



Panelist Biographies

Dale Jensen

Director, Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program, WA Department of Ecology

Dale was appointed Program Manager for the Washington State Department of Ecology, Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program in August 2001. The Spills Program is a statewide program responsible for activities that include: spill prevention, preparedness, response, and natural resource damage assessment. There are approximately 84 FTEs and 25 after-hours responders located at four regional offices, two field offices, and headquarters, with a two-year budget of about \$34 million. Dale also spent nine years as manager in the Department of Ecology's Air Quality and Toxics Cleanup programs. Prior to Ecology, Dale spent three years implementing the Governor's Efficiency Commission Study. Many of the results from that study are still in place today. Prior to state service, Dale was a small business owner/operator in retail, agriculture, and environmental consulting. Dale grew up in Montana and now lives in Olympia with his wife Laura. They have three children and two grandchildren. Dale has a degree in Business Administration from the University of Montana. He enjoys spending time outdoors, biking, hiking, and skiing with friends and family. Dale places importance on establishing and maintaining good stakeholder relationships, and a high priority on partnerships to protect the environment. He believes if we hold our regulated community to a high standard, we need to hold ourselves to that same standard. Accountability and performance are essential to our shared success.

Laurel Nash

Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Environmental Protection Division, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Laurel has worked for the BC provincial government, in the Natural Resources Sector, for over 25 years, including roles in BC Parks, the Ministries of Forests, Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and most recently, Environment and Climate Change Strategy. She has held senior leadership and statutory roles such as the Director of Petroleum Lands, the Chief Gold Commissioner, and Chief Negotiator. Laurel has been an Assistant Deputy Minister since 2014, first in the Strategic Initiatives Division of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and currently as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Environmental Protection Division of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Laurel brings strong leadership, innovation and collaboration to this role and looks forward to working with all levels of government, Indigenous Nations, industry and other partners to find opportunities to improve our stewardship in the province. Laurel grew up in the Northwest Territories, before coming to B.C., where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Geography from the University of Victoria. She currently lives in Victoria with her husband and two children.



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Frank Lawrence III

Natural Resource Policy, Lummi Nation

Frank Lawrence III is a lifetime Lummi fisherman. He has worked with the Lummi Natural Resources Department (LNR) for fifteen years and has built a strong foundation of knowledge with respect to local, state, tribal, and Federal natural resources policies and procedures. His years of experience working on natural resource projects and policies is testimonial to his commitment maintaining and restoring important natural resources that are critical to the survival of the Lummi peoples. Frank loves spending time with his grandchildren at his favorite Usual and Accustomed commercial fishing spot on the Nooksack River that flows through the Lummi Indian Reservation. Frank values these critical moments in time because even though his grandchildren are only seven years old and three years old, they already sense the urgency of maintaining the salmon numbers that are available for harvesting.

Mike Moore

Vice President, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

PMSA members include major ocean carrier owners, operators, agents and container terminal operators in California and Washington. PMSA promotes safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sound maritime trade through advocacy efforts, best practices, public policy engagement and outreach. Captain Moore retired in 2002 as the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Puget Sound and spent most of his career in marine safety and port operations in Puget Sound, San Francisco and Los Angeles - Long Beach. He holds a Master of Marine Affairs degree from the University of Washington and is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy where he later directed the Marine Science program in addition to teaching and coaching duties. After college, he competed internationally in the decathlon and has coached various sports from youth programs to athletes at the international level. He currently serves as chair of several non-profit boards including the Neah Bay Emergency Response Towing Vessel Compliance Group and the "Network" providing federally approved risk management options to vessels transiting through the Aleutian Islands on key trade routes.

Robert Lewis-Manning

President, Chamber of Shipping

Robert is the President of the Chamber of Shipping, a leading Canadian marine transportation industry association championing responsible international marine trade. In his role as President, he is intimately involved with the development of international and national marine trade, safety and environmental policy. He is also a member of the National Species at Risk Advisory Committee. A former senior officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, he served in various sea-going and staff positions in Canada and internationally. Upon departing the Navy, Robert joined the Canadian Shipowners Association as the President, where he was instrumental in progressing the interests of Canadian ship owners and promoting short-sea-shipping. He is passionate about promoting solutions related to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and the innovation of technology in the transportation sector. He enjoys the tranquility of the outdoors including snowboarding, sailing, biking and hiking.



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Gerry O’Keefe

Senior Director of Environmental Affairs, Washington Public Ports Association

Gerry O’Keefe has spent 30 years as a public servant in the State of Washington. He currently serves as the Senior Director of Environmental Affairs for the Washington Public Ports Association. His diverse experience informs a unique perspective on environmental policy in Washington State.

Captain John Veentjer

Executive Director, Marine Exchange of Puget Sound

John has been the Executive Director of the Marine Exchange of Puget Sound since January 1, 2007. He is also the Chair of the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee (PSHSC), a member of the Puget Sound Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC), and a member of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. He is a native of Portland, Oregon, joined the Coast Guard in 1969 and graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1973. More than half of his Coast Guard career was in the Pacific Northwest; a tour of duty in Astoria and Portland and several tours in Seattle. He was the Coast Guard Captain of the Port for the Delaware River Region, Philadelphia from 1995 to 1998. He retired at the end of 2001 after serving as the Chief, Marine Safety Division, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

Jim Hodgson

Research Associate, Clear Seas Centre for Responsible Marine Shipping

Jim Hodgson is a recent graduate of UBC with a background in Geographical Science, Climatology and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). As a Research Associate with Clear Seas, he provides impartial information on marine shipping in Canada to policy makers and the public, applying his GIS skills to share accessible information and facilitate dialogue. He has been involved in the delivery of several Research and Knowledge Mobilization projects, including the recently released *Availability of Tugs of Opportunity in Canada’s Pacific Region*.

Jaimie Bever

Executive Director, WA Board of Pilotage Commissioners

Jaimie has been with the Board of Pilotage Commissioners since 2015 and was appointed Executive Director in 2017. The Board trains, licenses, and regulates maritime pilots in Washington State. Jaimie is responsible for the daily operations of the agency, helps develop policy language and legislation, and acts as the Board's legislative liaison. Prior to this work, she spent 10 years as a Right-of-Way Agent and Project Manager representing BNSF Railway Company in property acquisitions for track expansion and mudslide mitigation projects around the country. She has extensive experience with cross-sector collaboration, including federal, state, and private industry. When she's not working to support and improve the safe and efficient transportation of goods on land and water, Jaimie enjoys playing the harp, working in the garden, and family time with her husband and two teenage children.



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Captain Carl Soderberg **Director, BC Coast Pilots**

Carl is presently a company Director at B.C. Coast Pilots Ltd in Vancouver B.C. He has been going to sea for 45 years, and sailing deep sea for eight years worldwide, including four seasons in the Arctic. He worked for 12 years on the B.C. coast in general cargo vessels and in 1991, sat for the exams to become a Marine Pilot. After passing the exams, he started in 1991 as an apprentice and became licensed in June of 1992. He is now in his 28th year as a pilot and has been a company Director for one and a half years, working in Vancouver and living on Gabriola Island. His duties encompass Ports and Waterways, participating in Risk Assessments for terminals and waterways, being actively involved with risk mitigations for Ultra Large Cruise Ships and container ships in and out of Vancouver, and engagement with Transport Canada and Canadian Coast Guard in marine safety related projects. He has also been active in the VFPA ECHO Southern Resident Killer Whale program.

Captain Bikramjit Kanjilal **Director of Marine Development, Trans Mountain Expansion Project**

Bikramjit Kanjilal has led the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) marine program since 2012, with a focus on safe, efficient and environmentally responsible transportation of oil products. With a strong marine background, Bikram ensures the TMEP undertakes the best possible measures to uphold and enhance marine safety based upon risk assessments and active engagement with Canadian and U.S. marine stakeholders. A Master Mariner with over 40 years in the marine industry, Bikram has both sailing and shore experience with major energy shipping companies, including working in senior marine and commercial management roles. He is passionate about continuous improvement with focus on personal and environmental safety and operating efficiency.

Michael Lowry **Communications Manager, WCMRC**

Michael Lowry is the communication manager for WCMRC. He is a strategic communications and public relations consultant with more than 15 years' experience in domestic and international settings across the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. He has designed and developed successful communication campaigns for some of BC's most influential organizations, including Harbour Air, Pacific Blue Cross and Columbia Power. Michael has a BA in Communications from the University of Calgary and a B.Sc. in Politics and International Relations from the London School of Economics