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Sent via email: jmcdevit@uvic.ca

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Dear Jamie McDevitt-Irwin:

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

The **Ministry of Environment** received your request for access to information under FOIPPA on February 15, 2017. We understand your request to be for:

Data on the number, location and extent of oil spills on the west coast of British Columbia in marine waters. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/1957 to 02/01/2017)

FOIPPA allows 30 business days for public bodies to respond unless the nature of the request requires an extension per section 10 of FOIPPA. We will make every effort to respond to your request by **March 29, 2017**. We will notify you as soon as possible if there is a need to extend the time limit for responding to your request.

FOIPPA also allows that we may charge a fee for certain limited costs of providing you with the requested information, such as locating, retrieving and copying a large volume of records. Should this be the case, we will contact you at a later date with a fee estimate.

Please also be advised that the response to your request (subject to limited exemptions) will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website after its release to you. Your identity will be protected in the response. To find out more about Open Information please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/>.

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Should you have any questions now or during the processing of your request please contact our office at 250 387-1321 and ask to speak with the analyst assigned to your request. Please quote the file number(s) identified at the top of this letter.

If calling from Vancouver dial 604 660-2421, or elsewhere in BC dial 1 800 663-7867, and ask to be transferred to 250 387-1321.

Regards,

Murray McComb
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Information Access Operations