

oil spills with these velocities of tidal currents, need not be further emphasized.

Boundary Bay, twelve miles from Cherry Point, one of the principal west coast waterfowl and seabird sanctuaries and feeding areas, could very quickly be lost to an oil spill along with many thousands of waterfowl and seabirds which use it regularly because of its shallow waters and exposed mud flats, not to mention its loss as a summer recreation area.

The large intertidal oyster beds in the Strait of Georgia would also be extremely vulnerable, as would marine mammals such as the killer whale and the porpoise which come right into the Strait, and the sea-lion which can be found in hugh pods or rookeries up the coast of Vancouver Island or on the inside passage.

The extensive coastal waterways of the Strait of Georgia and the Strait of Juan de Fuca presently provide some of the worlds finest recreational opportunities for swimming, boating and sport fishing. Numerous summer cottages, permanent homes and marinas have been established throughout the area. Each year 100,000 pleasure craft of all sizes, cruise the inland waters of the Strait and fish for the various species, of which salmon is of primary importance. A major oil spill within the Strait would in all probability befoul boats, lines, beaches and coves. Based upon todays waterfront real estate values it can be estimated that the shoreline