

PUGET SOUND HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
August 4th, 2010

Leslie Hughes called the meeting of the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee (PSHSC) to order at 10:00 on August 4th, 2010 in the Galaxy Room of Federal Center South.

Voting Members Present

Aquaculture	
Commercial Fishing	Leslie Hughes
Environmental	Bill Anderson
Labor	Vince O'Halloran
Native American	
Passenger Vessel Industry	
Petroleum Shippers	Frank Holmes
Puget Sound Pilots	Capt. Andy Coe
Public at Large	Theresa Connor
Public Ports	
Recreational Boaters	David Scott Richard Marshall
State Ferry System	
Steamship Lines	Jordan Royer
Tug & Barge	George Clark
Local Government	

Advisors Present:

NOAA	LT Matt Ringel
US Army Corps of Engineers	John Hicks
USCG, Sector Puget Sound	Capt. Scott Bornemann
US MARAD	
US Navy	
WA Dept of Ecology	Norm Davis

Executive Secretary:

Marine Exchange	John Veentjer
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Others Present:

Mark Ashley	USCG	Todd Manow	USCG
Cathleen Barry	NOAA	Pete Mills	Rep. Jay Inslee
Andrew Bennett	KPFF	Gary Nelson	NOAA
Rich Berkowitz	Transportation Institute	John Pollock	USCG
Kurt Brown	NOAA	June Raker	Kingston Shoreline homeowner
Lon Cain	Transmarine Navigation	Paul Raker	Kingston Shoreline homeowner
George Clark	Penn Maritime	Jeff Shaw	Polar Tankers
Agneta Dahl	USCG	Tom Szelest	USACE
Patrick Griffin	Shell	Chris Woodley	USCG
Kathy Gleaves	Port of Seattle		
Todd Hass	Puget Sound Partnership		
Heather Hastings	CDC Seattle Quarantine Station		
Troy Holland	USCG		
John Lauber	Retired		

Roll Call and Introductions

- ◆ Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Meeting Notes: There were no corrections to the minutes of the June 2nd, 2010 meeting; thus they were approved and accepted.

PSHSC Membership Information Update: We are still looking for a local government representative to become part of the committee. Also, we would like to see more agency representation at meetings.

Coast Guard Sector Seattle Report

- ◆ Captain Scott Bornemann reported Sector Seattle became Sector Puget Sound on July 30 after adding Group Air Station Port Angeles. Prior commander of Group Air Station Port Angeles, Captain Scott Pollock, will be the new Deputy Sector Commander for Sector Puget Sound. The Air Station remains in Port Angeles.
- ◆ There will be a Sector change of command ceremony August 25th at which time the new Sector organization will be recognized as well.
- ◆ Fleet Week and Seafair are underway.

- ♦ The Deep Water Horizon oil spill in the Gulf is taking a lot of CG time and continues to require as many as 102 people from Sector Puget Sound. About 15% of those are active duty and the rest are reservists.

USCG Sector Seattle Incident Report

- ♦ Highlights of the Sector's report; the report is posted on the website.
- ♦ A few of the highlights of the report:
 - In Elliot Bay, a welder welding on the side of a crane barge died as a result of injuries sustained when she entered the swing zone of the crane and was struck in the head by crane's counter-weight.
 - A 124 ft tractor tug escorting an oil tanker near the entrance to Rosario Strait, lost power when an O-ring on an oil supply line for the tug's port engine failed. The oil tanker waited for the crew to make repairs and resume escort. The tug resumed escort duties approximately 2 hours later.
 - In the Duwamish River the Boeing Company had a leak at their Plant 2 Aviation Fuel Farm and 1,000 gallons of Jet A fuel went into their catch basin. This resulted in 200 gallons of fuel making it into the Duwamish River over a 3 day period.
 - A 70' wooden hull recreational boat went aground and 1,200 gallons of diesel fuel was removed. The vessel owner was to have the vessel removed from the water.

Presentation: Mutual Aid Agreement between Puget Sound Ports – by Kathy Gleaves, Port of Seattle:

- ♦ Kathy Gleaves, Emergency Preparedness Manager, gave a presentation on the Inter-Port Mutual Aid Agreement being proposed by her office to provide maintenance workers and equipment between ports in times of a disaster/emergency.
- ♦ Kathy described an airport plan called WESTDOG on which the agreement is modeled. She is currently engaging the various ports and is open to suggestions of different ways to approach structuring the agreement.
- ♦ Kathy is looking for a letter of support for the MAA from PSHSC. A motion was made by Theresa Connor to write a letter in support. Motion was seconded and approved. Kathy will keep the committee updated on the process along the way.

Standing Committee Reports:

- ♦ **Administrative -John Veentjer:**
 - Polly Kirkpatrick will now administer the duties assigned to her for the PSHSC
 - Dues are voluntary and continue being paid by certain members as agreed.
 - Propose we consider using some money for attendance at the E-Navigation Conference or buy a couple of seats at the conference. Anyone who has interest in attending can contact John.
- ♦ **Operations - John Veentjer:**
 - Mike Moore could not attend but wanted to share a couple items. In the last meeting, Mike commented on the issue of cargo loading during bunkering operations. On occasion, cargo handling gear from a ship has fallen onto the bunker barge below. This is not a new issue and there are standards of care addressing this already in the Harbor Safety Plan. The standards of care may get tweaked at the request of Harley. Representatives from Harley have met with terminal operators and discussed this issue so as to avoid injuries or major accidents in the future.
 - Bruce Reed has delayed the formation of a subcommittee regarding placement of weather buoys and will be addressed at the next meeting
- ♦ **National Harbor Safety Committee Conference – John Veentjer:**
 - Summary of the Conference will eventually be posted on the PSHSC website. It was a good, well organized conference. It was held in Jersey City, NJ. Mixture of safety and security topics throughout the conference. It will be in Houston next year. We do have some funds to subsidize a person from the committee to attend. Harbor Safety Committee of the Year went to Southern California HSC.

Member and Advisor Reports:

- ◆ **John Veentjer-Marine Exchange of Puget Sound:** Plan to include the ERTV at Neah Bay in the Harbor Safety Plan. It will not go in under standards of care but in the general section describing safety plan. It will be added soon. Welcome ideas for other additions to the plan.
- ◆ **George Clark – Penn Maritime:** California’s assembly bill 234 is moving along regarding pre-booming in San Francisco Bay. The HSC in San Francisco has challenged booming around a vessel at anchor.
- ◆ **David Scott-Recreational Boating:** Introduced Richard Marshall as alternate representative and ultimately David’s replacement.
- ◆ **Norm Davis – Department of Ecology:** Recognized Polar Tanker and Foss Maritime for their joint simulation exercises in the Strait of Juan de Fuca to test how long it would take to hook up an escort tug when a vessel lost steering or propulsion.
- ◆ **Matt Ringel-NOAA:** Announcement for a meeting in for Hydrographic Services Review Panel in Portland, OR on September 15-16. A forum for the users and stakeholders of NOAA’s navigation services to provide feedback to NOAA and the government to how they are doing as a whole. Looking for people who are interested in giving presentations on issues they are having in their local area, suggest topics for panel to address and stakeholder panel discussions to join. *Post meeting note: This Review Panel has be rescheduled to October 12 and 13. More information should be available soon at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.*

Next Meeting: October 6th, 2010, at Federal Center South

Respectfully submitted by:
Polly Kirkpatrick, Recorder