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To: RDA Committee members and alternates; interested parties  
From: Dale Davis, RDA Committee Executive Director  
Re: April 13, 2016 RDA Committee Regular Meeting

The RDA Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 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 March 9, 2016 regular meeting are enclosed for your review.

There is one oil spill pre-assessment screening scheduled for this meeting; the 2/28/16 Lakeview Light & Power spill into a Lakewood wetland. The committee will be briefed on the 3/10/16 *F/V Bergen* spill into Bellingham Bay, the 3/20/16 Port Orchard Yacht Club fire and spill, the 3/21/16 *M/V Sparna* grounding in the Columbia River, and the 4/6/16 *F/V California Horizon* spill into Neah Bay. 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 Sheet

## RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING

Department of Ecology

Wednesday April 13, 2016

300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA

9:00 a.m.

**Room ROA-09**

### Agenda

- I. New Business**
  - A. Preassessment Screening**
    - 1. Lakeview Light & Power, February 28, 2016 spill into a Lakewood wetland**
    - B. Committee briefing on the March 10, 2016 *F/V Bergen* spill into Bellingham Bay, the March 20, 2016 Port Orchard Yacht Club fire and spill, the March 21, 2016 *M/V Sparna* grounding in the Columbia River, and the April 6, 2016 *F/V California Horizon* spill into Neah Bay.**
- II. Old Business - None**

## DRAFT MINUTES

### March 9, 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

Don Noviello, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, 360-902-8124

Mark Toy, WA Department of Health, 360-236-3321

Rob Whitlam, WA Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 360-586-3080

The Resource Damage Assessment (RDA) Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Department of Ecology headquarters building in Lacey, Washington. Alison Meyers called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The minutes were approved as written for the February 10, 2016 RDA Committee meeting.

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

- 1. City of Oak Harbor, December 21, 2015 spill into Oak Harbor**
- 2. Cheney Livestock Corporation, February 4, 2016 spill in a wetland**
- 3. Chelan County PUD, February 18, 2016 spill into the Columbia River**

#### **1. City of Oak Harbor, December 21, 2015 spill into Oak Harbor.**

Alison Meyers described the incident. 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.

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

1. Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? Results: Yes=0 No=4
2. Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? Results: Yes=0 No=4
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.

#### **2. Cheney Livestock Corporation, February 4, 2016 spill into a wetland.**

Alison Meyers described the incident. The driver of a cattle truck owned by Cheney Livestock fell asleep and drove off the road, breaking the cross-over line for the fuel tanks. Most of the fuel drained out of one tank, but they were able to pump out some of the fuel from the other tank. The truck essentially ended up in or on the edge of a roadside wetland near Randle and most of the spilled fuel went into the wetland. Cowlitz Clean Sweep responded and deployed lots of sorbents so there should be some 24 hour recovery.

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

1. Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? Results: Yes=0 No=4
2. Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? Results: Yes=0 No=4
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.

### **3. Chelan County PUD, February 18, 2016 spill into the Columbia River.**

Alison Meyers described the incident. The seals for generator Unit 3 at the Rock Island Dam had recently been replaced, but after running for 18 days they noticed a sheen in the tail race and shut the unit down. They verified that the seals had failed and replaced them with a different make known to be more reliable. They estimated that 105 gallons of turbine oil had been lost to the river; no recovery.

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

1. Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? Results: Yes=0 No=4
2. Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? Results: Yes=0 No=4
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, but Chelan County PUD has indicated that they would like to do a direct restoration project; they want to combine damages from this spill with damages from another spill from the Rock Island Dam on September 1, 2015 and fund one project.

A replacement for Stephenie Kramer as the back-up WA Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation RDA Committee member will need to be identified.

Committee briefing on the Bulk Carrier NORD AUCKLAND spill – On 2/18/2016 approximately 80 gallons of waste diesel and lube oil spilled onto the deck and over the side of the vessel into the Columbia River. Although what is believed to be oil was visually observed in Washington State waters during overflights on 2/18/2016 and 2/19/2016, samples collected on 2/19/2016 did not match source samples collected from the vessel. With no confirmation of damage to Washington State waters no RDA action will be pursued.

## **II. Old Business**

1. Gardner-Fields asphalt spill (2/8/2015) RDA update – The committee was briefed on the meeting that Alison Meyers and Dale Davis (WA Department of Ecology), and Don Noviello (WA Department of Fish and Wildlife) attended on 2/24/2016 at the Gardner-Fields facility in Tacoma with the RP and Cardno, the consulting firm the RP hired to perform a case-specific NRDA. A visit to the spill site was conducted to visually gauge the progress of natural restoration at the site. The committee voted (Yes=4 No=0) that Gardner-Fields should proceed with their case-specific assessment, most likely in the form of a

Habitat Equivalency Analysis (HEA), the results of which will be reviewed by the committee.

2. La Mexicana White Center Pond spill (11/6/2015) RDA update – The committee was briefed on the meeting WA Department of Ecology and WA Department of Fish and Wildlife had with the RP on 3/3/2016. Details regarding the process and timeline for the spill and wildlife response efforts, spill volume determination, investigation, cost recovery, penalty, and Natural Resource Damage Assessment aspects of the case were discussed.
3. *F/V Blackfish* spill (12/12/2015) RDA update – The committee was informed that due to the lack of verification that >25 gallons of oil was spilled into Washington State waters, no NRDA action will be taken.
4. Kent wetland spill (12/27/2015) RDA update – The committee was informed that due to the inability to locate the RP, no NRDA action will be taken.
5. Potential changes to the Compensation Schedule – The committee discussed a possible rule update to address the \$3 to \$300 multiplier. Alison Meyers will work with Dale Davis to provide the committee with a few rule update options to discuss at the next RDA Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** February 28, 2016

**Potentially Liable Party:** Lakeview Light & Power

**Product Spilled:** Transformer oil

**Spill Source:** 3 Transformers

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 100 gallons.

**Water Body Affected:** Flett Creek and adjacent wetlands

**Ecology Region:** SWRO

**County:** Pierce

**Nearest City:** Lakewood

**Location of Spill:** 8024 South Tacoma Way

**Cause:** A vehicle accident damaged transformers

**Ecology Responder:** Doug Stolz

**Field Report:** A vehicle accident resulted in damage to three transformers that lost their contents to the street. Heavy rain at the time of the incident washed the oil into the storm drain that discharges to a series of ponds in Flett Creek. Most of the oil moved through the ponds quickly and was pumped into a wetland downstream of the ponds. Oil was observed in Chambers Bay, but the area could not be accessed for sampling. Some oil was contained and recovered in one of the ponds, but no recovery numbers are available yet.