

Attachment I

Neah Bay Tug Availability – Process and Timeline

Date	Process and Timeline
October 31, 2009	<p>First industry progress report is due to Legislature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report will include anticipated annual costs and methodology for determining the average annual cost for each class of covered vessel. Industry may inform Ecology if an equitable cost-sharing strategy cannot be reached. • Industry is encouraged by the Legislature to use one or more umbrella organizations so that covered vessels equitably share the costs to implement this program.
December 1, 2009	<p>Second industry progress report is due to Legislature. This date coincides with the required contingency plan updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology will review whether proposed tug specifications meet legislative requirements. <p>Contingency plan updates submitted to Ecology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingency plans for covered vessels operating in the Strait of Juan de Fuca must submit plans for an emergency response system. The contingency plans must describe compliance with requirements of SB 5344 and be submitted to the Ecology for approval. <i>Guidance information is provided in Attachment II.</i> <p>Ecology reports to the legislature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology reports to Legislature if industry negotiations fail to achieve goals.
Dec 2009 – July 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process for contracting tug begins. • Provision for State Use of the Tug - Ecology must be authorized to contract with the emergency response towing vessel in response to a potentially emerging maritime casualty or as a precautionary measure during severe storms. In this case, Ecology will pay for the deployment.
July 1, 2010	<p>Industry funded tug must be stationed and operating at Neah Bay.</p>
After July 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tug may be used in drills: Drills must emphasize the system's ability to respond to a potentially worst case vessel emergency scenario. Drill credit for all vessel plan holders can be obtained during a single deployment by following Ecology's guidelines for scheduling and participating in drills. An actual deployment provides a possibility for requesting drill credit. • Ecology may dispatch the tug when necessary. • Industry is required to submit a report to Ecology whenever tug is deployed. • Ecology reports to the Legislature and the public on the use of the tug (on-going). • Ecology initiates discussions with Canadian government to share the marine response assets required by SB5344, and reports to Legislature by January 1, 2011.