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December 8, 2014

To: RDA Committee members and alternates; interested parties
From: Dale Davis, RDA Committee Executive Director
Re: December 10, 2014 RDA Committee Regular Meeting

The RDA Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in room **ROA-09** at the Department of Ecology's headquarters building in Lacey, Washington. A meeting agenda and minutes from the November 12, 2014 regular meeting are enclosed for your review.

There is one oil spill pre-assessment screening scheduled for this meeting; the 9/14/14 *P/C Avalon* spill into Pleasant Harbor. The committee will be updated on the status of the RDAs for the Foss Maritime Port Madison and Conoco-Phillips Dalco Passage spills, and will be briefed on the 12/5/14 *F/V Titan* sinking and spill. 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 ROA-09](#)

Wednesday, December 10, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Agenda

I. New Business

A. Preassessment Screenings

1. *P/C Avalon*, September 14, 2014 spill into Pleasant Harbor

Committee briefing on the *F/V Titan* sinking and spill

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. *P/C Gamapotay* – Preassessment screening postponed until the January 14, 2015 meeting at the request of the owner.

DRAFT MINUTES

November 12, 2014, 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
Dale Davis, WA Department of Ecology 360-407-6972
Don Noviello, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife 360-280-9376
Rob Whitlam, WA Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 360-586-3080
Deborah Petersen (by telephone), WA State Parks and Recreation Commission 360-902-8634
Mark Toy, WA Department of Health 360-236-3321
Shayne Cothorn, WA Department of Natural Resources 360-902-1064
Sue Vezeau, WA Department of Ecology 360-407-7638

The Resource Damage Assessment (RDA) Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the Department of Ecology headquarters building in Lacey, Washington. Rebecca Post called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The minutes were approved as written for the October 8, 2014 RDA Committee meeting.

I. New Business

- 1. *P/C Gamapotay, July 7, 2014 spill into Fidalgo Bay – Postponed until the December 10, 2014 RDA Committee meeting.***

II. Old Business

1. For the 10/14/2004 Dalco Passage RDA, the committee had reviewed the maintenance plan at the August 13, 2014 meeting and had a question about why forage fish egg monitoring was not included in the plan. After some initial discussions, it looks like the Puget SoundCorps will be adding the site to their regular forage fish monitoring schedule.
2. For the 12/30/2003 Foss Maritime spill RDA, a plan is still being developed for the anthropogenic wood removal project. There was a conference call on October 21, 2014 to update the trustees on the status of the project. The project plan calls for two experimental plots within the marsh. Anthropogenic wood will be removed from both plots and then a barrier will be constructed for one of the plots to keep wood from moving back in. An implementation plan is currently being worked on and should be done within a month or two. They expect to implement the project next spring. The funds available should be enough for implementation and several years of monitoring. Shayne Cothorn suggested that the work could probably be done by the Puget SoundCorps.
3. The committee was briefed on the Phillips 66 NRDA drill that took place on October 15th and 16th. The 15th was essentially a training day to get everyone up to speed on the NRDA process. NOAA gave a presentation and training on ERMA, and was able to get access to

ERMA for most of the NRDA drill participants. The 16th was the actual drill, which seemed to go very well for the NRDA group. However, the NRDA group was in a hotel conference room and the actual drill was in a different location, and communication was mostly one-sided with drill products flowing to the NRDA group by computer, but nothing was allowed in the other direction. Nevertheless, the NRDA group was well organized and would have been ready to send out sampling teams, and had good discussions regarding technical work groups that would have been developed for an actual spill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

Date of Incident: September 14, 2014

Potentially Liable Party: Randy Schleich

Product Spilled: Diesel fuel

Spill Source: *P/C Avalon*

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 70 gallons to water

Water Body Affected: Pleasant Harbor

Ecology Region: SWRO

County: Jefferson

Nearest City: Brinnon

Location of Spill: Just north of the Pleasant Harbor State Park dock

Cause: Vessel grounded and then filled with water

Ecology Responder: Andrea Unger

Field Report: The vessel was being moved by the owner in the middle of the night using a skiff with a small outboard motor to pull the Avalon, which was more than the skiff could handle and the wind pushed the Avalon up on the beach. When the tide went out, the Avalon rolled on its side and then filled with water when the tide came back in. The owner initially wanted to salvage the vessel himself, but was unable to come up with a formal plan that the USCG would approve. The DNR derelict vessel program eventually took possession of the Avalon and hired Global Diving and Salvage who brought in a large crane to lift and remove it. The spill to water was estimated at 70 gallons with about 50 gallons recovered.