

**POSPET Meeting  
Thur., June 9, 2022**

**Final Summary Notes**

**10 am to Noon - Pacific Time**

## Participants

- Jasmin Adams, WA Ecology
- Aaron Barnett, WA Sea Grant
- Shayne Cothorn, WA DNR
- Meg Harris, BC/States Task Force
- Ty Keltner, WA Ecology
- Bill House, WA DNR
- Hilary Wilkinson (Workgroup Chair), BC/States Task Force
- Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

## Welcome and Intros

- Bill House was welcomed as a new representative from DNR; he is a Habitat Stewardship Specialist based out of Anacortes and provides recommendations for lease authorizations.

## Review Status/Next Steps from Previous Meeting

- 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 **(Done)**, 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. **(No action)**
  - Hilary/Meg to connect POSPET members with their jurisdiction's spill data lead. **(Ongoing)**
- POSPET webpage
  - Hilary to update member list. **(Done)**
  - Hilary to update clean marina certification table. **(Done)**
- Increasing POSPET membership
  - Meg and Hilary to discuss; will tap Coordinating Committee and Executives for support. **(Ongoing)**
    - Update: Meg has a lead for a staff member at AK Sea Grant.
- OILS 911

- Meg will review OILS 911 call data and small spills data by jurisdiction and share this with members (Done)
- Other
  - Hilary to send summary notes. (Done)

## Spills Aren't Slick Materials discussion

- Materials remaining from previous order include
  - rack cards (lots)
  - stickers (one big roll)
  - marina signs (numerous)
- Hilary shared that going forward, POSPET members will be asked for Spills 911 materials requests at the beginning of each biennium and will not fill orders throughout the biennium. However, since we have materials in stock, participants can continue to submit requests as needed through the end of the current biennium (June 20, 2023).
- Members discussed the idea of expanding the suite of Spills 911 tools to include a bib or similar product (see notes from Aaron's updates below).

## Member Updates

### Michelle Young, Georgia Strait Alliance

- GSA did a spill response webinar in March; it may be the last time it is held online
- Clean Marine BC
  - Now up to 49 clean marinas
  - Switching to annual billing
  - Getting close on the certification platform
- ADV panel at Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference
  - Great representation
  - 50-60 people in attendance
- BC Dockwalking Program is officially launched
  - It is a mini version of what happens in CA; Vivian has been generous with resources and time to help guide and advise. Aaron has also been helpful.
  - Have 12 volunteers trained up to hand out boater kits; held two volunteer training sessions in May.
  - Have put together 160 Clean Boater Kits, so far, with materials on hand for a total of 800. They are significantly different from the kits distributed in CA and include:
    - Wrapper
    - New dock walking logo, and sponsor logos
    - Three types of spill materials: 1. bilge sock, 2. mini spill pad and 3. a version of a fuel bib.
    - Guide to green boating, plus publications from others on rockfish ID and conservation areas, preventing invasive species, and preventing and/or responding to whale entanglement, POSPET Spills Aren't Slick rack card and sticker, 2022 Southern Resident Killer Whales protection measures.
  - First Dockwalking event scheduled for Saturday, June 11 in Vancouver.

- GSA is conducting an electronic boater survey to recipients of the Clean Boater Kit, which has a question on the OILS 911 reporting hotline.

### Aaron Barnett, WA Sea Grant

- Sea Grant is taking over the Clean Marina program effective Jan. 2023.
- Shared the fuel bib that they distribute. Highlights include:
  - Sea Grant purchases 2,000-4,000 per year; funding comes from small spills program account.
  - They are just for WA.
  - They are very popular and have a lot of bang for the buck.
  - They are made in Spokane by a woman-owned business.
  - Asked if POSPET could fund for use across the west coast.
    - **Follow-up:**
      - Aaron to
        - get a cost estimate for fuel bibs
        - do more research into the alternative product mentioned by Shayne and bring ideas to next POSPET meeting
      - Hilary and Meg will look in to adding it to the mix of SPILLS 911 materials
- Highlights of discussion re: fuel bibs
  - Fuel bibs aren't necessarily efficient at catch the "burps" because the fuel flies beyond the pillows and bibs. There is another product that does a better job of this. Suggestion to use the two in conjunction.
  - WA DNR would like to see POSPET embrace the idea of these products, which could then result in agencies requiring their use.
  - Options are a good idea; marina managers might invest in it on their own if encouraged.
  - We'll discuss in more depth at next meeting.

### Ty Keltner, WA Ecology

- Ecology is taking a big step forward with environmental justice issues. Included in their efforts are:
  - Promotion of equity issues across the state with environmental initiatives.
  - Tasking their enforcement coordination team (led by Ty) to look at environmental justice issues as they relate to enforcement communications, such as
    - ensuring there is good language access
    - making things accessible for everybody
    - improving how calls come into the system
  - The OILS 911 number is also being looked into. Ty asked for additional information as to its history and use, with the goal of looking at the reporting structure to ensure it is as accessible as possible and improve it if opportunities are identified. Dave Byers is helping him. He doesn't think it will mean any real changes; it's more about awareness of how the number works and how it's beneficial.
  - **Follow-up**
    - Hilary offered to support Ecology's efforts with the OILS 911 number and provide historical information from the Task Force.
- Ecology put the spills bib and pillow into the Ecology time capsule that was sealed last year.

### Jasmin Adams, WA Ecology

- A couple Ecology staff have done some outreach activities, including:
  - visiting different marinas to find/replace marina signs and provide Spills Aren't Slick materials to attendees
  - Participating in a networking/demonstration at UW

### Bill House, WA DNR

- Highlighted activities of DNR's stewardship program, including:
  - Starting to formalize what they would require of their tenants. They don't have a formal list, which is one of the purposes of participating in POSPET. With marinas greater than 10 boats, would like guidance on things that should be recommended.
- **Follow-up:**
  - Aaron offered to take Bill to see inspection. Requirements of marinas are unrelated to clean marina certification).

### Shayne Cothorn, WA DNR

- DNR is seeking further guidance on how they can work with POSPET, including Clean Marina Program, to enhance small spill prevention programs at facilities that occupy state owned aquatic land (SOAL).
  - DNR does not want to hinder the voluntary nature of the Clean Marina program but is looking for guidance on what DNR might require in spill kits.
- Strongly advocated for POSPET, and more specifically Clean Marina Program in Washington, to champion the use of a fuel fill spill prevention device similar to the one mentioned in article, [Clean Way Fuel Fill Kit](#).
  - Aaron made recommendation to combine use of such a device in conjunction with fuel bib they currently sponsor-the combination would aid in catching both burps and drips. Shayne agreed wholeheartedly with this recommendation.
  - Aaron said he would explore options to create a list of similar devices to provide to marinas for consideration and consider how these might be incorporated into the Clean Marina Program.
  - Shayne noted he would work with Bill's group to see how DNR could advocate for use of this combination for fueling facilities on SOAL.

## Oil Spill Database and Small Spill Outreach Efforts

- Members continued a discussion from the March meeting regarding the Task Force's oil spill database, and whether metrics from it that are used for large spills might be used to inform small spill prevention outreach efforts.
- The Task Force database tracks spills of a barrel (42 gallons) and larger; and the number of spills less than a barrel.
- As a follow-up from March, Meg highlighted aspects of the database that might be relevant to POSPET and had Jasmin and Michelle review and comment on it.
- The database makes it clear that the majority of spills are small spills. However, the money to support spills programs comes from the big spillers, and the database only drills into sources/types/etc. of the large spills, not the small spills.

- For small spills, each jurisdiction tracks them differently. It's a big challenge given the magnitude of small spills. It would be difficult to merge into a single, cross-jurisdictional database (as is done for the large spills).
- Meg talked to spills data staff at some Task Force agencies. Her initial recommendation was to have each POSPET member reach out to individual jurisdiction that's tracking it and scale their small spill outreach efforts to reflect their specific jurisdiction's data. This is still the recommendation, as she has concluded that the large spill database is not particularly helpful for POSPET.
- **Decisions/next steps**
  - Oil Spill database probably not particularly helpful to POSPET
  - Small spill databases maintained at jurisdiction level, not by Task Force, so would really need to be a communication directly between POSPET member and their jurisdiction's small spill data collector/database.
  - Executive Coordinator Team (Meg/Hilary) can help connect POSPET members with the data, and data management/formatting potentially.

## Special Topic Discussion: Resources and Tools

- Virginia's [Clean Way Fuel Fill Kit](#) (shared by Shayne)

## Follow-up Items

- **Adding fuel bibs to Spills Aren't Slick materials**
  - Aaron to
    - get a cost estimate for fuel bibs
    - do more research into the alternative product mentioned by Shayne and bring ideas to next POSPET meeting
  - Hilary and Meg will look into adding it to the mix of Spills Aren't Slick materials
- **OILS 911 Reporting Hotline; Equity and Inclusion**
  - Hilary offered to support Ecology's efforts with the OILS 911 number and provide available historical information from the Task Force
- **Requirements of Marinas**
  - Aaron offered to take Bill to see inspection. Requirements of marinas are unrelated to clean marina certification).