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June 7, 2013

To: RDA Committee members and alternates; interested parties
From: Dale Davis, RDA Committee Executive Director
Re: June 12, 2013 RDA Committee Regular Meeting

The RDA Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in room **R2S-21** at the Department of Ecology's headquarters building in Lacey, Washington. A meeting agenda and minutes from the May 8, 2013 regular meeting are enclosed for your review.

There is one oil spill pre-assessment screenings scheduled for this meeting; the 5/15/13 spill from the *F/V Tani Rae* into Grays Harbor. The committee will be updated on the status of the RDAs for the Foss Maritime Port Madison and Conoco-Phillips Dalco Passage spills. Please call me at 407-6972 or e-mail at dale.davis@ecy.wa.gov if you have any questions or agenda items to add.

Enclosures: Agenda
Spill Report Sheet

RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING

Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA
[Room R2S-21](#)

Wednesday, June 12, 2013
9:00 a.m.

Agenda

- I. New Business**
 - A. Preassessment Screening**
 - 1. *F/V Tani Rae*, May 15, 2013 spill into Grays Harbor**

- II. Old Business**
 - A. Committee update on the status of the RDAs for the 10/14/04 Dalco Passage spill and the 12/30/03 Foss Maritime spill.**

 - B. Committee Discussion - King County Dam, April 20, 2013 spill into the Black River and associated fish kill.**

DRAFT MINUTES

May 8, 2013, REGULAR MEETING OF THE RDA COMMITTEE Held at the Department of Ecology Headquarters: Lacey, WA

ATTENDANCE:

Rebecca Post, WA Department of Ecology 360-407-7114
Don Noviello, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife 360-902-8124
Rob Whitlam, WA Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 360-586-3080
Mark Toy, WA Department of Health 360-236-3321
Deborah Petersen, WA State Parks and Recreation Commission, by conference call
Greg Rabourn, King County 206-296-1923
Laird O'Rollins, King County 206-296-8014
Karen M. Dinehart, Seattle City Light 206-386-4581
Mary Yoder-Williams, Seattle City Light 206-386-4581
Michael Aronowitz, Seattle City Light 206-233-2631

The Resource Damage Assessment (RDA) Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Department of Ecology headquarters building in Lacey, Washington. Rebecca Post called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as written for the April 11, 2013 RDA Committee meeting.

I. New Business

- 1. Seattle City Light, February 13, 2013 spill into Lake Union**
- 2. Arctic Challenger, March 21, 2013 spill into Bellingham Bay**

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Rebecca Post described the incident. A vehicle hit a utility pole causing it to fall, which damaged three transformers, spilling about 64 gallons of mineral oil. Five gallons were recovered from soil and paved surfaces and about 59 gallons went down a storm drain. About 51 gallons were recovered from an oil trap and 8 gallons went into Lake Union (minimal recovery). Seattle City Light brought a report to the meeting regarding the spill and agreed with the spill volume.

The RDA Committee proceeded to vote on the following PAS questions:

1. Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? Results: Yes=0 No=5
2. Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? Results: Yes=0 No=5
3. Has the potential liable party (PLP) proposed restoration/enhancement projects/studies that are sufficient to adequately compensate the people of the state for public resource damages? No, PLP representatives attending the meeting indicated that Seattle City Light will pay cash and will not do a project.

2. Arctic Challenger, March 21, 2013 spill into Bellingham Bay.

Rebecca Post described the incident. The Barge *Arctic Challenger* was testing an oil spill containment dome at about 150 feet deep when an ROV hit a hydraulic line and broke a valve off, releasing about 30 gallons of oil. None of the spilled oil was recovered.

Tim Dickensheets reported that when they did a mass balance between the hydraulic fluid tank volumes before and after operations showed a difference of only 21 gallons (242 before and 221 after), but indicated that he was okay with the 30 gallons spilled estimate.

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II. Old Business

For the Foss Maritime Port Madison spill RDA, there was no new information. For the Conoco-Phillips Dalco Passage spill RDA, King County gave a status update for the Dockton Park restoration project. They have added beach nourishment to the project and are hoping to use dredged sediments for that purpose. In the permitting there is some question with As, Pb, and PAHs that are slightly higher than MCTA levels. King County is hoping that subsequent sampling events – that have already been analyzed at lower levels will suffice. Due to limits on where to take dredge material they are designing a smaller, shallower wetland. They have an agreement with a neighbor to the west so the project is extending down the beach further. They are hoping to start ground work this August or September. They have expended \$270K of the \$467K . They were hoping to have Waterfront Construction start in June, but that will be delayed for Purple Martin fledging.

The committee discussed the King County Dam spill into the Black River, and requested to see an MSDS for the material spilled to see if it contains components that could have caused the fish kill.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

Date of Incident: May 15, 2013

Potentially Liable Party: Westport Seafood Company

Product Spilled: Diesel

Spill Source: *F/V Tani Rae*

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 30 gallons

Water Body Affected: Grays Harbor

Ecology Region: SWRO

County: Grays Harbor

Nearest City: Westport

Location of Spill: Westport Seafood pier

Cause: Unknown

Ecology Responder: Andrea Unger

Field Report: The crew was doing an internal transfer of fuel and was not paying attention. They overfilled the day tank and about 30 gallons spilled from the vent to the water. The crew did the cleanup and recovered most of the fuel that was in the water, but there is poor recovery documentation.