

POSPET – First Quarter Meeting 2021

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021

10 – 12 AM - Pacific Time

FINAL SUMMARY NOTES

Participants

Jasmin Adams, WA Ecology
Aaron Barnett, WA Sea Grant
Vivian Matuk, CA State Parks - California Coastal Commission
Hilary Wilkinson, OSTF
Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

Member Updates

Washington

Aaron Barnett, WA Sea Grant

- They are succeeding in getting fuel bibs out; others are putting their own marketing messaging/branding on them so it is working well.
- At a request by Ecology, they will be surveying marina managers to determine if there is qualitative data that shows whether marinas are cleaner than they used to be. This is in response to inquiries by state legislators regarding program outcomes.
 - Michelle requested that survey data be shared; Aaron will do so. Michelle noted that Clean Marine Ontario quantifies how many liters of oil are recycled, how much energy conservation takes place, etc. The data is available in Clean Marine BC, but has not yet been collated/analyzed. CMBC's digitization will collect this data, which will show trends, ideally showing improvement, and assist CMBC facilities in setting goals and monitoring their progress, as well as regional and program level data.
- No new clean marina certifications: it is mostly recertifications.

Jasmin Adams, WA Ecology

- They are continuing to work with Sea Grant
- They conducted a boater survey and helped distribute fuel bibs

British Columbia

Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

- The Vancouver Boat Show will be virtual this year and will be presenting.
- She has done numerous presentations, including (but not limited to):
 - Harbor Authority Association
 - Boating BC Conference
- She did her first three-hour virtual spill training on Dec. 4. The next one will occur on March 11.
- GSA went through a Strategic Planning Process; it includes the green boating webinar.
- Will be doing boater kits at the next in-person Vancouver boat show. Will take lessons learned and will conduct a survey (using Vivian's approach); and will be doing a Dockwalker program in 2022.
- 33 certified marinas.
- Their site visits are currently postponed as they are not allowed to do unnecessary travel.

California

Vivian Matuk, CA State Parks - California Coastal Commission

- There is a spill in the bay area currently; OSPR is leading response. One of the comments from boating facilities was that there is a lack of information when a spill happens. Vivian has been serving as a liaison between Unified Command and boating facilities. In that capacity, she was able to immediately report out information from UC.
- Have been planning 2021 Virtual Dockwalker Trainings. There will be two training refreshers for each region (northern and southern California). She is in the process of designing the workshop and is tuning up virtual content.
- Distributed 1900 boater kits in 2020.
- They will also have oil spill response communication workshops. Her colleagues at OSPR colleagues are now contact tracers so are unable to work outside that capacity. In the next phase, they want to utilize real life examples where there was a spill inside a marina in order to understand what kind of information marina operators want to get the support they need.
- Since there are no in-person boat shows, they are developing videos. They'll be shot at a nearby harbor and will focus on bilge pumpouts, hazardous waste disposal, etc. They are focusing on their FAQs. Vivian will share video links when available.
- She is putting together a great meeting as part of CA green boating network. The main topics will be the CA boater card (and trying to reduce confusion with this as compared to a license). This will happen on March 18 – 10am to 12:15 pm Pacific via Zoom (Vivian will send invite).

- There will also be a Clean Boating Webinar (one each for northern and southern CA). **Vivian** will send invites to these as well.

Special Topic: Procurement approaches

The team brainstormed how different POSPET members/entities approach procurement (of materials, technical support, etc.) to identify opportunities for collaboration to reduce costs/administrative burdens across entities.

Vivian shared context and explained that the primary issue involves boater kits. It is tedious to do procurement for each individual item in the boater kit (e.g., absorbents, fuel bibs, etc.). It's complicated and has to do with state procurement processes, the need for multiple quotes if the cost is over \$5K, etc. She posed the question as to whether there might be a way for everyone to submit requests collectively and get a cost break and increase efficiency?

Aaron noted that they only purchase fuel bibs and that it is a smooth process. They purchase from Sonya at Blue Ribbon.

Follow-up:

- Aaron will inquire with Sonya as to whether there is an opportunity to do a collective purchase and reduce overall costs.
- Hilary will inquire as to whether the Task Force can serve as an umbrella entity for purchasing and distribution (similar to SPILLS 911 materials)

Projects

Green Boating Webinar

- Michelle, Hilary and Aaron scheduled time to meet to discuss the POSPET-sponsored Green Boating Webinar that will focus in the Salish Sea region. This initial webinar will allow the team to figure out how/whether to scale it up for a broader distribution across the west coast. Vivian will work with M, H and A since CA has scheduled green boating webinars; this coordination will help ensure that we are not duplicating, but building on/expanding efforts to reach broader audiences. This meeting will take place March 24 at 2 PM Pacific Time. **Hilary** to send meeting info.
- The goal is to have the webinar take place in late May.

Next POSPET Meeting

- Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 13 from 10 AM to NOON** Pacific Time. The special topic will be "quantifying the benefits of small spill outreach programs". Please come prepared to share thoughts on this topic!

Follow-up/Next Steps/Resources Shared

- Aaron will share marina manager survey with group (**DONE**)
- Vivian will
 - send an invitation to the March 18 CA Green Boating Network virtual meeting.
 - Share links to YouTube videos per bullet above (and when available)
 - Send invitations to the CA Green Boating webinars
- Aaron will inquire with Sonya as to whether there is an opportunity to do a collective purchase and reduce overall costs.
- Jasmin will share WA's boater survey (**DONE**)
- Hilary will inquire as to whether the Task Force can serve as an umbrella entity for purchasing and distribution (similar to SPILLS 911 materials)
- Hilary will send invite to Aaron and Michelle, cc'ing Vivian, for Green Boating Webinar planning meeting on 3/24. (**DONE**)
- Vivian shared the following resource:
https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/pages/28702/files/TBF_BinderCard_Selected_ADA_v1.pdf