

# FISHING VESSEL SERVICE



## Introducing Oil Spill Response Limited's latest solution for the industry - our Fishing Vessel Service.

**We've designed this service to be both easily mobilised and readily accessible for OSRL UKCS members who require support for response activities in Scotland.**

**By utilising this service, members can guarantee access to vessels and crew specifically trained to assist in oil spill incidents, alleviating the strain on oil industry vessels.**

For years, the UK fishing industry has played a pivotal role in supporting day-to-day operations of the offshore oil and gas industry. This includes providing guarding vessels, surveying platforms, and even assisting with past oil spill activities. Now, UKCS members can take advantage of this longstanding partnership to quickly access suitable vessels and trained crews through our established OSRL notification and response process.

### KEY FACTS

- Any Member of the OSRL UKCS service can subscribe to the Fishing Vessel Service via an addendum to the UKCS Supplementary Agreement
- First two vessels available within 24 hours with a further two available within the next 24 hours. Remaining vessels available on a best endeavors basis
- UKCS members can mobilise all 12 vessels for a single incident (subject to availability).
- UKCS members can use the service independently for any oil spill incident
- The vessels are available for use in Scottish waters only (if there is an industry need this may be extended in the future)

### SPECIFICATION AND LOCATIONS

- 12 fishing vessel crews trained and refreshed annually
- Two fishing vessels available with trained crew within 24 hours of notification
- A further two fishing vessels with trained crew available within 36-48 hours
- Continuous availability of a minimum of 4 vessels, with a 'best endeavors' access up to 8 additional vessels, until it is practical to demobilise
- Vessels based on the east coast of Scotland and the Shetland Islands (members can deploy the service west of Shetland)

# Service Information Sheet

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### MOBILISATION

TASK / ACTION	OSRL	MEMBER
Prior to a response	Training of vessel crews, audit of vessels	Annual subscription fees paid by Members
On mobilisation	Mobilisation of vessels Transportation of resources from storage site and delivery to Fishing Vessel at port of departure	Provide location of incident and response required (with advice from OSRL)
During response	Can provide advice and assistance on request	Responsible for tasking the vessels (via OSRL)

### WHY SIGN UP FOR THIS SERVICE?

Traditionally, when an operator needed to respond to a pollution-related incident in UK waters, they would turn to the charter market to obtain oil industry-related vessels such as Platform Supply Vessels (PSVs) or Anchor Handler Tug Supply (AHTS) vessels for use as response vessels. However, in recent years, there have been fewer vessels available and they may have to travel from further away, causing delays or changes to response actions.

For oil spill response activities, these vessels are typically used for spill monitoring and sampling, boom deployment and towing, and dispersant application. For instance, a response to a spill offshore of a persistent crude oil, with the currents and

weather driving the slick(s) towards a coastline, may require two offshore boom systems (requiring two vessels per system), two dispersant application vessels, a fluorometry and sampling vessel, and a command vessel.

Mobilising all these vessels can be time-consuming and may result in crews with minimal oil spill response training, requiring trained responders to accompany each vessel during its operations. Utilising fishing vessels with trained crews and an established mobilisation procedure can significantly reduce the risk of a slow or limited response, ensuring both vessel and trained responder availability when needed.



Please contact our duty managers if you would like a discussion.

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