

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

2019 Third Quarter Meeting via conference call

Sept 5, 2019  
10 am to noon

## Attendees

Glenn Dolphin, OR Marine Board  
Blair Engelbracht, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance  
George Long, US Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Vivian Matuk, CA State Parks - California Coastal Commission  
Franji Mayes, WA Ecology  
Sarah Moore, AK DEC  
Hilary Wilkinson, BC/States Task Force / Veda  
Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

## Welcome and Introductions

Hilary called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. Blair introduced herself as the new boating coordinator for Puget Soundkeeper Alliance.

## Summary and Status of May 2019 POSPET Meeting

Hilary summarized highlights from the Feb 2019 POSPET meeting, including:

- Great conversation about effective outreach techniques, led by Glenn Dolphin. See notes from May meeting for details.
- The spills database will be a great resource for POSPET members to guide decisions on where to focus outreach efforts. Hilary and/or Sarah Brace will continually update the group on the status of the database and any new and relevant information it reveals. POSPET members are already using the database to decide where to focus education efforts. Others discussed the importance of doing this – it will be an ongoing goal to bring forward relevant info from the database to help focus efforts (such as marinas with high rates of small spills).

## Member Updates

### British Columbia

#### Michelle Young, Clean Marine BC and GSA

- Nanaimo Boat Show is coming up
- Currently working to translate the green boating guide into French
- ADVs are being cleaned up in BC waters thanks to the Ocean Protection Plan. Province will be getting more involved in ADV issue.
- With federal funding, are handing out materials to help boaters make better decisions when it's time to retire their boats.
- An interim measure has been put in place to protect SRKW. It applies to all killer whales. Viewing regulations have increased to a 400 m distance. Have also seen some chinook closures.
- Have 32 certified marinas now. This includes the first ever certification that was built from the ground up following green marina recommendations. This marina got a 5-anchor rating.

#### **Discussion:**

- Glenn mentioned that there is a national clean marina program Listserv that could be useful in requesting information about fee structures. The most recent one had a call for surveys from states from one of the trade magazines.

### Alaska

#### Sarah Moore, AK DEC

- One big success story from the summer - staff have been making "hub and spoke" trips to remote and rural Alaska communities to look at facilities. She participated in 4 or 5 of these trips. Predominantly focused on regulated facilities. Great partnership with Auxiliary. Got access to free civil air patrol flights.
- Had a robust series of workshops set up during the summer but cancelled because of extreme fire season.

### California

#### Vivian Matuk, CA State Parks - California Coastal Commission

- Busy, wrapping up lots of projects. Have done 13 Dockwalker trainings across the state so far in 2019. This is in partnership with Coast Guard Auxiliary. Currently, they are reminding boat owners to send back completed questionnaires. With every boater kit, the recipient is asked to fill out a questionnaire.

- Have a contract with a marketing company and have six questions in the quiz. These questions address: oil, sewage, logo recognition. Wrapped up yesterday and have ~2,000 (?) completed surveys.
- Have also worked with OSPR conducting marina spill response coordination workshops. Four completed so far this year with 102 participants. More will occur next year.

## Oregon

### Glenn Dolphin, OR Marine Board

- Oversees clean marina program in the state. Did 15 recertifications and currently have 64 certified marinas. Got four new signups, and one more will be completed in a month.
- Lots of distribution of Spills Aren't Slick signs.
- Did a lot of outreach on ADVs to marinas.
- The ADV Coordinator left this summer – a new person starts on Monday.
- Applied for a NOAA marine debris grant to get funds for a vessel turn-in program. Will make it available to certified marinas.

## Washington

### Blair Engelbracht, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

- Started last week.
- The Clean Marina program has been stalled because of the vacant position.
- Will be focused on getting out educational materials.

### Franji Mayes, WA Dept. of Ecology

- Has been focused a lot on ADV work.
- Suggested that ADV outreach should occur alongside spill prevention outreach. Should try to identify some materials.
- Something of interest that came up recently – pushing OILS 911 number. Was being used for more than just spills to water. Issues with website and communication about it.

### Aaron Barnett, WA Sea Grant

- Has been focused lately on supporting Coast Guard Auxiliary partners with fuel bibs, pillows, etc.
- Update on Derelict vessel program. ADVs are the source of many small spills. RI Sea Grant funded a research project on what to do with old fiberglass boats and realized they could be recycled and used in cement production. They have facilitated meetings with a cement plant in Canada which is designed to take alternative fuels. Global

diving/salvage has come on board. Goal is to get the boats dealt with before they get to Craigslist. Will do a test burn soon.

## Featured Topic: US Coast Guard Auxiliary outreach on small spills; recreational boater safety

Based on input from the Fall 2018 survey, POSPET meetings now include a “featured topic”. Members agreed to take turns leading the conversation on the featured topic of choice. Today’s topic involves the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, with George Long as the featured speaker.

George provided an overview of the Auxiliary’s role in outreach around small spills. Highlights of his presentation include:

- USCG Auxiliary members are uniformed, volunteer members of the Coast Guard. They operate in local units called “flotillas”.
- They have many different focus areas, include outreach to boat owners on small spills.
- George is currently coordinating with Aaron at WA Sea Grant to help with outreach.
- The three mission areas for Auxiliary include:
  - Recreational Boating Safety
  - Direct Support
  - Augmentation/Integration
- A lot of the work of Auxiliary members is internal education so that the Coast Guard membership can work more effectively with recreational boaters and ensure safety/environmental compliance

His full presentation is attached in the email.

A link to a video about the Auxiliary can be accessed here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTQ0ofhqVXM>

George’s contact info:

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The take-home message for POSPET:

- If they are not already doing so, individual POSPET entities should be coordinating with their local Auxiliary “flotilla” on outreach and education, especially with boater education. George can direct people to the right local contact.
- Once contact with the local flotilla has been made, discussion about possible presentations, and materials/messages to share, can occur.

## CLEAN MARINA NUMBERS

- AK: 4: (no change from number provided in Feb 2019)
- BC: 32
- CA: 82 (no change from Feb 2019 number)
- OR: 64
- WA: No change from 72 (number provided in Feb 2019)

## FOLLOW-UP / NEXT STEPS

- Hilary to summarize meeting and send George's contact info and links to his presentation. (DONE)
- Everyone will think about featured topics they'd like to hear about at our Nov. 7 meeting, as well as for meetings in 2020.
- Everyone will bring their calendars to the Nov 7 meeting and we will set dates for 2020.