



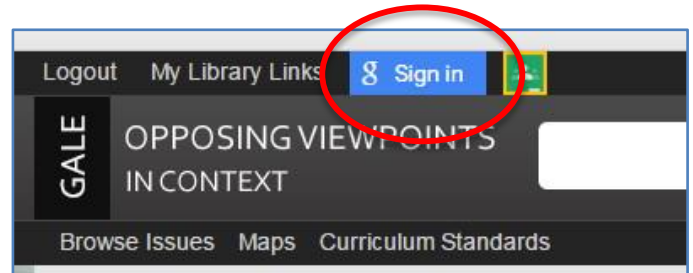
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Oil Spills Cause Long-Term Health Issues for Marine Mammals

Endangered Oceans, 2014

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"The number of dead dolphins found stranded on the coast close to the spill had dramatically increased."

Peter Beaumont is a foreign affairs editor at the *Observer*, a British newspaper. In the following viewpoint, Beaumont reports on a study by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on dolphins living in the [Gulf of Mexico](#) near the April 2010 British Petroleum (BP) [Deepwater Horizon](#) oil spill. Many of the dolphins in the study suffered health problems such as weight loss, anemia, and lung and liver disease, facing grim chances for long-term survival, according to the study, Beaumont reports. The severity of the oil spill damaged even usually unaffected organisms such as deepwater coral and marshland animals, says Beaumont.

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1. According to Beaumont, what potential effects can be expected due to the hormone deficiency detected in the studied dolphins?
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A new study of dolphins living close to the site of North America's worst ever oil spill—the BP Deepwater Horizon catastrophe two years ago [in 2010]—has established serious health problems afflicting the [marine mammals](#).

The report, commissioned by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA], found that many of the 32 dolphins studied were underweight, anaemic and suffering from lung and liver disease, while nearly half had low levels of a hormone that helps the mammals deal with stress as well as regulate their metabolism and immune systems.

More than 200 million gallons of crude oil flowed from the well after a series of explosions on 20 April 2010, which killed 11 workers. The spill contaminated the Gulf of Mexico and its coastline in what President Barack Obama called America's worst environmental disaster.

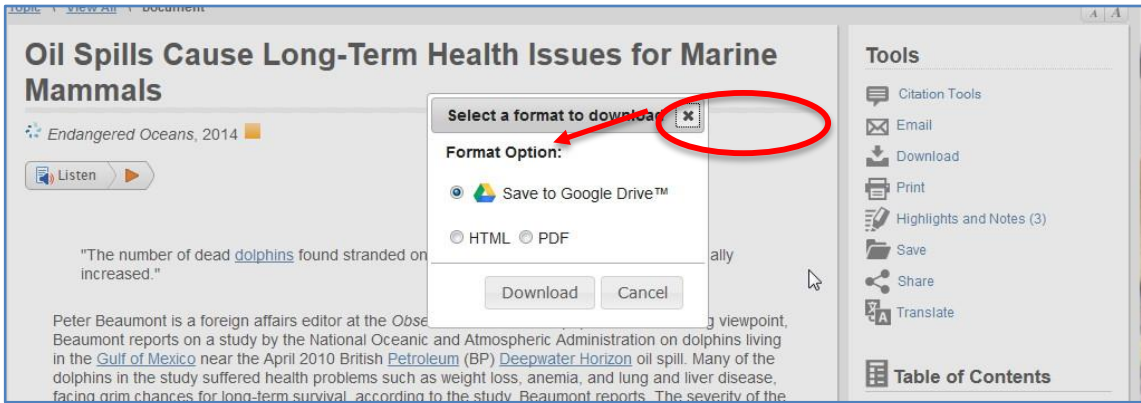
The research follows the publication of several scientific studies into insect populations on the nearby Gulf coastline and into the health of deepwater coral populations, which all suggest that the environmental impact of the five-month-long spill may have been far worse than previously appreciated.

Another study confirmed that zooplankton—the microscopic organisms at the bottom of the ocean food chain—had also been contaminated with oil. Indeed, photographs issued last month [February 2012] of wetland coastal areas show continued contamination.

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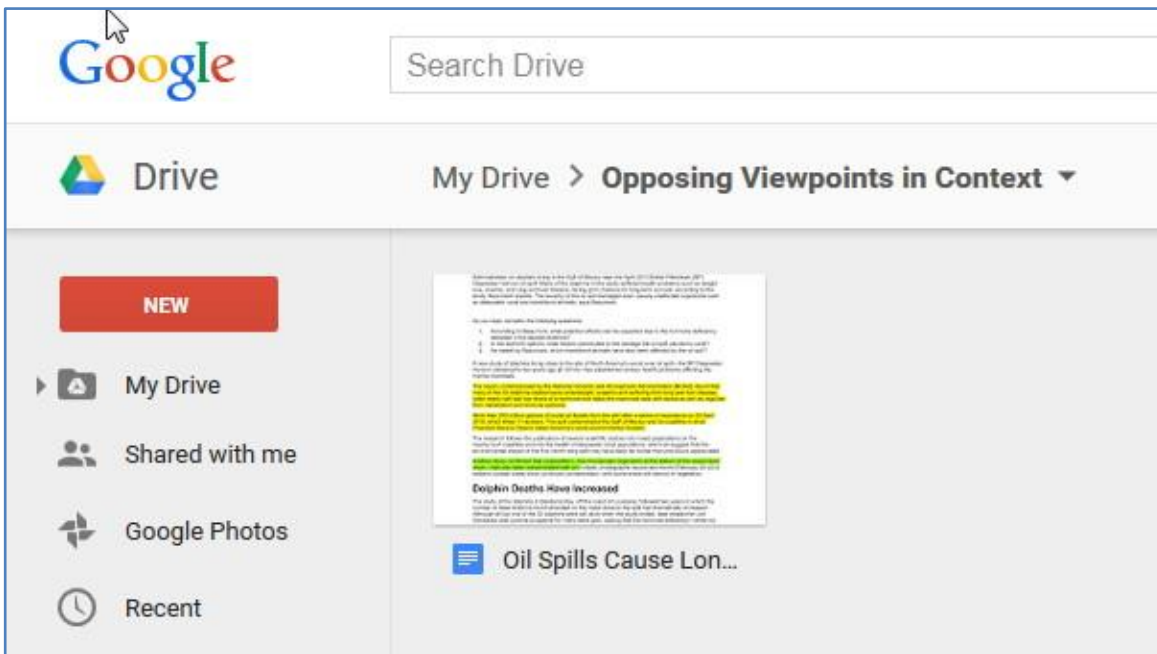
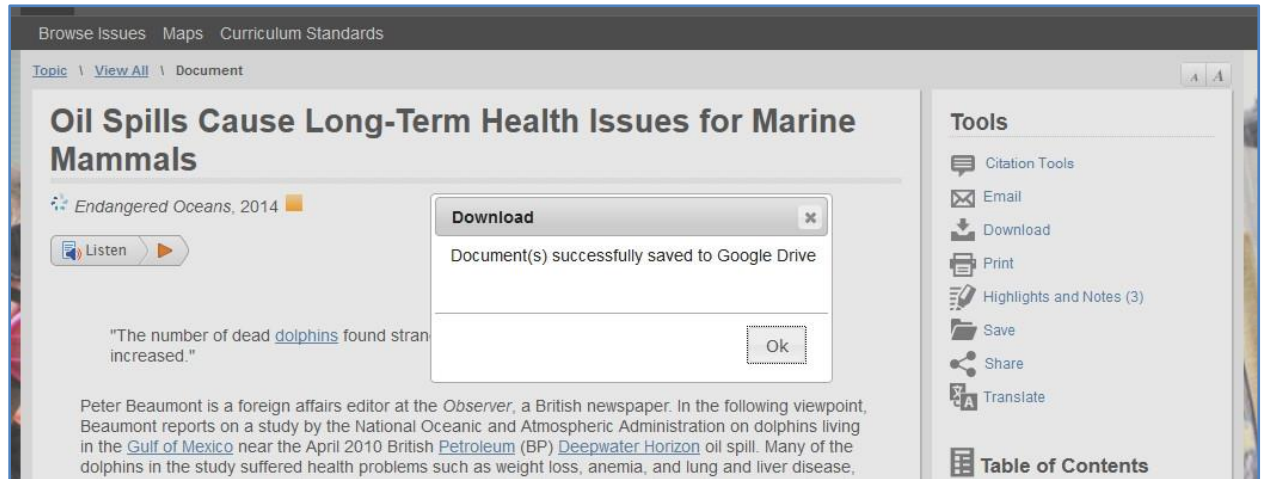
The study of the dolphins in Barataria Bay, off the coast of Louisiana, followed two years in which the number of dead dolphins found stranded on the coast close to the spill had dramatically increased. Although all but one of



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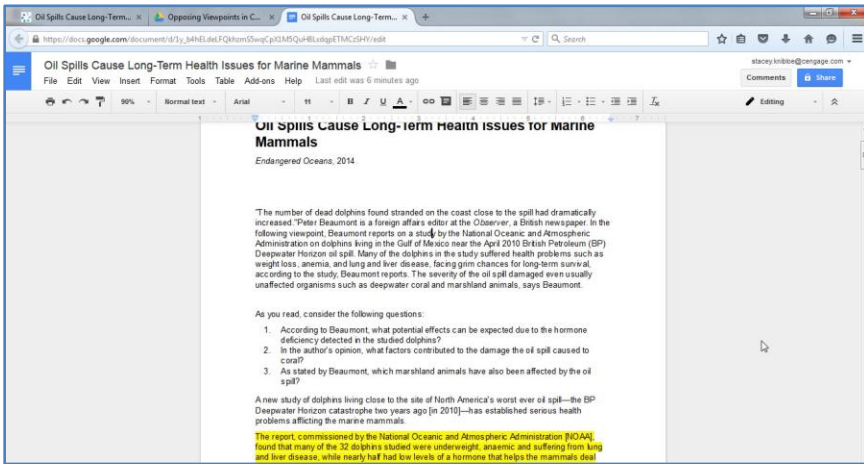
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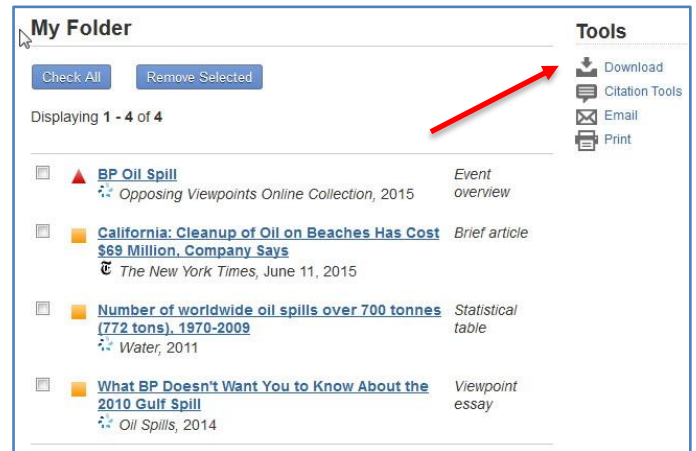
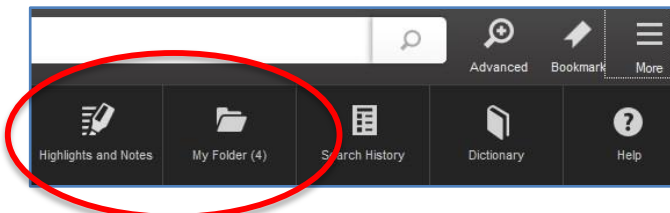
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