



**Figure 1.** Comparison of rockweed cover at middle elevation unooled sites and oiled/washed rocky sites, 1989-1996. Washed sites were cleaned by hot-water washing during the months after the spill.

### Summary of *Fucus Gardneri* Abundance

This graph shows mean percent *Fucus gardneri* cover of 0.25 square meter quadrat from 1989 to 1996. Abundance is plotted for these categories: oiled/washed and unooled. The data for **oiled/washed** sites show a steep decline in cover in 1989 after treatment. Mean abundance of oiled/washed *Fucus* dropped from a high of 80% cover per quadrat in 1989 to a low of less than 5% in 1990. Abundance then steadily increased to a high of over 60% in 1993. Cover again declined, reaching a low of about 20% in 1995, then increasing to about 35% in 1996. The abundance of **unooled** *Fucus* fluctuated somewhat during the same period, but gradually decreased from about 70% cover per quadrat in 1989 to just over 30% in 1996. Although the steep decline in *Fucus* cover in 1989 at oiled/washed sites almost certainly reflects the impact of oil and treatment, the other fluctuations are more difficult to explain. This is true for oiled/washed sites, as well as control sites.