

Statement

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Fuel spill in English Bay should serve as warning

9 April 2015 - Vancouver– Following a spill of toxic bunker fuel in Vancouver’s English Bay, Jessica Wilson, head of Greenpeace Canada’s Arctic campaign, said:

“Any oil spill is a disaster for marine life and for all those who depend on a healthy ecosystem. While we don’t know how big this toxic spill is and the damage is still being tallied, we do know it pales in comparison with what could happen if new tar sands pipelines were built to the B.C. coast or if Shell’s Arctic drilling plans were to proceed. This spill occurred in sheltered waters and with good weather conditions. Proposed pipelines would draw hundreds of oil supertankers through English Bay each year – often through storms and high seas. Arctic drilling would open the coast to a whole new range of dangers.

“This spill is yet another reason why we need our premiers and federal leaders to act on climate and say no to proposed tar sands pipelines and Arctic drilling if we want to prevent even more disasters to B.C.’s coast. We hope Premier Christy Clark will bear this in mind as she heads to meet with other premiers next week in Quebec City.”

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