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SUMMARY

Modifies terms related to oil spills.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to water quality; amending ORS 468B.300.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 468B.300 is amended to read:

468B.300. As used in ORS 468.020, 468.095, 468.140 (3) and 468B.300 to 468B.500:

(1) “Bulk” means material stored or transported in loose, unpackaged liquid, powder or granular form capable of being conveyed by a pipe, bucket, chute or belt system.

(2) “Cargo vessel” means a self-propelled ship in commerce, other than a tank vessel, of 300 gross tons or more. “Cargo vessel” does not include a vessel used solely for commercial fish harvesting.

(3) “Commercial fish harvesting” means taking food fish with any gear unlawful for angling under ORS 506.006, or taking food fish in excess of the limits permitted for personal use, or taking food fish with the intent of disposing of such food fish or parts thereof for profit, or by sale, barter or trade, in commercial channels.

(4) “Contingency plan” means an oil spill prevention and emergency response plan required under ORS 468B.345.

(5) “Covered vessel” means a tank vessel, cargo vessel, passenger vessel or dredge vessel.

(6) “Damages” includes damages, costs, losses, penalties or attorney fees

1 of any kind for which liability may exist under the laws of this state re-
2 sulting from, arising out of or related to the discharge or threatened dis-
3 charge of oil.

4 (7) "Discharge" means any emission other than natural seepage of oil,
5 whether intentional or unintentional. "Discharge" includes but is not lim-
6 ited to spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying or dumping
7 oil.

8 (8) "Dredge vessel" means a self-propelled vessel of 300 or more gross tons
9 that is equipped for regularly engaging in dredging of submerged and
10 submersible lands.

11 (9) "Exploration facility" means a platform, vessel or other offshore fa-
12 cility used to explore for oil in the navigable waters of the state. "Explora-
13 tion facility" does not include platforms or vessels used for stratigraphic
14 drilling or other operations that are not authorized or intended to drill to
15 a producing formation.

16 (10) "Facility" means a pipeline or any structure, group of structures,
17 equipment or device, other than a vessel located on or near navigable waters
18 of a state, that is used for producing, storing, handling, transferring, pro-
19 cessing or transporting oil in bulk and that is capable of storing or trans-
20 porting 10,000 or more gallons of oil. "Facility" does not include:

21 (a) A railroad car, motor vehicle or other rolling stock while transporting
22 oil over the highways or rail lines of this state;

23 (b) An underground storage tank regulated by the Department of Envi-
24 ronmental Quality or a local government under ORS 466.706 to 466.882 and
25 466.994; or

26 (c) *[Any structure, group of structures, equipment or device, other than a*
27 *vessel located on or near navigable waters of a state, that is used for produc-*
28 *ing, storing, handling, transferring, processing or transporting oil in bulk and*
29 *that is capable of storing or transporting 10,000 or more gallons of oil but does*
30 *not receive oil from tank vessels, barges or pipelines] **A marina, or a public**
31 **fueling station, that is engaged exclusively in the direct sale of fuel,***

1 **or any other product used for propulsion, to a final user of the fuel**
2 **or other product.**

3 (11) “Federal on-scene coordinator” means the federal official predesig-
4 nated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the United
5 States Coast Guard to coordinate and direct federal responses or the official
6 designated by the lead agency to coordinate and direct removal under the
7 National Contingency Plan.

8 (12) “Hazardous material” has the meaning given that term in ORS
9 466.605.

10 (13) “Maritime association” means an association or cooperative of ma-
11 rine terminals, facilities, vessel owners, vessel operators, vessel agents or
12 other maritime industry groups, that provides oil spill response planning and
13 spill related communications services within the state.

14 (14) “Maximum probable spill” means the maximum probable spill for a
15 vessel operating in the navigable waters of the state considering the history
16 of spills of vessels of the same class operating on the west coast of the
17 United States.

18 (15) “Navigable waters” means the Columbia River, the Willamette River
19 up to Willamette Falls, the Pacific Ocean and estuaries to the head of
20 tidewater.

21 (16) “National Contingency Plan” means the plan prepared and published
22 under section 311(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C.
23 1321(d), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-380).

24 (17) “Offshore facility” means any facility located in, on or under any of
25 the navigable waters of the state.

26 (18) “Oils” or “oil” means oil, including gasoline, crude oil, fuel oil, diesel
27 oil, lubricating oil, sludge, oil refuse and any other petroleum related prod-
28 uct and liquefied natural gas.

29 (19) “Onshore facility” means any facility located in, on or under any land
30 of the state, other than submerged land, that, because of its location, could
31 reasonably be expected to cause substantial harm to the environment by

1 discharging oil into or on the navigable waters of the state or adjoining
2 shorelines.

3 (20) "Passenger vessel" means a ship of 300 or more gross tons carrying
4 passengers for compensation.

5 (21) "Person" has the meaning given the term in ORS 468.005.

6 (22) "Person having control over oil" includes but is not limited to any
7 person using, storing or transporting oil immediately prior to entry of such
8 oil into the navigable waters of the state, and shall specifically include car-
9 riers and bailees of such oil.

10 (23) "Pipeline" means a facility, including piping, compressors, pump
11 stations and storage tanks, used to transport oil between facilities or be-
12 tween facilities and tank vessels.

13 (24) "Region of operation" with respect to the holder of a contingency
14 plan means the area where the operations of the holder that require a con-
15 tingency plan are located.

16 (25) "Removal costs" means the costs of removal that are incurred after
17 a discharge of oil has occurred or, in any case in which there is a substantial
18 threat of a discharge of oil, the costs to prevent, minimize or mitigate oil
19 pollution from the incident.

20 (26) "Responsible party" has the meaning given under section 1001 of the
21 Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-380).

22 (27) "Ship" means any boat, ship, vessel, barge or other floating craft of
23 any kind.

24 (28)(a) "State on-scene coordinator" means the state official appointed by
25 the Department of Environmental Quality to represent the department and
26 the State of Oregon in response to an oil or hazardous material spill or re-
27 lease or threatened spill or release and to coordinate cleanup response with
28 state and local agencies.

29 (b) For purposes of this subsection:

30 (A) "Spill or release" means the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping,
31 spilling, emitting, releasing, leaking or placing of any oil or hazardous ma-

1 terial into the air or into or on any land or waters of this state except as
2 authorized by a permit issued under ORS chapter 454, 459, 459A, 468, 468A,
3 468B or 469 or ORS 466.005 to 466.385, 466.990 (1) and (2) or 466.992 or federal
4 law, or except when being stored or used for its intended purpose.

5 (B) "Threatened spill or release" means that oil or hazardous material is
6 likely to escape or be carried into the air or into or on any land or waters
7 of this state.

8 (29) "Tank vessel" means a ship that is constructed or adapted to carry
9 oil in bulk as cargo or cargo residue. "Tank vessel" does not include:

10 (a) A vessel carrying oil in drums, barrels or other packages;

11 (b) A vessel carrying oil as fuel or stores for that vessel; or

12 (c) An oil spill response barge or vessel.

13 (30) "Worst case spill" means:

14 (a) In the case of a vessel, a spill of the entire cargo and fuel of the tank
15 vessel complicated by adverse weather conditions; and

16 (b) In the case of an onshore or offshore facility, the largest foreseeable
17 spill in adverse weather conditions.

18 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 468B.300 by section 1 of this**
19 **2013 Act apply to the entry of oil into the waters of this state on or**
20 **after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

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