



## 20 Years Later.....Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

### Oil Spill Facts & Figures

Carrying 1,264,155 barrels of oil from Valdez, Alaska to Washington state, the Exxon Valdez maneuvered out of the shipping lane to avoid icebergs.

At 12:04 a.m. on March 24, 1989 the Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound.

257,000 barrels of oil were spilled (equivalent to 11 million gallons or 125 olympic-sized swimming pools).

17,000 barrels of oil were recovered (750,000 gallons).

1,300 miles of shoreline were impacted.

460 miles the distance the spill stretched from Bligh Reef to the village of Chignik on the Alaskan Peninsula.

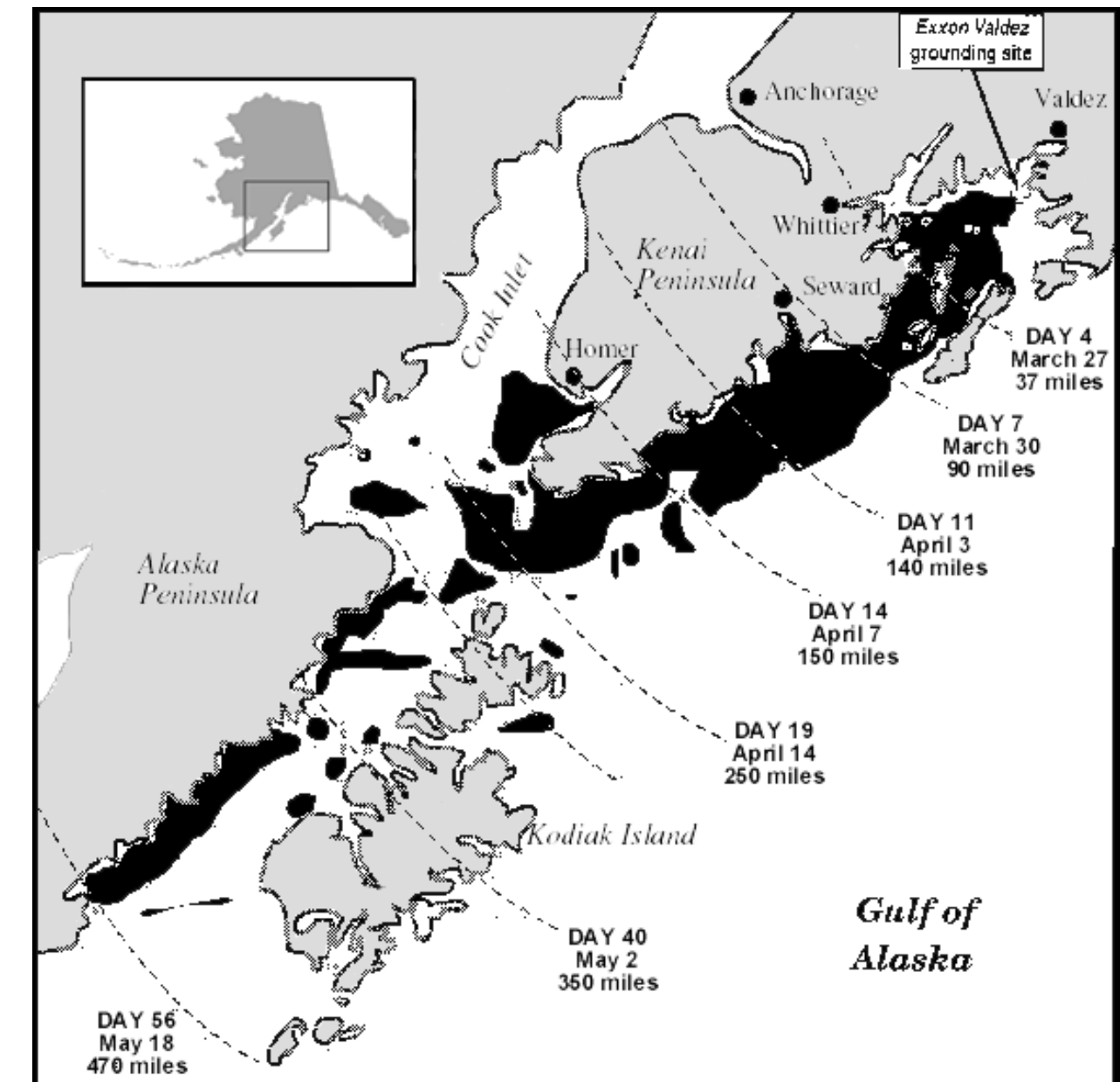
512,000 feet (almost 100 miles) of containment boom used for cleanup.

11,000 people employed by Exxon to assist with cleanup efforts.

Mosquito fleet the small skiffs and vessels that went to the innumerable small bays and beaches to clean oil, where the larger barges were unable to reach.

Pavement a commonly-used term to describe the surface of beaches impacted by the thick oil mousse.

250,000 seabirds, 2,800 sea otters, 300 harbor seals, 250 bald eagles, 22 killer whales, and billions of salmon and herring eggs the 'best' estimate of how many animals died outright from the spill.



The Exxon Valdez oil spill stretched from Bligh Reef to the village of Chignik on the Alaska Peninsula.



The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service bird cleaning station in Seward processed thousands of birds. Photo courtesy International Bird Rescue Research Center.



Booms were used to contain oil in Pony Cove; September 2, 1989.



Workers cleaning an oiled beach, in Paguna Arm; June 13, 1989.



Jellyfish soaked in oil; April 19, 1989.



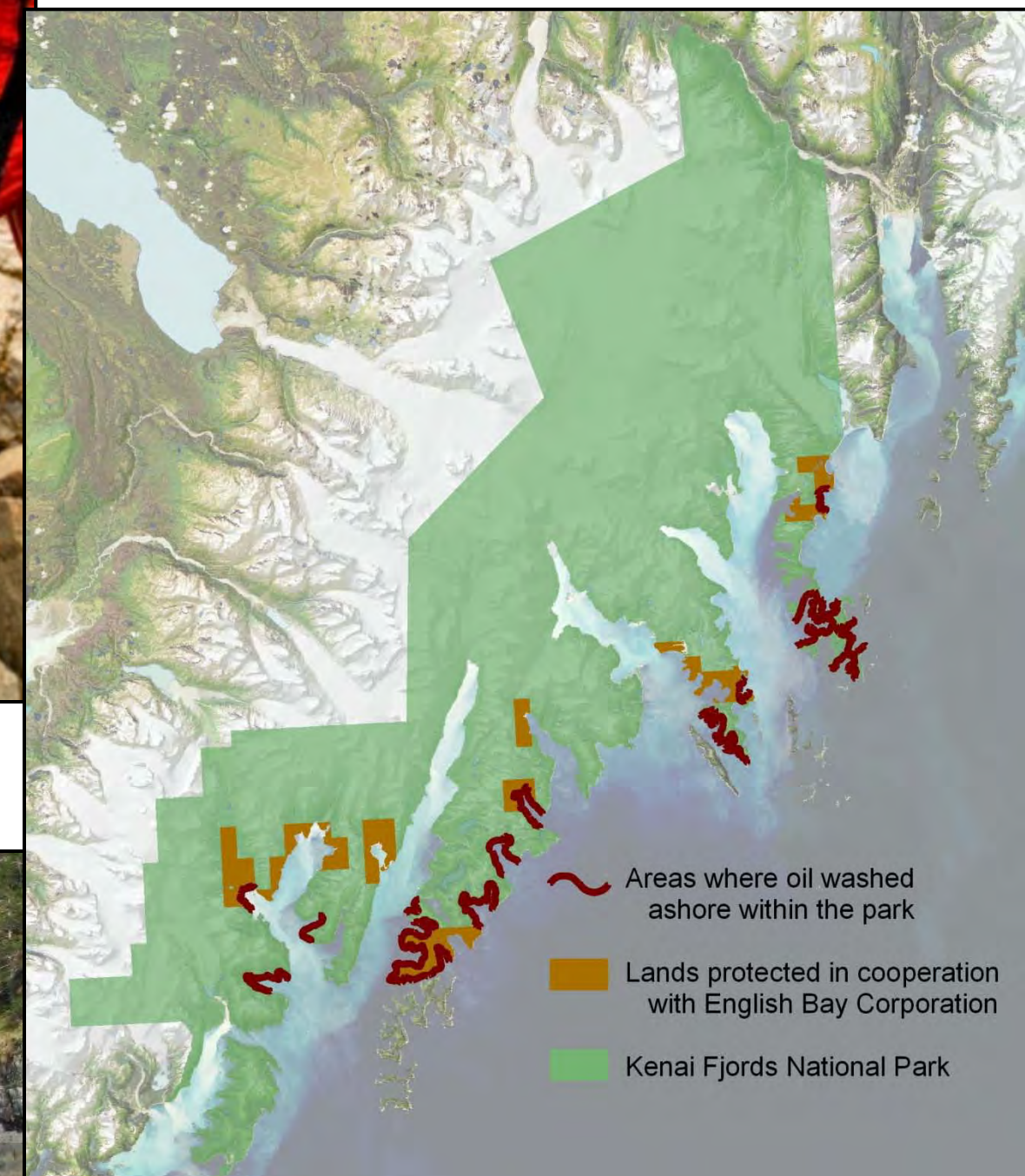
Placing boom to protect salmon streams in McCarty Lagoon; April 4, 1989.



Oil can still be found on selected beaches.



Hot water wash in Pony Cove; August 30, 1989.



With the benefit of Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council support, Kenai Fjords National Park (green) and English Bay Corporation (brown) jointly protect lands affected by the spill.

### KENAI FJORDS FACTS & FIGURES

- April 10, 1989.....the first day that oil reached shores of Kenai Fjords National Park (oil reached Seward several days prior).
- \$7.3 million.....minimum estimate of direct NPS costs attributed to the spill.
- 2 pounds / 100 square feet.....the rate at which Customblen fertilizer was applied on selected beaches to promote bioremediation.



Monitoring rocky intertidal habitat in Nuka Bay as part of nearshore vital sign monitoring; June 2007.

#### RESOURCES

- Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council (<http://www.evostc.state.ak.us/>)
- Anchorage Daily News (<http://www.adn.com/evos/>)