

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

**2014 Spring Meeting**  
**May 22, 9:30-3:00**  
**Lacey, WA**

**Attendees**

In person

Andy Gregory, Clean Marina WA/Puget Soundkeeper  
Lisa Isakson, WA State Dept of Ecology  
Hilary Wilkinson, Pacific States/BC Task Force

On the phone:

Italo Lenta, OR State Marine Board  
Vivian Matuk, California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and California Coastal Commission  
Sarah Bo, covering for Alexia Retallack, OSPR  
Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance, BC

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

Hilary welcomed attendees and walked through the agenda. She provided an update on the status of follow-up activities from the Fall 2013 POSPET meeting, including:

1. **Meeting notes were distributed** on 1/22/14, edits received by Rachel, Michelle, Vivian and Andy. Edits were incorporated and revised meeting notes distributed. Meeting notes adopted.
2. **Dockwalkers Conference Call:** Vivian shared that this call took place in the summer. The purpose of the call was to touch base with other programs that are running the Dockwalkers program as a pilot. Ocean Conservancy participated as well. Participants shared that it was a helpful call and that another call would be welcome.  
**Next Steps:** 1) Vivian will set up a second call. Andy, Michelle and Italo are planning to participate.  
2) Hilary will distribute updated POSPET member list.
3. **International Boat Show info posted to POSPET web page.** The information was posted to the OSTF website.
4. **Clean Marina Classroom – enrollment** possibility for POSPET members.
  - Andy shared that he has been working with Aaron Barnett and other Sea Grant staff on this topic. Michigan Sea Grant hosts a clean marine classroom website for the six Great Lakes states. It serves as a tool for marina certification. Marina managers pay \$100 for a login to

the website, where they can get information on BMPs, comprehensive laws and regulations, etc. Washington is interested in exploring the concept, and Andy had a call earlier this year with the Michigan coordinator to explore the possibility of setting up a sub-page for the Washington program.

They are in the early stages of looking into the feasibility. Much of the Michigan content is for freshwater systems, so would not necessarily be applicable for WA. At the July 2014 WA Clean Marina Steering Committee, they will explore further the feasibility of adding west coast states/provinces. Numerous POSPET members interested in possibility of having a "Pacific States/Provinces" focus, rather than just WA, so that it could be accessible to all POSPET members.

**Next Step:** Andy will follow up to see if this is possible, and will keep POSPET updated on progress with MI program.

##### **5. Draft Fuel Dock Checklist.**

- Andy and Lisa reported that this is being done as part of the Clean Marina program. They are creating a poster, a checklist and a training video for fuel dock BMPs for certification purposes. They noted that it would be great to share best practices on fueling procedures among member jurisdictions.
  - Italo mentioned that they have some of this information in their clean marina manual.
  - Vivian reported they released two clean boating videos, both of which are directed towards BMPs for boaters.

**Next Step:** Members would like to see the completed checklist and video posted on the POSPET site.

##### **6. Volunteer Management Guidelines.**

- Lisa is working with the Northwest Area Committee to put guidelines in place. Discussion has been postponed until next year, so Ecology is focused on the Oils 101 (volunteer enrollment) website. Lisa has been talking to different groups, including the Coast Beachwalkers, about the volunteer registration system. She has also done trainings for oiled wildlife volunteers. The registration system is moving forward; however, the issue of how to use volunteers is complicated and will take more time. WA is mandated to do it – hence the registration system.
- Sarah and Vivian noted that CA has a great volunteer program and suggested a conversation with Cindy Murphy with OSPR.

##### **7. Salish Sea Conference - debrief.** Numerous POSPET members attended and indicated it was a great conference. The panel discussion about outreach went well – Michelle did a Clean Marine BC presentation and talked about success stories and how the program was making a difference. Sarah's presentation on POSPET was well attended and received.

#### **B. Update of Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force**

Hilary provided an update on work of the BC/States oil Spill Task Force. Highlights include:

- The annual meeting is scheduled for Oct 1 in Portland. Oil by rail will be a key focus.
- Sarah presented on POSPET's work at the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference.
- Clean Pacific 2015 is taking place in Vancouver, BC. Sarah and Hilary are hoping to increase the profile of outreach and education efforts, and Hilary invited POSPET members to share thoughts

on what they might look like, including ideas for presenters, sessions, panels, posters, etc. Michelle indicated interest in brainstorming this.

**Next Step:** Convene a conference call with Michelle and others interested in brainstorming session ideas, etc.

- POSPET outreach materials (Spills 911) – as noted in a previous email, the Task Force agreed to fund ~\$2,500 in printed materials, per previous requests by POSPET members, but requested that the new logo and a QR code be included. However, a logo has not been selected, so it is on hold. POSPET members requested that Hilary pursue this further and see if a decision can be made soon, as most members are out of materials and need more immediately.

**Next Steps:** 1. Hilary will check with Sarah on logo situation, and possibility of doing a smaller, logo-free run to tie members over until a logo is selected. 2. Michelle will send information on QR codes.

## C. POSPET webpage facelift – update and next steps

Hilary provided an update on efforts to update the POSPET section of the OSTF website (a focus of last Fall's meeting, plus a subsequent conference call). Highlights of this include:

- A conference call was held on February 10. Great input was received – this was then pulled together into a one-page summary and distributed to the broader POSPET list for input.
- Updates were divided into two phases. Phase I updates have been completed and include:
  - Reconfiguration of POSPET page – it now appears as a sub-tab in the “Education” tab, along with “Education and Outreach Tools”.
  - Education and Outreach Tools were pulled from the main POSPET page and now appear on a separate page. This is already becoming a clearinghouse of tools and information for member jurisdictions and others, with Lisa’s recent “Bunkering Best Practices” manual added. **POSPET members are encouraged to continue sharing new materials as they are developed to Hilary; she will work with the webmaster to get them uploaded.**
  - There is a “Featured Program” – this quarter it is the Dockwalker Program.
- Phase II updates were discussed and agreed to, and include:
  - POSPET members will have short bios and pictures to give names and faces to POSPET.
  - Continue adding resources, including outreach and education tools.

**Next Steps:** 1. Create a website task force. 2. Send request to POSPET members to submit short bios and photos.

## D. Member updates

### Vivan Matuk, California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and California Coastal Commission

- **Dockwalkers program.** This is a major focus of Vivian’s work. So far this year, they have trained over 140 volunteers and distributed 7000 boater kits. The main partner USCG Auxiliary. One of her primary areas of focus has been to improve the training. On May 21, she sent out their Dockwalkers newsletter, which included key messages to be shared by volunteers with the boating community.
- **Southern California Marina Spill Workshops.** Vivian is coordinating two marina spill workshops at southern California yacht clubs in June and July. The workshops are funded with oil spill prevention and response grants. Dates are: June 6 – San Diego; July 17 in Los Angeles.

- **Clean boating videos promotion.** They have received over 860 views of this video. The fueling video has received 600 views.
- **Changing Tide Newsletter** – Vivian is working on this newsletter, which promotes clean boating practices.  
**Next Step:** Vivian will send a link to the newsletter to POSPET members.
- **Monofilament Collection Stations.** Vivian is in charge of this effort in California. So far they have collected 950 pounds of fishing line. She works with the BoatUS Foundation and the Santa Barbara Harbormaster. They are starting to promote the idea to charter boats all over the state.
- **Coastal Cleanup Day.** Vivian is working on a project to motivate boaters to be part of coastal cleanup day. Last year they had 38 yacht clubs and marinas all over the state. This is the same as International Coastal Cleanup Day. They have started thinking about how to motivate the boating community to participate because they can access areas that others cannot.

#### **Michelle Young, BC**

- Attended and presented at the **Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference**.
- **Clean Marina Certification.** They have had their first marina reach a “five anchor” certification. BC has a points rating system – marinas receive between one and five anchors. A second marina jumped two full anchors.
- **Dockwalkers.** She’s gearing up for the program with summer students and is working behind the scenes to recruit marinas.

#### **Andy Gregory, Puget Soundkeeper**

- **Seattle Boat Show.** Puget Soundkeeper, Sea Grant and Ecology co-sponsored a booth. Together, they handed out 800 spill kits.
- **Clean Marina Certification.** Andy attended Safety Day at the Olympia Yacht Club – this is one of the last marinas he certified last summer. He is working with Port of Poulsbo to get them certified as a four star marina. Washington has two levels – a four star certification is basic, a five star certification is leadership.
- **Outreach.** Andy went out for opening day of the boating season and handed out brochures to boaters. Got good press coverage, including KOMO News 4.
- **Don’t Drip and Drive** program is going on this summer. They will test 2,500-3,000 vehicles.
- **Beach cleanups** – 16 have been concluded so far this year. They recently completed the Lake Union “sweep”; had almost 300 volunteers and collected 2200 pounds of debris.

#### **Italo Lenta, OR State Marine Board**

- **Clean Marina Program.** They currently have 61 clean marinas and will be certifying the 62<sup>nd</sup> this summer. He has been helping to recertify clean marinas (they are on a three year rolling basis).
- **Spills Aren’t Slick.** Has been handing out a lot of materials.

#### **Lisa Isakson, Ecology**

- **Seattle Boat Show.** Lisa – WA State Ecology - attended the Boat Show and had a booth. It was very intensive - ten twelve-hour days. Together with Sea Grant, they talked to thousands of boaters and distributed 2,000 spill kits.
- **Spills Aren’t Slick materials.** She is completely out of brochures, signs and all other materials.
- **Bunkering Best Practices manual.** This was recently published and is being distributed through many channels, including the OSTF website.

- **Oil by Rail issue.** A lot is being done in WA, and Lisa is working with the Communications Manager to conduct a series of workshops for inland cities to answer questions about the development of geographic response plans.
- **Task Force** – she is working with one of Ecology's GIS experts to develop an oil movement map. It will show pipeline, vessel and rail movement of oil within the state.

## E. OILS-911 Usage and Trends

No updates

## F. New and Re-visited Projects

- **Derelict and abandoned boats** – this is an issue of increasing concern among POSPET members.
- **Handling oily bilge water.** In WA, there have been funding sources over time to help marinas install bilge water collection facilities. It's the primary thing they help people use. Questions and Comments:
  - Maybe should be a BMP that should be reemphasized.
- **Create a “speaker list” for addressing oil spill concerns.** POSPET members expressed strong interest in creating a go-to speaker list for various issues of interest. POSPET members themselves could be included as speakers for the issues in which they have expertise. Andy noted that Puget Soundkeeper has a speaker matrix, and perhaps POSPET could create something similar.

**Next Step:** POSPET members will provide information to Hilary to begin populating the matrix. Hilary will craft a matrix and fill it in with information provided by members. Also, POSPET members will beef up their bios so that this expertise is reflected.

- **Hydraulic Spills** – How can POSPET help eliminate this chronic problem? Not having Erik Olson raises the possibility that this issue will be lost. Andy noted that he does not think it is on Aaron's plate.

**Next Step:** Hilary will contact Aaron to find out if he plans to pick up the thread on this.

- **Pacific Marine Expo** – Is scheduled for Nov 19-21 in Seattle. Members are interested in coordinating this with the Fall POSPET meeting since several POSPET members from far away, including Rachel, will be in attendance. Members agreed to hold the Fall POSPET meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

- **Promoting HAZWOPER training.** Members discussed a shared interest in getting marina crews and staff to have basic HAZWOPER training so that they are prepared to deal with spills should they occur.

**Next Step:** Italo will craft a message about the importance of marina crews and staff taking HAZWOPER training.

- **Outreach targeted at boat launch ramps and trailered boats.**

- Andy shared a “Boater’s Guide” map that his organization recently purchased ad space for. It is available at: [www.brimaps.com](http://www.brimaps.com). Also, he recently purchased space to have an article in Cruiser Magazine.
- Michelle: Boater’s blue pages – Salish Sea plus Puget Sound – marinas and boatyards and fueling stations. Might be nice to flag clean marinas in there?

## G. POSPET ENHANCEMENT OPTIONS

- **Events/Projects for POSPET involvement.** Upcoming opportunities include:

- *Pacific Marine Expo* – Nov 19-21, Seattle, WA. POSPET members planning to attend/present/have a booth: Rachel and Andy
- *Marina and Boatyard Conference*, Nov 6-7, Bremerton.
- *International Marina Boatyard Conference*, Jan 28-30, 2015, Tampa, FLA.
- *Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference*, April 2016, Vancouver BC.
- *Prevention First Symposium*, Oct 7-8 2014, Long Beach, CA.
- **POSPET Outreach.** Andy asked about the possibility of getting one to two slides about POSPET for inclusion in regular PowerPoint outreach presentations he does.  
**Next Step:** Hilary will forward all POSPET members a couple of overview slides about POSPET that were shared during Sarah's Salish Sea presentation.

## RESOURCES AND NEW INTIATIVES

- Boatingcleanandgreen.com
- Boater's Guide Map: [www.brimaps.com](http://www.brimaps.com)

## FALL 2014 POSPET MEETING

The fall 2014 POSPET meeting is **Tuesday, November 18 from 9:30 to 3:30 in Seattle (meeting room TBD)**. This coincides with the Nov 19-21 Pacific Marine Expo in Seattle.

## SUMMARY OF NEXT STEPS

TOPIC	Details	Lead	Deadline
<b>POSPET webpage/communications discussion and next steps</b>	Update site with POSPET members' bios and pictures. ALL POSPET members to send Hilary bios and pics.	Hilary, ALL	6/13/14
	Add completed Fuel Dock checklist and video to "tools" page. Lisa and Andy to send to Hilary; Hilary to post.	Lisa and Andy	7/5/14
	Create a POSPET web page task force	Hilary	7/15/14
<b>Dockwalkers Discussion Conference Call</b>	A second conference call will be set up with AK, BC and WA POSPET Members (and anyone else who is interested) to continue the dialogue about the Dockwalkers program, how to train up volunteers, etc.	Vivian	Vivian sent email on 5-27 to solicit interest
<b>Changing Tide Newsletter</b>	Vivian will send a link to the newsletter to POSPET members.	Vivian	7/1/14
<b>Clean Marine Classroom</b>	Andy will follow up to explore the possibility of a Pacific States/Provinces	Andy	July 2014; report out at Fall POSPET

	access to MI program.		mtg.
<b>Clean Pacific 2015</b>	Clean Pacific 2015: Convene a conference call with Michelle and others interested in brainstorming session ideas, etc.	Hilary	7/3/14
<b>Spills 911 materials</b>	Send QR code info to Hilary	Michelle	6/13/14
	Talk to Sarah re: possibility of preliminary printing since logo is not forthcoming and POSPET members need materials ASAP.	Hilary	6/13/14
<b>POSPET outreach</b>	Hilary will forward all POSPET members a couple of overview slides about POSPET that were shared during Sarah's Salish Sea presentation.	Hilary	6/13/14
<b>HAZWOPER Training</b>	Italo will craft a message about the importance of marina crews and staff taking HAZWOPER training.	Italo	7/1/14
<b>Hydraulic spills</b>	Not having Erik Olson raises the possibility that this issue will be lost. Andy noted that he does not think it is on Aaron's plate. Next Step: Hilary will contact Aaron to find out if he plans to pick up the thread on this.	Hilary	7/1/14
<b>Speaker List</b>	POSPET members will provide information to Hilary to begin populating the matrix. Hilary will craft a matrix and fill it in with information provided by members. Also, POSPET members will beef up their bios so that this expertise is reflected.	Hilary	7/1/14
<b>No index entries found. Volunteer Management Guidelines</b>	CA and WA POSPET members will schedule a conference call with Cindy Murphy of OSPR to discuss California's approach.	Sarah and Vivian	8/1/14`
<b>Other</b>	Hilary will distribute updated POSPET member list	Hilary	<b>DONE</b>