

SUMMARY NOTES - FINAL
Pacific Oil Spill Prevention Education Team (POSPET)

2015 Spring Meeting
June 19, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Vancouver, BC

Attendees

In person

Aaron Barnett, Washington Sea Grant
Hilary Wilkinson, Pacific States/BC Oil Spill Task Force
Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance, BC

On the phone:

Rachel Bullene, Oregon State Marine Board
Meg Gardner, Oregon State Marine Board
Lisa Isakson, WA State Dept of Ecology
Vivian Matuk, CA State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and CCC

Welcome and Introductions

Hilary called the meeting to order and led participants in a round of introductions. She noted that Andy is unable to attend this meeting. Meg Gardner introduced herself as the new representative from the Oregon State Marine Board.

Recap and status of next steps from SPILLS 911 virtual roundtable; Fall 2014 meeting

SPILLS 911

Hilary provided a brief synopsis of the SPILLS 911 virtual roundtable that occurred on February 24, 2015. The call was a follow-up to an agreement made at the Fall 2014 POSPET meeting to better understand the structure of the call in line, and figure out POSPET's role in enhancing efforts to advertise and promote it. Fourteen individuals participated. One idea floated during the call involved bringing it more strongly into the curriculum for boater education programs. There was also discussion about tying Spills aren't Slick materials and messaging into social media.

POSPET members who participated in the call added that it was a very good meeting. Aaron mentioned that he tested the call to see how it works. There was some uncertainty expressed during the call as to what POSPET members could do with the information once they had it. There have been two recent spills in Vancouver, and it

would be interesting to know who called. This kind of information could help focus on hot spots.

POSPET – FALL 2014 MEETING

Hilary provided a brief synopsis of the Fall 2014 POSPET meeting in Seattle, most notably the remaining follow-up tasks. They include:

- Send members an outline of what it would mean to chair POSPET – Hilary
- Everyone will send pictures and bios if they haven't already.

Hilary confirmed who has and has not sent pictures and bios.

Bios and pictures received:

Michelle Y.

Aaron

Lisa

Vivian

All others need to send.

Questions regarding member updates

Hilary noted that this is the first meeting in which members were to send their jurisdictional updates one week in advance of the meeting. She received updates from the following jurisdictions:

- BC
- CA
- OR (post-deadline; not wrapped in in time for distribution)

The group will continue to test this approach.

There were no questions about the updates, and Hilary asked that each jurisdiction share one important highlight from their work that was important for other POSPET members to know.

Vivian Matuk – CA – Parks and Coastal Commission

- They are working on developing an online clean boating quiz. She will share the final product once it is live. People who take the quiz are entered in a raffle for a clean boating kit.
- They are trying to develop a product for fuel docks in partnership with Fish and Wildlife. They are getting a lot of reports about spills at fuel docks. Vivian wants to develop a tool kit and educational materials for marinas and fuel docks (where there are no dock operators). The kit would include a plastic bottle with a suction system on the back and a hole with a lead. The idea is to place the bottle on top of the fuel tank vent to capture backpressure spills. Currently, boaters are

directed, during Dockwalker interactions, to purchase this bottle at marine supply stores. Boaters have been very enthusiastic about it.

POSPET members shared that they like both ideas, and that both would be useful beyond California. For example, Rachel noted that it could be helpful in Oregon. They provide their clean marinas with a fuel kit – it's simpler (oil absorbent pad) – and they have provided the no fuel tags to all the fuel docks.

Aaron asked if Vivian had any experience with fuel vent whistles. He noted that it is \$16/per whistle and therefore too expensive. They have found that distraction and inattention was the number one cause for error.

Vivian noted that she would be happy to work with others on this and will touch base with OSPR to see if they are on board. Then she will set up a separate conference call/meeting.

Lisa Izakson, WA Dept. of Ecology

- The State legislature recently passed the Oil Train Protection Act. Ecology now has more regulatory authority with rail and this will be a huge part of the work they'll be doing moving forward. Rail will be regulated under a contingency plan. Also, WA was able to expand the barrel tax to rail but not to pipeline. Their program will be expanding to hire more contingency planners for rail and to develop Geographic Response Plans (GRPs) for inland communities along rail corridors. They will also be revamping the Ecology website. Lisa has been doing more work on info-graphics and interactive mapping with the goal of educating people about how oil transportation risk impacts them.

Rachel Bullene, Oregon State Marine Board

- OR has new legislation, modeled on California's, that established a vessel turn-in program. They got authority to have people turn in their abandoned/derelict boats instead of having to seize them. They did outreach to marinas and offered to take or dispose of these vessels. So far they have received some decent boats – 1960s cabin cruisers, sailboats.

Aaron Barnett, Washington Sea Grant

- Sea Grant is entering a partnership with USCG-Sector Puget Sound and will be launching a media campaign around outreach to recreational and commercial boaters. They received 1,000 "bilge socks" that will be distributed through Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel examinations. They got a verbal commitment from EnviroStars in King County for half the funds (\$5K) needed for hose and bidding replacements for small commercial fishing fleets. Sea Grant will likely contribute the remaining funds.

Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance, Clean Marine BC Program

- Georgia Straits Alliance submitted an extensive report on the Kinder Pipeline proposal.
- Clean Marina Certification program – growth has been incredible – they just received the President’s Choice award.

Update of Pacific States/B.C. Oil Spill Task Force

Hilary provided a brief update on activities of the Pacific States/BC Oil Spill Task Force. She also distributed requested outreach materials to POSPET members in attendance.

All materials were printed with the exception of the brochure, which needs significant updating and editing. Hilary will work with Lisa to get a new version of the brochure and send it to POSPET members for input.

Clean Marina Certifications

- **BC:** Four new certifications in two months. Current total = 13. Fifteen additional marines are enrolled for certification.
- **WA:** Just reached 71. Two were completed in Lake Chelan last week; plus a marina on Lake Union. Clean Marina of the Year awards were given to the Shilshole Marina (Seattle) and Foss Marina (Tacoma). Shilshole has developed an entire EMS. It is considered the future of clean marina programs for WA – maybe other marinas could develop these EMSs.
- **OR:** Are now at 63. Recently completed one for the Port of Arlington. They have a new fuel dock and there are a lot of places to prevent oil spills.
- **CA:** Need
- **AK:** Need

POSPET – Path Forward

Based on a decision made at the Fall 2014 POSPET meeting, the bulk of the meeting was devoted to having a lengthy discussion about a desired mission statement for POSPET, as well as what activities are desired moving forward. Highlights follow.

Mission (DRAFT)

Example 1. Support the mission of the Pacific States/BC Task Force – No Spilled Oil - by educating owners and operators of small vessels and facilities on preventing chronic, small spills

Example 2. Support the mission of the Pacific States/BC Task Force – No Spilled Oil- by focusing on small, day-to-day spills through focused education to small vessel owners, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration and coordination.

Work Plan

The group had a brainstorm session in which everyone shared ideas for actions that they felt are important for POSPET to achieve its (to be agreed on) mission.

These actions are divided into several categories, and in many instances, names of POSPET members who have volunteered to explore the item in more detail are listed. Specifically these POSPET members have agreed to do some sleuthing between now and the Fall 2015 meeting to determine what level of effort might be needed to take action. More details on what each volunteer should pursue are included at the end.

Category 1: Mission/Role

- Ask Task Force what role they see moving forward (HILARY)

Category 2: Coordination/Guidance/Communication Strategies

- Coordinate messaging to commercial fishermen
- Educate marinas
- Data visualization, mapping, messaging of data (spills of X magnitude, etc); transportation trends. Would like to see POSPET do more in terms of synthesizing data. We should be OSTF's education arm and be able to take the data and do something really meaningful with it. Should also consider a standardization of data. (LISA)
- Bring expertise and support to BC
- Help with fixing the problems – spill and marina. Cooperative role re: pumpouts
- Consider social media. Be the authority for West Coast oil spill issues. Leverage what is happening in the gulf. (LISA)
- POSPET could have a lot of power. Should pursue grants.

Category III: Specific projects

- Trainings for marina managers. Could collaborate on web-based tutorial for marina managers. Establish a Marina Working group? (AARON)
- Outreach to recreational boaters at events
- Develop a Communication Strategy (LISA)
- Develop a POSPET speakers list with subject matter experts (LISA)
- Develop a library of all POSPET groups' resources (MEG)

Category IV: POSPET Presence/Branding At Forums

- Salish Sea Ecosystem (MICHELLE)
- Clean Pacific
- International Public Participation Conference (IAPP) (HILARY)
- Pacific Coast Harbor Masters (AK?)
- NW Marine Trace Association (LISA and ANDY)

- OSTF Annual Meetings (HILARY)
- Boating BC Association Conference (MICHELLE)
- Harbour Authority Association of BC Conference (MICHELLE)

Ideas for working groups (OPERATIONAL)

- Marina Working Group (for people doing clean marina certifications) (MICHELLE Y)
- Fuel Dock Working Group (AARON)
- Recreational Boating/Outreach/Dockwalkers (MICHELLE TO PARTICIPATE)
- Social Media (Lisa and Michelle)

POSPET members whose names appear above have volunteered to do some sleuthing between now and the Fall 2015 meeting. Specifically, those named above should do the following:

- Draft a purpose/statement for the action/activity
- Identify specific tasks needed to accomplish the action/activity (as detailed as possible)
- Provide a quick overview of the capacity of POSPET to undertake the tasks, and any funding necessary (estimates are ok)

WRAP UP AND ADJOURN

Hilary noted that OSTF is hosting an oil by rail conference in Portland this fall. She suggested that the fall POSPET meeting could potentially coincide with this. The idea was supported by all.

FOLLOW UP

- Meet with Aaron and Joe Raymond re: outreach to fishing (HILARY)
- Wrap Oregon's update into the jurisdictional updates and distribute (HILARY)
- Fuel dock education kit. Pending response from OSPR, Vivian will set up a separate conference call/meeting.(VIVIAN)
- Hilary will work with Lisa to get a new version of the brochure and send it to POSPET members for feedback (HILARY and LISA)
- Update Clean Marina certification on website and in folders. Get figures for AK and CA. (HILARY; CA and AK to send numbers to Hilary)
- Work Plan sleuthing per section above (ALL VOLUNTEERS NAMED ABOVE)
- Explore the possibility of having the Fall, 2015 POSPET meeting coincide with the oil by rail conference in Portland this fall. (HILARY)
- Everyone who has not sent a bio and photo should send them to Hilary. (ALL who have not submitted)