



## **SALISH SEA SHARED WATERS FORUM – AGENDA**

Oct. 14-15, 2020

Via webinar (links sent via email to registrants)

Bellingham, WA

### **2020 Forum Goal**

Celebrate the final year of the Salish Sea Shared Waters Forum; exchange information to enhance oil spill prevention, preparedness and response to minimize impact of oil spills to the Salish Sea, and identify next steps needed to keep momentum of Forum.

### **Objectives**

1. Share progress and key outcomes from 2018 and 2019 Forums
2. Provide background and context for 2020 “final” Forum, e.g. requirements of E2SSB 6269
3. Joint Transboundary Planning activities – *status/updates; solicit input on timely issues*
  - a. Implementation of WA HB 1578 and how it applies across the border (tug escorts in Rosario Strait; zone definition for modeling; pilotage)
  - b. CAN Coast Guard - Salish Sea Plan (notification protocols for First Nations and local authorities; opportunities for alignment/sharing of info etc.)
  - c. US work on Geographic Response Plans (GRPs)
  - d. Communication between BC and WA
  - e. Whale and fishing protection studies/work
4. Include Indigenous Tribes and Nations updates and perspectives, especially on:
  - a. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (DRIPA)
  - b. Legislation in BC addressing rights and title
  - c. Treaty rights and aboriginal law
  - d. Impacts of vessel traffic on treaty-protected fishing
5. Acknowledge and share lessons learned relevant to transboundary spill response/preparedness planning from
  - a. Tenth anniversary of Deepwater Horizon
6. Strengthen relationships and trust
7. Identify next steps and opportunities

Wed. October 14, 2020

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER/ PANELIST
8:30	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<p><b>Dale Jensen</b>, <i>Spills Program Manager</i>, WA Dept. of Ecology</p> <p><b>Laurel Nash</b>, <i>Assistant Deputy Minister</i>, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy</p> <p><b>Hilary Wilkinson</b>, <i>Executive Coordinator Team</i>, Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force</p>
8:45	<b>Welcome from Indigenous Tribes and Nations in WA and BC</b>	<p><b>Chairman Lawrence Solomon</b>, <i>Council Chair</i>, Lummi Nation</p> <p><b>Coast Salish Gathering Co-Chair Ray Harris</b>, Chemainus Nation and Co-Chair, First Nations Summit</p>
9:05	<b>Keynote Speaker Panel</b>	<p><b>Dr. Emma S. Norman</b>, <i>Dept. Chair, Native Environmental Science</i>, Northwest Indian College</p> <p><b>Hon. Grand Chief Steven Point</b>, University of British Columbia</p> <p><b>Jay Julius</b>, <i>past Chair</i>, Lummi Nation</p>
10:05	<b>Break</b>	
10:15	<b>Session 1: <i>Progress and Key Outcomes from 2018 and 2019 Salish Sea Forums – WA and BC perspectives</i></b>	<p><b>Dale Jensen</b>, <i>Spills Program Manager</i>, WA Dept. of Ecology</p> <p><b>Laurel Nash</b>, <i>Assistant Deputy Minister</i>, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy</p>
10:50	<b>Break</b>	

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11:00	<b>Session 2: <i>How Crisis Can Drive Change in Public Policy and Offer a Window of Opportunity to Improve</i></b>	<p><i>Moderator: Nhi Irwin, Statewide Resources Section Manager, WA Dept. of Ecology</i></p> <p><b>Nhi Irwin</b>, WA Department of Ecology</p> <p><b>Councilman G. Chad Bowechop</b>, Makah Tribe</p> <p><b>Haley Kennard</b>, <i>Natural Resource Policy Analyst, Makah Tribe Office of Marine Affairs</i></p> <p><b>Pola Wojnarowicz</b>, <i>Environmental Recovery Toxicologist, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy - Environmental Emergency Program (TENTATIVE)</i></p>
12:30	<b>Adjourn</b>	

### Thursday, October 15

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER/ PANELIST
8:30	<b>Welcome and Day One recap</b>	<b>Dale Jensen</b> , <i>Spills Program Manager, WA Dept. of Ecology</i>
8:40	<p><b>Session 3: Measures to reduce underwater noise to protect the Southern and Northern Residents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent findings on traffic reduction due to Covid-19</li> </ul>	<p><i>Moderator: Melanie del Rosario, Junior Associate, Veda Environmental</i></p> <p><b>Richard Dewey</b>, <i>Associate Director of Science, Ocean Networks Canada</i></p>
9:10	<p><b>Session 4a: Authorities, legislation, and implementation actions that have been done to ensure protection of treaty rights of Indigenous Peoples and advance transboundary spill preparedness, prevention and response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of British Columbia's <i>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i> (Wood)</li> <li>Implementation of WA State's Safety of Oil Transportation Act (ESHB1578) and how it applies across the border, with a focus on requirements regarding tug escorts in</li> </ul>	<p><i>Moderator: Hilary Wilkinson, Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force</i></p> <p><b>Assistant Deputy Minister Jessica Wood</b>, BC Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR)</p> <p><b>Jaimie Bever</b>, <i>Executive Director, State of Washington Board of Pilotage Commission</i></p> <p><b>JD Leahy</b>, <i>Maritime Risk Modeling Specialist, WA Ecology</i></p>

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	<p>Rosario Strait and associated work such as defining geographic zones for modeling and pilotage. (Bever and Leahy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perspectives of a U.S. federally recognized tribe on the effects of cumulative large vessel traffic on the exercise of treaty fishing rights near the border with Canada. (Williams)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Senator Joe Williams</b>, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community</p>
10:30	<b>Break</b>	
10:45	<p><b>Session 4b: <i>Work that has been done to ensure excellence in the transboundary spill prevention, preparedness and response environment:</i></b> what is in place? What is missing? What are the gaps in the transboundary realm?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian Coast Guard’s work with Indigenous Nations around environmental response planning, training and preparedness</li> <li>Juan de Fuca Area Plan</li> <li>US Geographic Response Plans</li> <li>Samish Indian Nation’s Spill Response Planning</li> <li>MOU between Pacheedaht First Nation and Canadian Coast Guard for Marine Safety Centre on southwest coast of Vancouver Island</li> </ul>	<p><i>Moderator: Nhi Irwin, Statewide Resources Section Manager, WA Dept. of Ecology</i></p> <p><b>Gillian Oliver</b>, Deputy Superintendent – Environmental Response, Canadian Coast Guard</p> <p><b>Linda Pilkey-Jarvis</b>, WA Dept. of Ecology</p> <p><b>Todd Woodard</b>, Director, Natural Resources, Samish Indian Nation</p> <p><b>Kristine Gatzke</b>, Referrals Coordinator, Pacheedaht First Nation</p>
11:45	<b>Break</b>	
12:00	<p><b>Session 4c: <i>Indigenous Tribes and Nations perspectives about the impacts of oil transportation</i></b></p>	<p><i>Moderator: Debra Lekanoff</i></p> <p>Panelists (in alphabetical order)</p> <p><b>Councilman G. Chad Bowechop</b>, Makah Tribe</p> <p><b>Tim Brewer</b>, Senior Reservation Attorney, Tulalip Tribes</p> <p><b>Tom Ehrlichman</b>, Attorney, Swinomish Tribal Community</p> <p><b>Chief Leah George-Wilson</b>, Co-Chair, First Nation Summit; Former Chief, Tsleil-Waututh Nation</p> <p><b>Patti Gobin</b>, Special Project, Tulalip Tribes</p>

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		<p><b>Ray Harris</b>, Chemainus Nation and Co-Chair, First Nations Summit</p> <p><b>James Jannetta</b>, Staff Attorney, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community</p> <p><b>Chief Dalton Silver</b>, Sumas Nation</p> <p><b>Carleen Thomas</b>, <i>Special Projects Manager</i>, Tseil Waututh Nation</p>
1:40	<b>Wrap</b>	<b>Dale Jensen</b> , <i>Spills Program Manager</i> , WA Dept. of Ecology
1:45	<b>Adjourn</b>	