

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

2017 Winter Meeting via conference call

February 15, 2017
9 am to noon

Attendees

Aaron Barnett, Washington Sea Grant
Shayne Cothorn, WA State Dept. of Natural Resources
Andy Gregory, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance
Eric Kretsch, Association of Marina Industries
Connie Sullivan, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance
Vivian Matuk, CA State Parks - California Coastal Commission
Franji Mayes, WA State Dept. of Ecology
Hilary Wilkinson, Pacific States/BC Oil Spill Task Force

Welcome and Introductions

Hilary called the meeting to order and led participants in a round of introductions. Eric Kretsch introduced himself – he is the Legislative and Outreach Coordinator for the Association of Marina Industries and is interested in learning more about POSPET’s work. He would also like to be a resource to the group.

Recap and status of next steps from Fall 2016 Meeting

Hilary reviewed the status of follow-up items from the Fall 2016 meeting. Follow up actions that have been completed include:

- The POSPET presentation created for the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference has been posted on the POSPET website.
- The SPILLS 911 materials have been reviewed and updated. POSPET members had an opportunity to put orders in for new materials – figures were finalized and sent to the print shop. They reside at the WA State Dept. of Ecology.
- Outreach was conducted for the WA Pollution Prevention Guidebook.

Google Drive Tutorial

Franji provided a tutorial for people to learn how to use Google Drive. Since the meeting, we have learned that Ecology cannot use the platform for firewall reasons.

A link to notes can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dOQtC9XiJrusEcfsRI0blpP3AYUoWBqPxdcxzk_xJfg/edit?usp=sharing

A copy of the PPT that she provided will be included in the email distribution to POSPET members with the draft meeting notes.

Member updates

British Columbia

- No participation

California

Vivian Matuk – CA State Parks and California Coastal Commission

- They are currently scheduling dockwalker trainings.
- They are also preparing boater kits for 2017 distribution. These will include a fuel bib. This has been a very good pollution prevention tool to educate boaters re: fueling practices.
- They are working on promoting aquatic invasive species prevention workshops.
- They are starting a fishing line recycling program.

Oregon

- No participation

Washington

Franji Mayes – WA Dept. of Ecology

- They are working on a public service announcement video. It is not finished yet but she will keep the group updated.
- They have been tracking legislation. A couple bills are Ecology's, and one bill might involve the Health Department coming to spill responses.
- Ecology just released its first quarterly report on crude movement in the state. This also includes numbers for oil being transported by rail based on reporting required in last year's legislation.
- The equipment cache grant has proven its worth. A recent, significant marina fire was prevented from spreading further because there was an equipment cache nearby.

Connie Sullivan – Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

- Two new clean marinas have been certified in Washington: the Community Boating Center in Bellingham and Fiddlehead Marina in Olympia.

- They have done a lot of tabling events, including the Duwamish River Festival and the Wooden Boat Festival.

Aaron Barnett – WA State Dept. of Natural Resources

- They are experimenting with printing up absorbent pads with the national response number included on it (e.g. putting educational info on oil absorbent pad).
 - Vivian noted that her program has an oil absorbent wrapper with that information that has worked well.
- DNR will be filming a video on how to keep bilge water from going out of boat.
- Provided kudos to Andy for the Pollution Prevention Guidebook – it's a big success.
- National Sea Grant has an online library with a lot of clean marina (~120) publications: <https://eos.ucs.uri.edu/EOSWebOPAC/OPAC/Search/AdvancedSearch.aspx>

Andy Gregory – Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

- They have been in a holding pattern due to funding issues. Funding comes mostly through state and federal grants.
- They are in the process of developing a contract with the WA State Dept. of Health. It will be a two-year grant that should go live April 1 and run through March 2019. It will involve marina outreach in Puget Sound in areas where marinas and shellfish beds are co-located.
- They have distributed a lot of Pollution Prevention manuals to people in the field doing marina outreach.
- They are in a funding freeze on their Clean Marina program until April 1.

Shayne Cothorn – WA State Dept. of Natural Resources

- He met with Troy Wood, DNR's new Derelict Vessel Program Manager program. There is no funding increase or decrease for the program. WA has an extensive derelict gear program. He asked the group if there are any derelict vessel education programs being developed?
 - Texas is currently developing a work group to lobby congress to develop standard program for USCG to address derelict vessels.

Other

Eric Kretsch, Association of Marina Industries (AMI)

- Eric started his position in September 2016 and wants to make connections. He hopes to learn a lot from this group. Most AMI members are on the east coast – California is strongest west coast group, in addition to Boating BC.
- AMI has a Clean Marina BMP guide that includes contact information for Clean Marina programs across the country.

Questions for Eric:

- Vivian: any publications or distribution lists that POSPET members can submit information to? E.g., weekly watch, monthly publication - news of what's happening in the industry.
 - Yes – if people want to submit information to him, he can get it into these publications. They are always looking for contributors. They have a Clean Marina section in their monthly publication. Eric would like it to be a content creation piece where there are contributors – current state of clean marinas, what’s going on in that part of the industry right now. Most people are contacting re: grants and money and not so much about clean marina program.

Update on Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force

Sarah provided a brief update on activities of the Pacific States/B.C. Oil Spill Task Force, including an update regarding a meeting with NOAA regarding Derelict Vessel education materials they are creating. They developed a website with a list of Derelict Vessel programs across the country, with links to contact info and websites, etc. There may be an opportunity for POSPET to review an educational brochure on this topic.

Decisions/Next Steps/Follow Up:

- Hilary will look into POSPET “owning” a Google account and issuing the invitations from there.
- We will put a pause on pursuing Social Media – there are too many unanswered questions. However, everyone will use existing social media tools/pages (clean marinas, etc.).
- Andy will convene and facilitate a conversation with POSPET members interested in learning more about the development of Washington’s Pollution Prevention Handbook. (Hilary has offered to help as needed)
- We will not develop a 2017 workplan because the current workplan goes through 2018.
- Hilary will reach out to Jen Karnik to find out the status of her offer to develop an approach for getting the Google Drive platform to the next level and a strategy for what type of information should be shared (and how to organize it).
- Hilary will reach out to Michelle Young to find out the status of her offer to revisit the purpose/goals for the marina subcommittee and send a draft around to POSPET members.
- Hilary to provide link to Association of Marina Industries (**Done**)
- Eric will share AMI’s member BMP guide
- There may be an opportunity for POSPET to review an educational brochure that NOAA is developing regarding derelict vessels.

The next POSPET meeting is Wednesday, May 31, 9 am to noon. Following that, we are meeting on Wednesday, Oct 25, 9 am to noon.