

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

2017 Fall Meeting via conference call

Nov. 2, 2017
10 am to noon

Attendees

Sienna Courter, San Francisco Baykeeper
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. Sienna Courter, Field Investigator for San Francisco Baykeeper, was introduced. She is interested in finding out more about POSPET.

Recap and status of next steps from Spring 2017 Meeting

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

- **POSPET SharePoint site:** Franji has set it up and invited all POSPET members to create a Secure Access Washington Account (SAW) in order to access the system. Background: POSPET has been looking for a way to collaborate on documents and share resources; the SharePoint site is the option we have chosen to pursue. In Washington, public disclosure laws restrict the document sharing platforms that can be used. Agency guidance is to use SharePoint “PartnerWeb” sites. To do this, you must create a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account, which allows a system administrator to give you access to the POSPET SharePoint site. Instructions for setting up the account have been distributed twice to the POSPET Listserv and are attached to the email accompanying these meeting notes. So far, Andy and Hilary have successfully accessed the site. Vivian had challenges with it. Next steps:
 - Hilary, Andy and Franji to meet via conference call in December 2017 for working meeting to transfer files from google drive platform, and upload any

additional files, and discuss the guidelines/policies for the site (types of docs, whether available for reproduction or tweaking, etc.)

- The **SPILLS 911 RACK card** has been finalized and is available on the Task Force website. POSPET members will have to do their own printing. Thanks to everyone who weighed in during the process to develop this!
- **WA Ecology has marina signs and stickers available** – if anyone needs them please send a request to Franji, cc'ing Hilary.
- **WA Pollution Prevention Guidebook**: BC is still interested in meeting with WA to learn – at a high level - the overall process for developing the Guidebook, and timelines associated with each component. Franji is also interested in participating in this conversation. Next steps:
 - Andy will convene a conference call with Franji and Michelle to discuss.

Member updates

British Columbia

Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

- There is a lot of movement on derelict vessel issues in Canada. At a federal level, the Wrecked, Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Act has been completed though has not been enacted. It would require larger vessels to have insurance, and would make abandoning vessels illegal. Funding for assessment and removal of derelict vessels is available under Canada's Abandoned Boat Program, with additional funding for research, and boater education and awareness projects on end-of-life boat issues.
- The number of certified clean marinas continues to grow and currently stands at 23.
- They continue to work on their clean marina certification digitization process. She offered to share the product with POSPET once it is finalized. Next steps:
 - Bring this topic forward to summer 2018 POSPET meeting, with an online demonstration.

California

Vivian Matuk – CA State Parks and California Coastal Commission

- Thirteen Dockwalker trainings have been conducted throughout the state, with 200 partners.
- They distributed 1,100 boater kits and partnered in two boating events.
- 243 recycled fishing line stations exist in California.
- An on-line and in-person boater quiz was developed. Next steps:
 - Vivian will share a link to the on-line boater quiz with the entire POSPET Listserv.

Sienna Courtner – San Francisco Baykeeper

- CA Dept. of Fish and Game conducted a survey of abandoned and derelict vessels in the delta region. Have not scaled it up across the entire state.

Washington

Andy Gregory – Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

- They are operating with new Clean Marina funding – part of Puget Sound Partnership funding. It's a contract through DOH's shellfish recreation program. The focus of the Clean Marina program, given this grant source, is proximity to degraded shellfish beds. There are a lot of issues in the south Sound as well as in the San Juan Islands.
- They have been working on new outreach materials and will be redoing the Clean Marina application packet and bringing it in line with the Pollution Prevention Handbook.
- They will also be updating the Boater's Guide.
- They have done 11 Clean Marina recertification visits and also have a new marina. Two marinas had to be de-certified for non-compliance, and one went out of business.
- They have distributed 2,000 clean boating kits.
- WA has rolled out a draft rule creating a Puget Sound No Discharge Zone (NDZ) that has been approved by the EPA. It is currently in the comment phase. The NDZ applies to treated vessel sewage. The commercial sector would bear the greatest implementation costs, so they are on a five-year phase in. This rule applies to less than 5% of recreational vessels (most have sufficient availability of pump-outs).

Franji Mayes – WA Dept. of Ecology

- Working with WA SeaGrant – getting started on a new biennium, planning to attend one to two outreach events with Aaron.
- Ecology program is impacted by state budget cuts.
- PSA featuring Captain Eager on the issue of boater fatigue will be released sometime soon. Next steps:
 - Will share this PSA with POSPET at a future meeting.
- Ecology's new website should be online in December 2017.

BC/States Task Force Update

- Hilary provided updates on the Task Force, including highlights from the 2017 Annual Meeting in Honolulu. Derelict and abandoned vessels are emerging as a priority topic for the Task Force in 2018. POSPET members discussed this issue and want to have a deeper conversation about possible roles for the group (or it's individual members) in

advancing the issue from an outreach perspective. Next steps:

- Hilary to schedule time during the first POSPET meeting of 2018 to dive deeper into this topic, perhaps inviting in a speaker from NOAA to brief the group on outreach efforts underway and what role POSPET might play.
- Hilary to share names/ideas with Sarah re: efforts underway on this issue that might be helpful in implementing 2018 TF Work Plan items, including but not limited to pulling together the jurisdictional rules/regs pieces. Items include:
 - Canada's Wrecked, Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Act
 - Work done by Citizens for a Healthy Bay (WA)
 - CA Survey in the delta
 - Global Ghost Gear Initiative contact at Georgia Strait Alliance (Rachael Merritt, Species Protection Coordinator)

CLEAN MARINA CERTIFICATIONS

Updated numbers are as follows:

- WA: 72
- BC: 23
- CA: 82¹
- OR: cannot get information
- AK: 4

2018 POSPET PRIORITIES AND OTHER ITEMS

- POSPET members brainstormed priority topics for 2018 and discussed other issues they'd like addressed. They include:
 - Conversation on derelict/abandoned vessel; find role for POSPET (as a whole) or individual members as appropriate
 - Have guest speakers at future meetings
 - Have one jurisdiction's program (something relevant to POSPET) featured per meeting

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2018 meeting schedule is as follows. Note: all meetings are from 10 AM to Noon PST.

- March 15
- Week of June 18 (coincides with Clean Pacific and TF Annual Meeting; date TBD)

¹ This is based on Hilary's on-line count. A huge number of CA marinas have had their certifications expire. Hilary emailed Steve Gonzales to try to understand what is happening and Vivian is checking with program coordinators in California. As of 11/13/17, no information has been shared.

- September 20
- November 15

NEXT STEPS (SUMMARY)

- **Hilary, Andy and Franji** to meet via conference call in December 2017 or January 2018 for working meeting to transfer files from google drive platform, and upload any additional files, and discuss the guidelines/policies for the site (types of docs, whether available for reproduction or tweaking, etc.) **Hilary** to schedule.
- **Andy** will convene a conference call with Franji and Michelle to discuss WA Pollution Prevention Guidebook process and insights.
- **Michelle** will lead a discussion (plus an on-line demonstration) at a future POSPET meeting regarding the Clean Marina Certification digitization process in BC.
- **Vivian** will share a link to both the on-line and in-person boater quiz with the entire POSPET Listserv.
- **Franji** will share, at a future POSPET meeting, the PSA that WA Ecology is currently developing featuring Captain Eager on the issue of boater fatigue
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