



Meeting Minutes

Resource Damage Assessment Committee (RDA) Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Zoom

Call to Order: 9:03 AM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes for the August 10, 2022 RDA Committee Meeting passed.

Adjournment: 9:47 AM

Attendees

Entity	Representative
RDA Committee, Chair Washington State Department of Ecology	Geoff Baran
RDA Committee Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	Rob Whitlam
RDA Committee Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife	Don Noviello
RDA Committee Washington State Department of Natural Resources	Shayne Cothern
RDA Committee Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Jessica Logan
Nez Perce Tribe	Audrey Martinez
Polaris Applied Sciences, M/Y <i>Pegasus</i>	Greg Challenger
Polaris Applied Sciences, M/Y <i>Pegasus</i>	Andy Graham
Skokomish Indian Tribe	Seth Book
Washington State Department of Ecology	Josh Weide
Washington State Department of Ecology	Krystal Rodriguez
Yakama Nation	Natalie Swan

Minutes

I. New Business

A. Preassessment Screenings

1. ERTS# 716286 M/Y *Pegasus*

• Incident Summary:

On July 15, 2022, Gig Harbor Fire responded to a fire aboard the 80' M/Y *Pegasus*. Once the fire was out, the fire department began deploying boom around the vessel. The vessel sank during booming operations, and began to spill diesel fuel into the water around the vessel. Ecology and the USCG responded, and hired Global Diving and Salvage to sting the tanks and cleanup the spilled diesel. An

estimated 300 gallons of diesel fuel spilled due to the sinking, and by July 16 an estimated 273 gallons of diesel fuel was recovered from the water. On July 18, 2022, Global Diving and Salvage removed the vessel from the water using a crane barge.

- Don stated that migrating salmonids would have been present in the area at the time of the spill. Unsure if the fish shown in the slide deck are salmonids or not.
- Greg asked how the compensation schedule factors salmonids in its calculation.
- Geoff stated that the presence of salmonids is assumed in the marine schedule.
- Greg asked if any additional pollutants were aboard the vessel at the time of the sinking.
- Geoff stated that the investigation is ongoing, but HCID samples identified diesel fuel in the water.
- Greg stated that he will work with the responsible party to identify how much fuel was aboard, how much was pumped out, and what other pollutants may have been aboard.
- Geoff stated that Ecology will maintain contact with Greg and Polaris as more information is revealed through investigation.
- Preassessment Screening:
 - Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? 5 no.
 - Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? 5 no.
 - Compensation schedule authorized to calculate damages.

2. [ERTS# 715577 Mason vessel](#)

- Incident Summary:

On June 15, 2022, Ecology was notified that a 30' pleasurecraft caught fire when a butane tank was accidentally exposed to heat while cooking. The USCG rescued the passengers, and the vessel owner hired TowBoat US to secure the vessel and deploy containment boom. The vessel was on the rocks at Decatur Island, and the USCG hired US Ecology to defuel the vessel. The vessel owners suspected 90 gallons of diesel fuel was aboard the vessel at the time of the incident. US Ecology pumped off an estimated 65 gallons of diesel fuel from the fuel tank, leaving an estimated 25 gallons of diesel fuel presumed lost to the water. The vessel owner worked with TowBoat US to remove the vessel from the water later.
- Shayne asked whether the vessel was successfully removed from the shore. Geoff will ask Rob Walls, region supervisor and follow-up.
- Preassessment Screening:
 - Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? 5 no.
 - Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? 5 no.
 - Compensation schedule authorized to calculate damages.

II. [Old Business](#)

Geoff provided an update on the *F/V Aleutian Isle*, *F/V Lady Debbie*, the Kachina Aviation helicopter crash, and the *P/C Crab N Jazz* fire and sinking. There will be a future preassessment screening for many of these cases.

III. Announcements

- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 9:00am via Zoom.