

**POSPET  
First Quarter Meeting 2022 (via Zoom)**

**March 10, 2022**

**10 – 12 AM - Pacific Time**

**SUMMARY NOTES - FINAL**

## Participants

Jasmin Adams, WA Dept of Ecology  
Meg Harris, OSTF  
Ty Keltner, WA Dept. of Ecology  
Hilary Wilkinson, OSTF  
Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

## Member Updates

Jasmin Adams, WA Ecology

- Provided an update on WA Sea Grant's boater outreach activities which include:
  - Social media campaign to run from May through August
  - Ads have been placed in various publications
  - Designed and ordered more biodegradable small spills pillows
  - Attended the Seattle Boat Show and gave out hundreds of small spills pillows; plan to put ads in the boat show guide in the future
  - Did outreach at Friday Harbor Marina
  - Sent out the 2021 Boater Survey
  - Distributed new Spills Aren't Slick signs

Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance (GSA)

- ADV panel at the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference was approved
- The Dockwalker program will be put in place this summer; modeled on CA's
- The ADV app is in a testing phase and is almost ready to be launched
- Spill training is happening the week of 10/14/22
- Additional marinas have been certified; they are now up to 47 (from 35)
- The Vancouver Boat Show was cancelled

## Clean Marina Certification Updates

- BC: 47 (up from 35)
- WA: 74 is still accurate number

## Special Topics Discussion

### Quantifying small spills outreach and Oil Spill Database

#### Context

During the December 2021 meeting, members agreed that there is an opportunity to message differently about the relative impacts from small spills and that tapping the oil spill database to better understand these small spills was a good start.

#### Discussion Highlights

- Meg provided an overview of the Oil Spill database and explained that there is less detailed information for small spills (<42 gallons) versus large spills (>42 gallons). She described several reasons for this, including the need to streamline and simplify the reporting for jurisdictions. However, some jurisdictions do have more detailed information and we can access this information to better inform small spill outreach. Better understanding the barriers for getting this detailed information is important and will be further discussed.
- The vast majority (~86%) of spills qualify as small spills. Understanding where and how they are occurring, as well as type of product spilled, could benefit small spills outreach efforts.
- Meg shared the specific metrics that are tracked in the database for large spills, including (but not limited to):
  - type of vessel
  - type of facility
  - type of product
  - cause of accident
  - amount of spill

She also shared that going forward, it would be preferable if POSPET members worked directly with their jurisdiction's spill data lead to get the specific small spill info that would directly inform their small spill outreach efforts.

- Follow-up:
  - Hilary and Meg will review the metrics for large spills and highlight those that are relevant for small spills; Hilary will share with Michelle and Jasmin for feedback, then with the larger POSPET workgroup. This will then be shared out at the 6/9 meeting. Preliminary discussion regarding metrics that could be helpful for small spills outreach include location of the spill, type of vessel (e.g. recreational only), type of product, and cause of spill.

- Meg will review the data that is currently in the database for small spills to understand how complete the dataset is that has been shared previously.
- POSPET members will work directly with their jurisdiction's spill data lead to get the specific small spill info that would inform their small spill outreach efforts.
- Meg can make these virtual introductions as needed.

### Up-leveling POSPET website

- Meg shared recent updates to the POSPET webpage (reorganizing; updating clean marina numbers) and asked what additional edits would be helpful.
- Participants agreed that there is a lot of text and info on one page; it would be beneficial to split it into two pages (POSPET and OILS-911).
- Hilary noted that at the 12/21 meeting, participants expressed interest in the webpage being more educational and resource focused.
- Follow-up
  - Hilary will send out as a homework assignment the task of reviewing and suggesting edits to the webpage.
  - Members will discuss and agree to changes at the June meeting.

### Reinvigorating POSPET membership

- Participants discussed a desire to pull in participation from Alaska and Hawaii in particular.
- Follow-up:
  - Meg and Hilary to discuss; will tap Coordinating Committee and Executives for support.

### OILS 911 and SPILLS AREN'T SLICK MATERIALS

- Meg shared data from the OILS 911 call-in number for CA, OR, WA and BC. Members discussed factors contributing to the various trends in the jurisdictions. Members shared that it would be helpful to know if there is a correlation between Spills Aren't Slick signage and calls; this isn't currently possible since there is no tracking of locations for call-ins. There has also been no crosswalk with calls and actual spills.
- In WA, there has been an uptick in small spills.
- Follow-up: Meg will compile OILS 911 call data and small spills data to understand the relationship between these metrics for each jurisdiction.

### 2022 POSPET Meeting Schedule

- Hilary reminded members of the 2022 meeting schedule. All meetings from 10 AM to Noon Pacific Time
  - March 10

- June 9
- Sept 15
- Dec 8
- Topics agreed to during 12/21 meeting include:
  - Small Spill Outreach: quantifying impacts; review the oil spill database, try to tell the story of small spills, leverage resources, etc. Craft story around data to get funding. Social media; visualizing impacts etc.
  - Resources and tools: NOAA app for ADVs and marine debris; Clean Marina Certification app that GSA is developing (Michelle to give an update on this)
  - Green Boating webinar expansion
  - Reinvigorating POSPET and getting HI and AK to the virtual table (idea for HW to travel with Meg for introductions to jurisdictions; reconnect personally with people.
  - Focus on POSPET webpage upgrade
  - Social media campaign

## Follow-up

- Oil Spill Database and Small Spill Outreach Efforts
  - Hilary and Meg will review the metrics for large spills and highlight those that are relevant for small spills; Hilary will share with Michelle and Jasmin for feedback, then with the larger POSPET workgroup. This will then be shared out at the 6/9 meeting.
  - POSPET members will work directly with their jurisdiction's spill data lead to get the specific small spill info that would inform their small spill outreach efforts.
  - Hilary/Meg to connect POSPET members with their jurisdiction's spill data lead.
- POSPET webpage
  - Hilary to update member list.
  - Hilary to update clean marina certification table.
- Increasing POSPET membership
  - Meg and Hilary to discuss; will tap Coordinating Committee and Executives for support.
- OILS 911
  - Meg will review OILS 911 call data and small spills data by jurisdiction and share this with members
- Other
  - Hilary to send summary notes.