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May 3, 2013

To: RDA Committee members and alternates; interested parties

From: Dale Davis, RDA Committee Executive Director

Re: May 8, 2013 RDA Committee Regular Meeting

The RDA Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 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 April 10, 2013 regular meeting are enclosed for your review.

There are two oil spill pre-assessment screenings scheduled for this meeting; the 2/13/13 spill from a Seattle City Light transformer into Lake Union, and the 3/21/13 spill from the Barge *Arctic Challenger* into Bellingham Bay. The committee will be updated on the status of the RDAs for the Foss Maritime Port Madison and Conoco-Phillips Dalco Passage spills. King County will give a presentation on the status of the Dockton Park restoration project. 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 Sheets (2)

RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING

Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA
[Room ROA-09](#)

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
9:00 a.m.

Agenda

I. New Business

A. Preassessment Screening

1. Seattle City Light, February 13, 2013 spill into Lake Union
2. *Arctic Challenger*, March 21, 2013 spill into Bellingham Bay

B. Committee Discussion

1. King County Dam, April 20, 2013 spill into the Black River and resulting fish kill

II. Old Business

A. Committee update on the status of the RDA for the 10/14/04 Dalco Passage spill; presentation by King County.

B. Committee update on the status of the RDA for the 12/30/03 Foss Maritime spill.

DRAFT MINUTES

April 10, 2013, 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 360-902-8124
Rob Whitlam, WA Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 360-586-3080
Shayne Cothorn, WA Department of Natural Resources 360-902-1064
Mark Toy, WA Department of Health 360-236-3321
Leslie Seffern, AGO 360-586-4613
Deborah Petersen, WA State Parks and Recreation Commission, by conference call
McClure Tosh, Yakama Nation, by conference call

The Resource Damage Assessment (RDA) Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 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 March 13, 2013 RDA Committee meeting.

I. New Business

1. *M/V Davy Crockett, January 27, 2011 spill into the Columbia*

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Dale Davis described the incident. Mr. Simpson purchased the Davy Crockett with the intent of cutting it up for scrap metal. He directed workers to begin cutting the vessel up while it was still floating and tied to the shoreline (WADNR aquatic lands) near Camas. After cutting some of the structural members, the vessel broke in the middle resulting in a release of oil. Mr. Simpson did not have the resources to deal with vessel at that point so the USCG and Ecology directed removal of the vessel. The vessel could not be moved so it was dismantled in place, costing over \$22 million. Fortunately, the initial release of oil by Mr. Simpson's actions was the only oil spilled, which was estimated at 70 gallons. None of the 70 gallons was recovered.

McClure Tosh requested that we send him a copy of the demand letter when it goes out.

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.

II. Old Business

For the Foss Maritime Port Madison spill RDA, there was no new information. For the Conoco-Phillips Dalco Passage spill RDA, King County will give a status update for the Dockton Park restoration project at the next RDA Committee meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

Date of Incident: February 13, 2013

Potentially Liable Party: Seattle City Light

Product Spilled: Mineral oil

Spill Source: Transformer

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 59 gallons

Water Body Affected: Lake Union

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: King

Nearest City: Seattle

Location of Spill: Yale Avenue North and Stewart Street

Cause: Power pole fell down

Ecology Responder: David Cline

Field Report: A vehicle hit a utility pole causing it to fall, which damaged three transformers, spilling about 64 gallons of mineral oil. Five gallons were recovered from soil and paved surfaces and about 59 gallons went down a storm drain. About 51 gallons were recovered from an oil trap and 8 gallons went into Lake Union (minimal recovery).

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

Date of Incident: March 21, 2013

Potentially Liable Party: Superior Energy Services

Product Spilled: Hydraulic oil

Spill Source: *Arctic Challenger*, vessel hydraulic system

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 30 gallons

Water Body Affected: Bellingham Bay

Ecology Region: NWRO

County: Skagit

Nearest City: Bellingham

Location of Spill: Near Vendovi Island

Cause: Broken valve

Ecology Responder: Carl Andersen

Field Report: The Barge *Arctic Challenger* was testing an oil spill containment dome at about 150 feet deep when an ROV hit a hydraulic line and broke a valve off, releasing about 30 gallons of oil. None of the spilled oil was recovered.