

is difficult to imagine the impact of a total spill from a super tanker in relatively enclosed waters. Previous large spills have had disastrous consequences, although having the advantage of offshore dispersion. The Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Strait of Georgia will not provide such an advantage and will, by their geographical characteristics, compound the likelihood of an accident. Therefore, it is these highly fished areas that are most vulnerable to the proposed tanker route.

Salmon Fishing

The commercial salmon fishing industry in this area lands (at 1970 prices) an average of over \$16 million, the majority of which is Canadian. In addition, in Canada alone the recreational fishing is currently in excess of 300,000 boat days annually and, during 1963-65, landed an average of nearly 300,000 pounds of salmon annually. Heavy oiling of this area would cripple both recreational and commercial fishing not only for as long as the oil persists, because of oil damage and contamination of nets, lines and lures, but it would also continue to disrupt the fishing for many seasons because of ecological damage.

Each spring young Pacific salmon leave fresh water and move to the sea. For young salmon by far the most important waterways to the sea are the passages between