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**Grant Funds Available for Oil Spill Prevention and Response
Studies**

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is currently offering grants to fund specialized scientific studies in the marine environment. Eligible studies must relate to improved oil spill prevention and response efforts, best technologies and understanding of the effects of oil on the marine environment.

DFG's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) operates the Scientific Study and Evaluation Program (SSEP), which fulfills a legislative mandate to provide funding to any person or entity that qualifies to contract with the state for studies in the following areas:

- Investigation and evaluation of applied spill prevention and response technologies.
- Effects of oil and spill response on fish, wildlife, habitat and water quality.
- Strategies for best achievable protection of wildlife and habitats.
- Marine oil spill wildlife collection and rehabilitation.
- Natural resource damage assessment tools (must be specifically applicable to marine oil spills).

Applications must be received by Sept. 7, 2012. Award recipients will be notified in January 2013.

The money for SSEP projects comes from the Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fund, which receives money from a per barrel oil fee. No general fund dollars are directed to this account.

The number of contracts to be awarded is not predetermined, but the total budgeted for fiscal year 2013-2014 is approximately \$200,000. There is no minimum amount that must be specified.

For more information, please visit www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/science/ssep.aspx or contact Bruce Joab, SSEP Coordinator, at (916) 322-7651.

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