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Tue, Mar 14, 2017 at 11:38 AM

To: "jmcdevit@uvic.ca" &lt;jmcdevit@uvic.ca&gt;

Good morning Jamie,

Regarding your FOI request for the following:

*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)*

We have been advised by the Ministry that they do not have a specific database that houses the information you are seeking. A manual search would have to be conducted throughout multiple locations, including offsite storage locations, and going back through 60 years of data could take a full year in person hours, which would incur a considerable cost.

My suggestion at this point would be to either narrow your request down to the most recent year or two, or you could withdraw this request and submit a request to Fisheries and Oceans Canada and/or the Canadian Coast Guard, who have primary responsibility for spills into Canadian waters.

Please advise how you would like to proceed.

Thank you,

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