

3] WEST COAST TRAIL:

- a) The primary feature of this area of the Park is the 45 miles of historic life-saving trail with its aspect towards the open ocean. It is a wilderness area of extremely rugged unspoiled coastline with numerous sand beaches, a major sandstone shelf subject to tidal inundations, sea-lion rookeries, tidal pools and many other marine features vulnerable to offshore pollution.

To subject the coastal waters and inside passage of British Columbia to the probability of a major oil spill, which would undoubtedly destroy large areas of parks, which would change the essence of the Pacific Northwest seascape and which would destroy their aesthetic recreational value, is to make a drastic decision which would redound to the detriment of our generation in the opinions of future generations of all nations.

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