

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

2017 Spring Meeting via conference call

May 31, 2017
9 am to noon

Attendees

Steve Gonzalez, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife - Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CA OSPR)

Andy Gregory, 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

Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

Welcome and Introductions

Hilary called the meeting to order and led participants in a round of introductions. Steve Gonzales, Communications Manager from CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CA OSPR) was welcomed to the group.

Recap and status of next steps from Winter 2017 Meeting

Hilary reviewed the status of follow-up items from the Winter 2017 meeting. Follow up actions that have been completed include:

- Association of Marina Industry's BMP guide was shared by Erik Kretsch

Member updates

British Columbia

Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

- Canada just established a \$6.58 million Abandoned Boats Program to clean up existing small abandoned vessels across the country. It also includes outreach activities. Further funding is expected to be announced soon to address larger ships.
- BC just had a provincial election and there has been a big change in government.
- Up to 23 marinas are now certified.
- The Clean Marina program is being digitized for streamlining purposes. Beta-testing should occur within a few months (e.g. getting marinas to test the process). It is not publicly accessible – it is for marinas to perform self-assessments of environmental best

practices. Currently it is done via a Word document and eventually it will incorporate updates from the handbook.

California

Vivian Matuk – CA State Parks and California Coastal Commission

- Dockwalker Program. So far this year, staff has conducted 10 Dockwalker trainings around the state, with a total of 150 attendees.
- Staff has participated in two boat shows. At the shows, staff has shared clean boating information with over where 500 boaters and distributed over 400 boater kits.
- Fuel Dock Project. Staff is currently working with CA OSPR on a new educational project for fuel docks. The goal is to create educational tools for fuel dock operators that will help them implement BMPs to avoid pollution, learn how to report spills, etc. Staff and partners will be surveying fuel docks to identify the types of education tools that are most suitable.
- The [Spring Changing Tide Newsletter issue](#). The Boating Clean and Green Program (BC&GP), with its partners The Bay Foundation and The Keep the Delta Clean Program released the 2017 Winter issue of the Changing Tide.
- Marina and Yacht Clubs Oils Spill Response Communication Workshop. BC&GP staff in partnership with OSPR and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) conducted a workshop on March 30 at the Dockweiler Youth Center in Marina Del Rey. The seminar covered oil spill response resource information.

Steve Gonzales – CA OSPR

- His team came up with talking points for use with the press in the event of an oil spill. If there was a spill of anywhere between one and 1,000,000 gallons, these talking points would work.
- CA's Oiled Wildlife Care network has media response guidelines that easily fit in your pocket. It includes simple things like how to prepare talking points, be polite, etc.

Oregon

- No participation

Washington

Franji Mayes – WA Dept. of Ecology

- There are 11 new geographic response plans in WA – half are in the eastern side of the state. This is due to the increased need for planning due to increases in transport of oil by rail.
- She recently attended a media training for Ecology responders in Wenatchee. They had a boat operation training and she got to see how they train, as well as assist Sandy Howard, the Spills Program communication manager, with media interaction training.

- Ecology issued a penalty on a grounded vessel from a year ago – press release went out. <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2017/047.html>
- A year ago, there was a fatigue-related grounding situation in WA that resulted in penalties. The boat's captain agreed to do a video interview. Ecology is in the process of making an anti-fatigue video out of it. She'd like to share the draft (if ready) at the next POSPET meeting.

Andy Gregory – Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

- There are currently 73 certified clean marinas in WA (no substantive change from the last report).
- PSA received a new round of funding that went live at beginning of April. His program has been on hold over the winter because of the funding gap. Their traditional funding source is WA State Public Participation grants. The new funding is a \$100K grant over two years to roll out the recently adopted No Discharge Zone, including a PSA that will focus on sewage pump out usage/spill prevention. The grant constrains clean marina work to the Puget Sound basin. He's working with Aaron Barnett at Washington Sea Grant - Aaron will take the lead on Clean Marina certifications in non-Puget Sound regions.
- There are great things happening in WA. He is working to put together a service in the San Juan Islands re: pump out ability and will work with Aaron on it. This could be something good to share at a future POSPET meeting.

Agreed to/next steps:

- Members agreed to increase the number of meetings per year from three three-hour meetings to four two-hour meetings. Meetings will be held quarterly. We will keep the October 2017 meeting and reduce it to two hours and will add a mid-summer call.
 - Steve G will look into possibility of Skype Business as an option so that we can connect via video.
 - Andy suggested possibility of incorporating more guests as topic allows.
- SPILLS 911 materials
 - RACK card
 - Hilary will work with Franji offline to address the “penalties” conversation and edit some of the text on page 2.
 - Ecology still has:
 - 300 signs left
 - 1900 stickers left
 - If people need more materials, send orders to Hilary
- Pollution Prevention Handbook –virtual roundtable delayed because timing is not aligned with BC's process.
 - Hilary will talk with Vivian and/or Steve regarding possibility of inviting industry leads for CA clean marina program to participate in POSPET as well as in the roundtable.

- Steve G. to share with POSPET members talking points that he has drafted for use by PIO's in spill events so that they have hip pocket language. He will also share media guidelines that have been developed.
- The next scheduled meeting is Oct 25 from 10 am to noon. **Please respond to the Doodle poll regarding scheduling a summer meeting.**

Agenda items for Summer 2017 meeting

- PSA from WA re: derelict vessels
- Clean Vessel Act grant application process (federal fund that goes to the states)
- Talking points from CA