

# HARBORVIEW MARINA FIRE - GIG HARBOR, WA



# WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31, 2005

- 7:15 a.m. fire reported
- Wood marina w/metal roof & 50 boats
- Pleasure craft; 30 to 50 foot
- Marina & boats burned to waterline
- 47 boats sank; 3 pulled away
- Whole scene covered by collapsed metal roof & superstructure

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# Quick Response was Critical

- Boom was quickly deployed around the burning marina by Gig Harbor Police Boat & Fire Department
- This action confined the extent of water pollution from oil and debris.
- The boom was purchased by local response agencies in early 2005. Ecology provided a storage trailer and training in boom deployment.
- Fire response – provided shore side & by 4 fire boats from Tacoma, Anderson Island, and McNeil Island

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# Incident Command System

- Gig Harbor Fire - IC first 7 hours
- Transitioned at 1430 to UC
  - US Coast Guard
  - Ecology
  - City of Gig Harbor
- 8/31 & 9/1 - ICS 201 – enhanced
- 9/2 - IAP with 202/3/5A/231/232 + site safety plans, dive operations, salvage plan, disposal plan; 24 hr ops period

# Response Objectives

- Safety of public & responders
- Control source(s) of oil
- Coordinated response
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas
- Contain & recover spilled material
- Prevent spread of pollution
- Keep public & stakeholders informed
- Support Fire Marshall's investigation
- Establish & maintain site security
- Resolve & manage financial issues

# Challenges

- Fire investigation
- Site safety
- Access to other marinas & docks
- Fund sources
- Boat owners & Insurance Co's
- Public interest
- Continued pollution threat

# Actions to Protect/Mitigate

- Worker safety priority + controlling public access
- Booming – containment at marinas & docks, exclusion at streams & shoreline
- Skimming & debris removal
- Flushing of docks & slips, boat washing
- Removal of marina roof & sunken boats  
– est. 2 – 3 weeks to remove



Much of the metal roof of marina collapsed onto sunken vessels

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Burned vessel & removal crane; 9/2/05.

Boom deployed to contain oil & debris from marina fire.

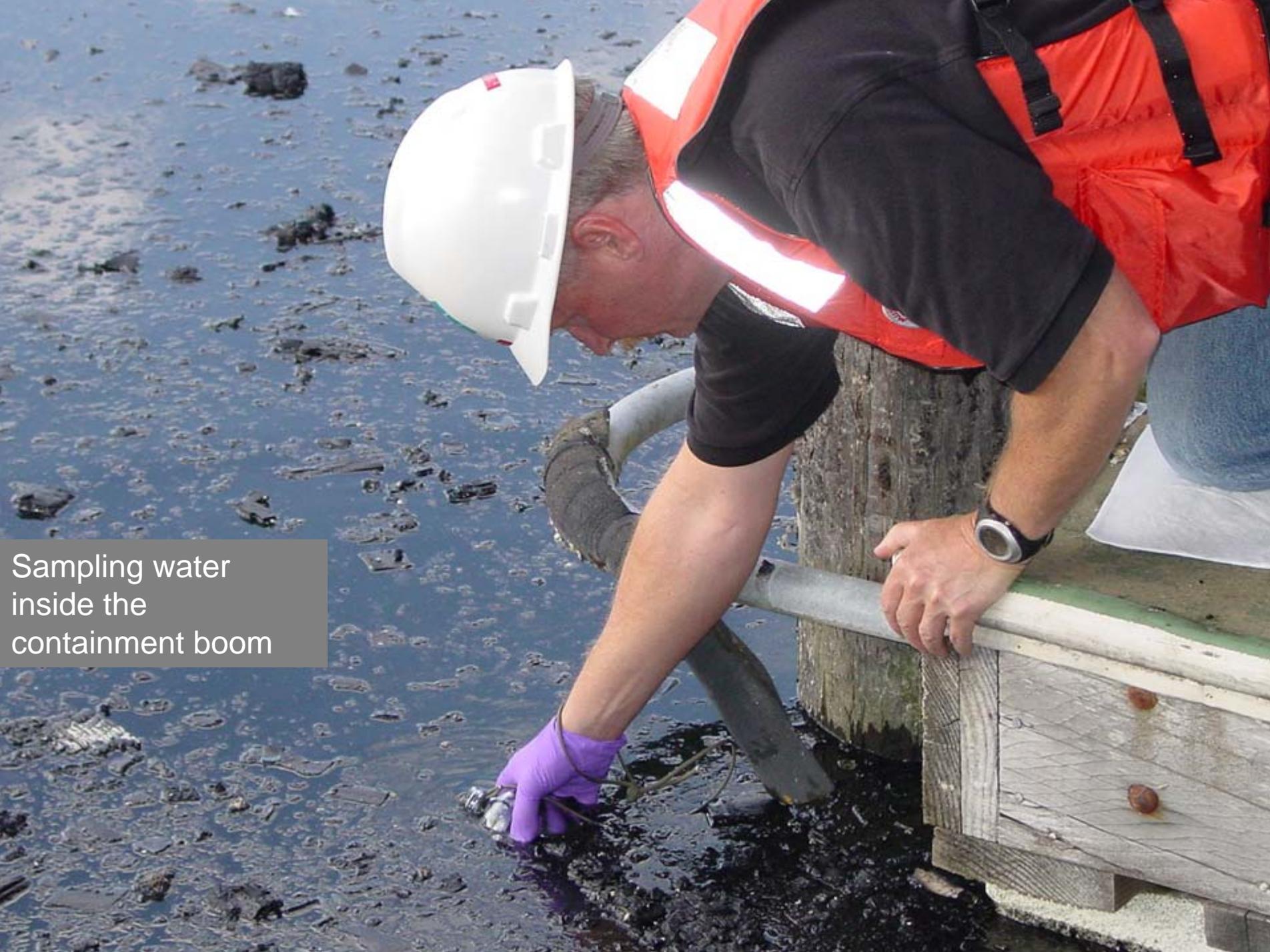


Early meeting of agencies, contractors, and insurance representatives



Early media coverage of marina fire





Sampling water  
inside the  
containment boom



Contractor crane used to lift debris and sunken vessels



Burned vessel being lifted onto barge. The number of propellers, engine type, and color of bottom paint were critical to identifying vessels.

Simple way of providing information to hundreds of Gig Harbor residents & visitors .

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Fire happened 7am Wednesday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

Current Status: Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011  
Swanboro residents - 47, removed 7  
Public Dock - OPEN  
Pleasure Craft Marina - S side OPEN, N side Controlled

