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To: RDA Committee members and alternates; interested parties  
From: Dale Davis, RDA Committee Executive Director  
Re: February 10, 2016 RDA Committee Regular Meeting

The RDA Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 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 January 13, 2016 regular meeting are enclosed for your review.

There are three oil spill pre-assessment screenings scheduled for this meeting; the 11/14/15 *P/C Wild at Heart* spill into the Ebey Slough, the 12/21/15 City of Oak Harbor spill into Oak Harbor, and the 1/8/16 Madrona Autoworks spill into Eld Inlet. The committee will be updated on the RDAs for the *F/V Deep Sea*, Winlock Warehouse Fire, and the Gardner-Fields asphalt spill. Sue Vezeau will attend the meeting to talk to the committee about planned GRP updates. Please call me at 407-6972 or e-mail at [dale.davis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:dale.davis@ecy.wa.gov) if you have any questions or agenda items to add.

Enclosures: Agenda  
Spill Report Sheets (3)

## RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING

Department of Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA

Wednesday February 10, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

**Room ROA-09**

### Agenda

#### I. New Business

##### A. Preassessment Screening

1. *P/C Wild at Heart*, November 14, 2015 spill into Ebey Slough
2. City of Oak Harbor, December 21, 2015 spill into Oak Harbor
3. Madrona Autoworks, January 8, 2016 spill into Eld Inlet

- ##### B. Committee discussion with Sue Vezeau to talk about GRP Priority Tables and support/assistance to vet the tables to ensure the highest priority sites are protected after a spill.

#### II. Old Business

- A. Committee update on the RDA for the 8/18/15 Winlock Warehouse Fire.
- B. Committee update on the RDA for the 2/8/15 Gardner-Fields spill.
- C. Committee update on the RDA for the 5/13/12 *F/V Deep Sea* spill.

## DRAFT MINUTES

### January 13, 2016, REGULAR MEETING OF THE RDA COMMITTEE Held at the Department of Ecology Headquarters: Lacey, WA

#### ATTENDANCE:

Alison Meyers, WA Department of Ecology 360-407-7114  
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Don Noviello, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife 360-902-8124  
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The Resource Damage Assessment (RDA) Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Department of Ecology headquarters building in Lacey, Washington. Dale Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as written for the December 9, 2015 RDA Committee meeting.

#### **I. New Business**

##### **1. *F/V Persistence*, December 6, 2015 spill into Grays Harbor**

##### **1. *F/V Persistence*, December 6, 2015 spill into Grays Harbor.**

Dale Davis described the incident. The vessel sank at the dock for unknown reasons. The vessel owner said that about 250 gallons of fuel was on board, and that she did not have any insurance. The Ecology Responders and the Port of Grays Harbor boomed the vessel and deployed pads, which recovered about 100 gallons of fuel. Divers pumped about 200 gallons directly out of the tanks. The Port of Grays Harbor contracted for salvage and demolition.

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

1. Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? Results: Yes=0 No=6
2. Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? Results: Yes=0 No=6
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, no PLP representative attended the meeting and no proposal was submitted.

**Committee briefing on the *F/V Blackfish* sinking and spill** – The vessel is owned by a Makah Tribal member. Alison talked to Chad Bowchop and followed up by email. Chad is supposed to check with the Tribal Council to see if they want to be involved. Alison will send a letter to the council to let them know that we will be dealing with the case at the next RDA Committee meeting.

## II. Old Business

1. There was no new information on the RDAs for the Foss Maritime spill (12/30/2003) or the Dalco Passage spill (10/14/2004).
2. *F/V Titan* spill (12/5/2014) RDA update – The committee was briefed on the meeting for trustee agency managers on 1/11/2016. Alison and Jeff Fishel gave a presentation on an overview of the spill and the resulting RDA process. The managers seemed to be in general agreement we should proceed as planned. The process will be put on hold until the legislative session is over; then Ecology will contact the RP and their insurance company to discuss the RDA and options to compensate the state. Ecology will recommend pursuing a direct restoration project. We need more information on how the \$3 to \$300 multiplier came to be and then develop a communication strategy for getting that information out to the public.
3. Potential changes to the Compensation Schedule – Alison asked the committee to think about any changes to the Compensation Schedule that they might have in mind for the next legislative session. Alison will schedule a meeting to discuss ideas.
4. Kent wetland spill – The committee was briefed on the waste oil dumping into a Kent wetland. From 250 to 300 gallons of waste lube oil was dumped into a wetland in Kent at the end of a little used road in an industrial area. No responsible party has been identified yet, but the EPA Criminal Investigations Division is working on it and has a couple of leads. Most of the oil seemed to be isolated in an area with shallow standing water and little or none of the oil left the wetland, which drains into a small stream.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** November 14, 2015

**Potentially Liable Party:** Charles Gill

**Product Spilled:** Diesel fuel

**Spill Source:** *P/C Wild at Heart*

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 52 gallons, 24 gallons of diesel and 28 gallons of lubes.

**Water Body Affected:** Ebey Slough

**Ecology Region:** NWRO

**County:** Snohomish

**Nearest City:** Everett

**Location of Spill:** Peacock Landing Marina, 6300 12<sup>th</sup> SE

**Cause:** Vessel sank

**Ecology Responder:** James Zuluaga

**Field Report:** The vessel sank at the dock due to hull damage caused by large woody debris coming down the slough after very heavy rains. High wind, currents, and rain prevented divers from even getting in the water for 12 days. During this time, a constant stream of oil drops were seen coming off the vessel. When conditions improved, Global Diving dove on the vessel and found that the fuel tanks were empty. The owner thought that there was less than 100 gallons on board prior to it sinking.

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** December 21, 2015

**Potentially Liable Party:** City of Oak Harbor

**Product Spilled:** Hydraulic oil

**Spill Source:** City garbage truck

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 30 gallons.

**Water Body Affected:** Oak Harbor

**Ecology Region:** NWRO

**County:** Island

**Nearest City:** Oak Harbor

**Location of Spill:** 550 SW Waterloo Ave

**Cause:** Hydraulic hose burst

**Ecology Responder:** Chad Schwatka

**Field Report:** A city garbage truck had a hydraulic hose break and they lost the capacity of the system, 30 gallons, to a ditch with fast moving water that ends up in Oak Harbor. They were able to recover about 12 gallons within 24 hours.

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** January 8, 2016

**Potentially Liable Party:** Jack's Madrona Autoworks

**Product Spilled:** Used lube oil

**Spill Source:** Jack's Madrona Autoworks

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 25 gallons.

**Water Body Affected:** Eld Inlet

**Ecology Region:** SWRO

**County:** Thurston

**Nearest City:** Olympia

**Location of Spill:** 525 Ronlee Lane NW

**Cause:** Human error

**Ecology Responder:** Doug Stolz

**Field Report:** Madrona Autoworks services vehicles and had been storing used oil in a large plastic tank inside a shipping container next to the shop. The shop was also using some of the used oil in a furnace to heat the building. Apparently the used oil was pumped into a storage tank in the shop for the furnace using the same pipes that went to the plastic storage tank in the shipping container. The fire department ordered them to stop using the plastic storage tank because it was not designed for oil, and they had a contractor pump out the oil and then disconnected the tank, leaving it sitting outside the shipping container. Apparently the people in the shop were unaware that there was no valve on the pipe that had gone to the plastic tank and when they continued pumping oil to the storage tank in the shop, some of the oil was just going into the shipping container. The doors on the end of the shipping container are not water or oil tight and as they pumped oil into the container, some of the oil leaked out the doors onto the ground. The area around the shop, including the area where the shipping container is sitting, consists of coarse black rock that drains water into drain pipes that discharge into the ditch along the road in front of the shop. Rain water moved the oil leaking out of the container into the drain system and into the ditch. The ditch drains into a swale that discharges into Eld Inlet. The owners of the shop noticed oil coming out of the drain to the ditch, but did not investigate further and did not report it. A citizen walking on a trail near the swale reported the spill. It is not known how long the oil had been going into Eld Inlet, but the sides of the swale and the discharge pipe were heavily stained with oil, indicating that a significant amount of oil had move through the system during the last heavy rain when the water level in the swale was about two feet higher. The actual spill volume is not known, but 25 gallons is very likely an underestimate.