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Update: Balfour Ferry oil spill no longer a concern for recreational water use

Based on a June 5 environmental consulting report, Interior Health has determined that there is no longer any potential health risk to recreational water use associated with an oil spill near the Balfour Ferry terminal in April.

Interior Health issued a public service announcement on April 15 as a precaution for recreational water use along a 400-metre stretch of shoreline on Kootenay Lake. This was in response to a Ministry of Environment notification regarding gear oil that had leaked into the lake.

The June 5 environmental report shows no evidence of remaining oil from the spill.

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