZWOPER course and need a refresher.

Oiled Wildlife Class: The Washington Oiled Wildlife Alliance will be conducting a “Basic Oiled Wildlife” course on June 13, 2009. This class will offer participants an introduction to the effects of oil on wildlife, wildlife stabilization and rehabilitation, and evidence collection. Because entry into oiled areas during oil spills is typically not allowed without HAZWOPER training, a current 8-hour HAZWOPER certification is a prerequisite for this class.

Training Dates and Location

HAZWOPER (first 100 registrants) and Oiled Wildlife Class: (first 50 registrants):

Location: Clallam County Fairgrounds, 1608 W. 16th Street, Port Angeles

Date and Time: HAZWOPER - April 25, 2009, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Oiled Wildlife Class – June 13, 2009, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Instructors: Federal/state agency personnel and private response organization representatives

Lunch: On your own

Registration – Please call (360)417-2000, extension 2999 by April 17th to register for the Port Angeles classes.

There is no charge for these classes, but pre-registration is required. Space for these classes is limited, so please sign up early if you wish to attend.