

## POSPET – Second Quarter Meeting 2021

May 13, 2021

10 – 12 AM - Pacific Time

### FINAL SUMMARY NOTES

#### Participants

Jasmin Adams, WA Ecology  
Glenn Dolphin, OR State Marine Board  
Ty Keltner, WA Ecology  
Vivian Matuk, CA State Parks - California Coastal Commission  
Hilary Wilkinson, OSTF  
Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

#### Member Updates

##### Oregon

Glenn Dolphin, OR Marine Board

- OR now has 61 clean marina certifications. Two were lost during the pandemic, but one was added.
- His focus has been to work with clean marinas to prevent future ADVs. The situation continues to spiral out of control. OR Marine Board got a NOAA Marine Debris grant that will help ten marinas eliminate 20 ADVs. MOUs are being put in place currently that will focus on getting marinas to ramp up their management on the docks to prevent future ADVs. This means aggressive enforcement of the registration requirement. Registrations are often outdated, sometimes by as much as 5-8 years. The goal is 90% compliance on registration. The marina will also require insurance policies. OR Marine Board is working with environmental agencies to try to get them to require that any boat that sinks at a marina state-wide, regardless of whether it's a clean marina or not, be removed. This would be covered through the marine itself (via its insurance policy, or the boat owner's insurance. The first removal will happen in June.
- There is a national clean marina certification being developed through the National Association of Marina Industries. There is some concern about this; Glenn previously sent the article to the POSPET Listserv. A meeting with Clean Marina Program Coordinators on the topic will happen soon. **Follow-up:** Glenn will track the issue and bring it forward to the next meeting; possibility of Task Force taking a position on it if member jurisdictions are in agreement about it. **Vivian** will find out what CA's position is.

##### California

Vivian Matuk, CA State Parks - California Coastal Commission

- Ten Dockwalker trainings have taken place in Northern and Southern CA.

- They also did two Clean Boating webinars and had 17 participants.
- Put together the CA Clean Boating network, a forum of government, local agencies, marina industry representatives, and the general public. 150 participants from the entire state. Topics covered included: management of marine debris; Marine Protected Areas; and the Clean Vessel Act program. It went well and will occur again in the fall.
- In partnership with OSPR, they have also put on spill communication workshops. They are currently behind schedule but are restructuring it. In the new version, they will bring real examples of marina spills to determine what worked and what didn't.
- She is also working to design a workshop for fuel dock operators. Shared a document with the USCG that was approved and is a good sign.
- Have been working on a NOAA Marine Debris grant to set up 50 additional fishing line recycling centers.

## British Columbia

### Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

- The federal government announced SRKW protection measures for 2021; they are very complicated to communicate to boaters because of various differences in distancing rules (example: 400m or 200m depending on geographic location). Most infractions occur due to confusion about the rules.
- GSA hosted a presentation last night with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECC) to talk about what's happening in terms of reducing contaminants.
- She participated in the virtual Vancouver boat show and provided a presentation on sharing the Strait with killer whales. There were 75 attendees.
- She did a third virtual spill training webinar and had a federal government facility attend for the first time. This was a win-win for the marina program.
- GSA is still not planning any on-the ground events due to Covid.
- They are in Year Four of their federal money for ADV removal. The province is kicking in funding for the first time (\$2 million). Part of it involves changing registration requirements.

## Washington

### Jasmin Adams & Ty Keltner, WA Dept. of Ecology

- WA Ecology conducted an extensive boater survey and the results have been analyzed. Highlights of respondent input include:
  - A willingness to recycle parts of their boats at end-of-life.
  - Active participation in submitting applications for Vessel Turn-in Program (VTIP).
  - Shared information about where they got updates about boat-related topics. These included online news, blogs and word-of-mouth. Facebook is the most commonly used social media.
  - Most are very concerned about marine debris; the majority of respondents pull debris out of the water.
  - Most responders said they'd report a spill if they saw one.
- Ty is working on developing an outreach plan for his department. Ecology wants to do more outreach to marinas to solidify things they see as concerns such as dribbling of fuel when

refueling, etc. Another aspect of an outreach plan is to reach out to boat owners who might want to volunteer their vessel during a spill response. (VOO).

## Special Topic: Quantifying the benefits of small spill outreach programs.

Members agreed to postpone this conversation until the next meeting; there will be some work to pull together information and talking points in the interim.

## Projects

### Green Boating Webinar Update

Michelle provided updates on the upcoming POSPET-supported Green Boating Webinar, including:

- The webinar is set for May 26; Melanie del Rosario (of Veda) will facilitate.
- It will be framed around protecting the SRKW and what boaters can do to reduce the risks to SRKW from the three primary threats.
- Will also be covering pumpouts and related issues.
- There will be a panel discussion with specific questions designed to touch on preventing and reporting spills; clean marinas; and sensitive habitats.
- There will be some incentives from the WA side.

## Next POSPET Meeting

Our next meeting is **Thursday, Sept. 9 from 10 AM to NOON** Pacific Time. The special topic (postponed from our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting) will be “quantifying the benefits of small spill outreach programs”. Please come prepared to share thoughts on this.

## Follow-up

- **Glenn** will track the issue and bring it forward to the next meeting; possibility of Task Force taking a position on it if member jurisdictions are in agreement about it. **Vivian** will find out what CA’s position is.
- **Hilary** will pull together an approach to the special topic of “quantifying the benefits of small spill outreach programs” for the next meeting.
- **Everyone** will put some thought into the special topic for next meeting.

## Resources

- <https://www.timescolonist.com/islander/songhees-teaming-up-with-other-nations-to-remove-derelict-boats-1.24316881>