

property along the 1,700 miles of Canadian coastline within the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Strait of Georgia system up to the 50th parallel totals approximately one billion dollars. It is evident that if even a small percentage depreciation in the desirability of this property, caused by actual soiling of the beaches, deterioration of water quality or even the threat of either of these would impose a serious loss on property owners.

A major oil spill in the Strait of Georgia, coming into the Strait through the aforementioned Johnstone Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, would rapidly depreciate the attractiveness of Canada's first National Marine Park and further, it could conceivably write off from further consideration this unique Canadian marine environment.

The National Park on the west coast of Vancouver Island encompasses approximately 75 miles of coastline which is completely exposed to the open Pacific Ocean and thus extremely vulnerable to any form of sea pollution. The Park lies on the Pacific Flyway and is thus a major stop-over for thousands of migrating birds. The Park consists of three physically separate areas known as Long Beach, Broken Group Islands in Barkley Sound and the West Coast Trail. From the ecological point of view, the most important marine features of each area which would be threatened in the event