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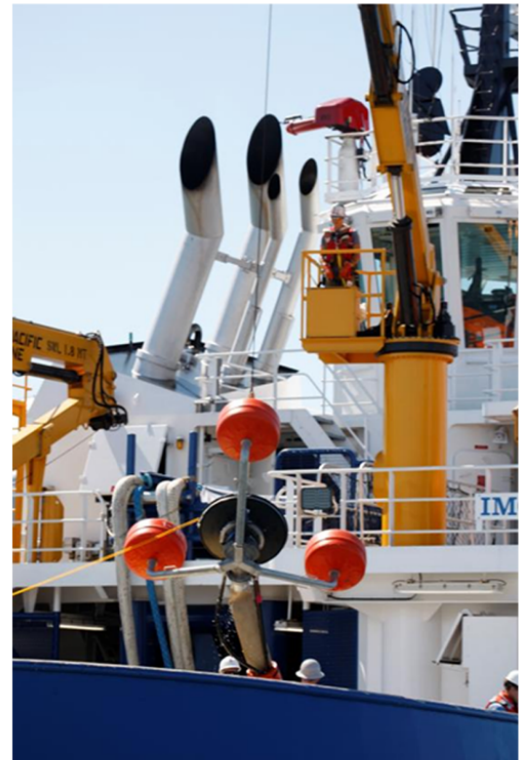
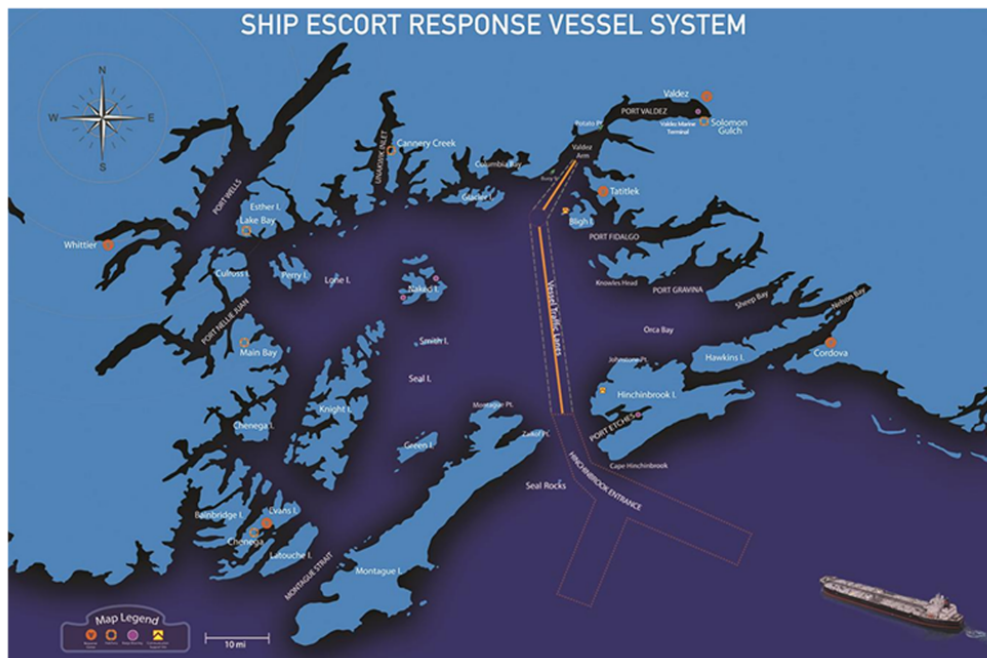
Ship Escort/
Response Vessel System



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Stewardship and Excellence

SERVS provides oil spill prevention, response, and preparedness capabilities for Alyeska and the marine shipping companies operating in Prince William Sound. Working with the U.S. Coast Guard, SERVS helps ensure safe tanker transit while maintaining a constant state of readiness.



SERVS 2026 1Q Stats

- 53 Tanker escorts
- 314 Available fishing vessels
- 5 Drills and exercises
- 3 Regulatory-required barge drydock periods

Tanker Escort System

The work of safely transporting Alaska North Slope crude continues nearly 70 miles through Prince William Sound. Every loaded tanker is accompanied by two powerful escort tugs that can slow or stop the vessel if needed. The tugs also carry spill-response equipment, including boom, skimmers and smaller workboats.

Spill Response Readiness

SERVS maintains response crews and equipment at strategic locations throughout Prince William Sound. Its resources include four large purpose-built response barges, a specialized nearshore response barge, smaller barges, workboats, boom and skimming systems.

Fishing Vessel Program

More than 350 contracted captains and fishing vessels participate in annual training and response exercises, bringing extensive local knowledge and experience to spill response operations.

A Sound Commitment

SERVS was established in 1989 to support safe tanker navigation and provide oil-spill response services for marine shippers, the Valdez Marine Terminal and the pipeline. The system continues to evolve through modern vessels, response technology, trained personnel and partnerships with communities throughout Prince William Sound.