

## PUGET SOUND HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 1, 2009

Chairman Bruce Reed called the meeting of the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee (PSHSC) to order at 10:00 on April 1, 2009 in the Galaxy Room of Federal Center South, followed by the evacuation plan for the location. Roll call was taken.

### Voting Members Present

#### Aquaculture

#### Commercial Fishing

Leslie Hughes

#### Environmental Groups

#### Labor

Vince O'Halloran

#### Native American

#### Passenger Vessel Industry

Darrell Bryan

#### Petroleum Shippers

Ed Irish

#### Puget Sound Pilots

Capt. Del Mackenzie

#### Public at Large

Theresa Conner

#### Public Ports

#### Recreational Boaters

David Scott

#### State Ferry System

Capt. Scott Davis

#### Steamship Lines

Capt. Mike Moore

#### Tug & Barge

Bruce Reed

#### Local Government

### Advisors Present:

#### NOAA

#### US Army Corps of Engineers

Stewart Cook

#### USCG, Sector Seattle

#### US Dept. of Transportation – MARAD

#### US Navy

#### WA Dept of Ecology

Norm Davis

#### Marine Exchange

John Veentjer

### Others Present:

John Dwyer

USCG Sector Seattle

Patrick Griffin

Shell Trading (US) CO.

Fred Felleman

Wave Consulting

George Clark

Penn Maritime

Jeff Shaw

Polar Tankers

John Lauber

HSC Public at Large Alternate

Pat McGarry

Manson Construction Co.

Nancy Allen

Marine Exchange of Puget Sound

Rich Berkowitz

Transportation Institute

Scott Craig

Crowley Marine Exchange

Thomas Szelest

USACE Seattle

Peter Havens

NAVFAL Engcom NW

Steve Rochester

Clipper Nav.

Mark Homeyer

Crowley Petroleum Services

Mike McCallister

Sound & Sea Technology

### Roll Call and Introductions

- ♦ Roll call taken and a quorum was present.

**Safety Moment:** Situation awareness - a good example would be to keep your car wipers clean and in good order, you never know when a sudden storm could put you or others at risk.

**Meeting Notes** The minutes of the February 4, 2009 were approved and accepted.

## **Sector Seattle Report**

### **USCG Sector Seattle Incident Report – LCDR Steven Stowers**

- ◆ The incident report was reviewed and discussed. This report is posted on the website.
- ◆ Be aware the boating season has begun and there are more vessels on the water.
- ◆ May 1st the Hood Canal Bridge project will begin for re-construction. The W.S. Ferry System will ferry service.
- ◆ The CG is working with CBP to be prepared for the Cruise season to begin at Pier 91.
- ◆ The CG Vessel Traffic System has been successfully upgraded for more extended and better visibility.
- ◆ There are discussions on in-tow separation taking place. The new tow vessel inspection program will most likely cover this issue. AWO Responsible Carrier program requires duplicated measures for coastal towing. Each company has a re-attachment program.
- ◆ The CG has been training at Navy Sub Group 9 regarding towing and fishing vessels operations. The Navy Sub Group also brought in a representative from the Pilots to help address better understanding of communication and awareness.

### **Program: Navy Puget Sound Kinetic Hydropower System (NPS-KHPS) Project – Peter Haven & Mike McCallister**

- ◆ Congress has directed the Navy to prepare this two year study.
- ◆ Phase 1: Site assessment with a preliminary design and permitting
- ◆ Phase 2: Final Design
- ◆ Participation of the program will be the Navy Region NW and will make use of the power provided.
- ◆ Objectives: Gather operational and environmental data from a U.S. designed program and build a tidal energy system in the Puget Sound. The plan is to evaluate the use of tidal energy technology as a renewable source of electric power for Navy bases worldwide. Goal for completion is 2012.
- ◆ They would like feedback from the PSHSC for navigational safety issues.
- ◆ Snohomish PUD also has a pilot plan with a 2012 goal just to gather data for future plans.
- ◆ If there are any issues please contact [peter.haven@navyfacilities.org](mailto:peter.haven@navyfacilities.org) or 360-396-0916 by 2010.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

- ◆ Budget: Bruce Reed/John Veentjer: A reminder was made that all funding comes from dues from the stakeholders. Invoice for dues for 2009 will be sent out soon.
- ◆ Mike Moore: Capt. Moore gave an update on various issues relating to government regulations/Port of Seattle issues, i.e. clean fuel at the dock, traffic mix is changing, state budget still playing out, Oil Spill Advisory Council (OSAC) responsibilities will be reverting to the Puget Sound Partnership. The discussion regarding the tug at Neah Bay funding is still going on.
- ◆ John Veentjer: The PSHSC website has the information needed to vote for the HSC of year. Obviously our first choice is PSHSC. If interested, please vote your second choice and send to John Veentjer. Also, if you have any ideas for a best practice poster needed for the May 27- 29 HSC Conference please contact John Veentjer, i.e., SOC on Anchorage or the successful Hylebos waterway incident.

### **New/Other Business:**

- ◆ Rich Berkowitz: The Maritime achievement award will be presented at the Maritime Luncheon May 14<sup>th</sup> and also the elective official of the year. If you have anyone to be considered now is the time to nominate them.
- ◆ The CG is asking for volunteers to work on a Harbor of Safe Refuge site.

### **Next Meeting: June 3, 2009 at Federal Center South**

Respectively Submitted:  
Nancy Allen, Recorder