

The Japanese fishing vessel the Ryuyu Maru Number Two lies in ruin beneath the bird cliffs of St. Paul in the Pribilof Islands. Oil response efforts by federal and private industry spill response teams failed to contain and recover some 200,000 gallons of deisel oil and 1.4 million pounds of fish aboard the ship, causing some villagers to question whether existing technology is adequate to deal with environmental disasters in Alaskans waters of the Bering and Beaufort Seas.

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