

Kitsap County Derelict & Abandoned Vessel Removal Program

Quarterly Meeting

Technical Advisory Committee

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Housekeeping

- Zoom attendees
 - Mute microphone when not speaking to minimize noise
 - Send message to Daria if you have Zoom issues
 - Use raise hand function to speak
 - Turn on video when possible
- In-Person attendees
 - Turn name tag vertical to speak

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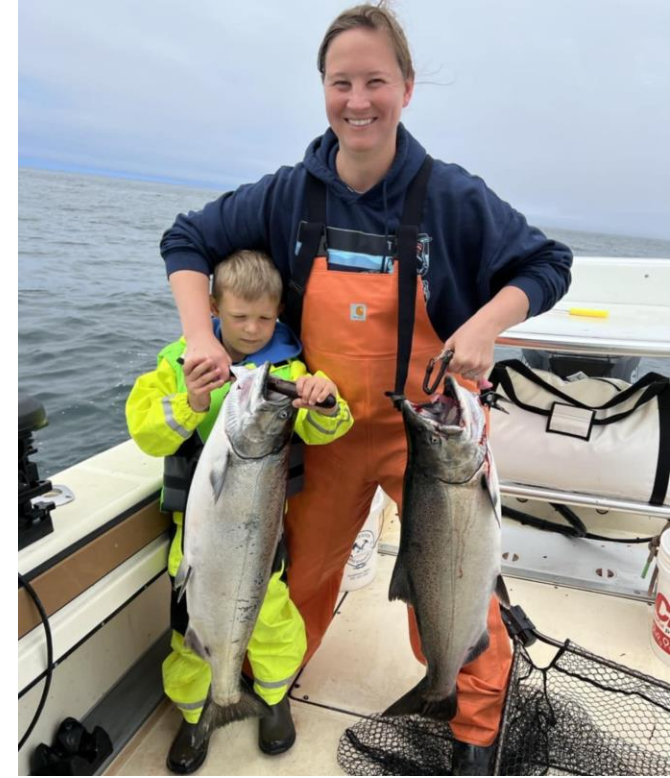
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Review Agenda

1:00 PM	Introductions, round table updates, review agenda	Brittany
1:20 PM	Liberty Bay & Apple Tree Cove Vessel Updates	Kirvie
1:35 PM	DNR & Legislative Updates & Story Map Tour	Troy
1:55 PM	Focus Group Updates	Brittany & Daria
2:35 PM	Activity: Brainstorm Frequently Asked Questions	All
2:45	Question & Discussion Block	All
2:55	Wrap Up & Next Steps	Brittany

Round Table - Welcome and Introductions

- Name
- Agency
- Recent highlight or update on your work (optional)



An aerial photograph of a large body of water, likely a bay or harbor, with several small boats scattered across the surface. In the background, there are forested hills and mountains under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Removal of Sunk Vessel on Private Tidelands

Case Study in Liberty Bay

Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech

Project Update

- December 2024
 - Bid Open from December 2 – 13
 - Received one bid from Global Diving & Salvage, Inc.
 - \$38,140
- January 2025
 - Contract process
 - HPA Permit - covered under DNR's blanket permit

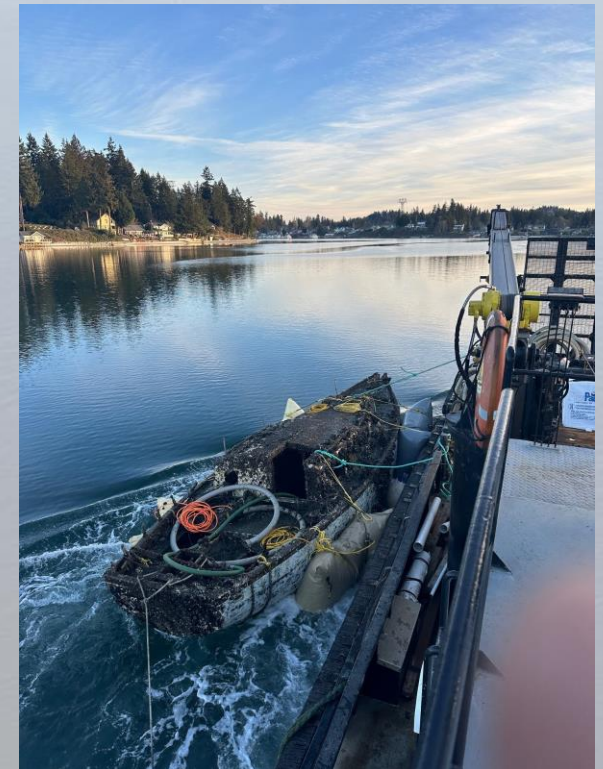
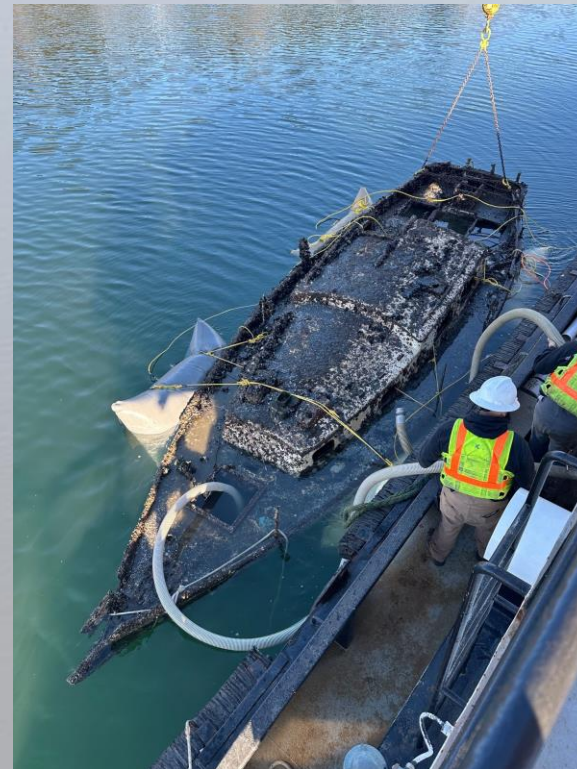


Photo credit: Global Diving & Salvage



Project Update

- February 2025
 - Vessel removed
- March 2025
 - Payment
 - Reimbursement procedure



Adrift Vessel reported in Apple Tree Cove, Kingston

- January
 - DNR removed the vessel from water
 - Disposed of vessel

THANK YOU! Port of Kingston (TJ Quandt) and DNR Derelict & Abandoned Vessel Removal Program staff (Jerry Farmer)

An aerial photograph of a large, calm body of water, likely a bay or harbor. Numerous sailboats of various sizes are scattered across the water. The shoreline in the background is densely forested with green trees, and distant mountains are visible under a clear sky. The text "DNR Updates" is overlaid in the center of the image.

DNR Updates

Troy Wood

Focus Group Updates

Vessel Tracking Database
Legislative/Policy/Enforcement
Vessel Turn-In Program Event
Public & Partner Resources

Vessel Tracking Database

Members: Brittany Gordon (DCD), Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech (DCD), Daria Etchings (DCD), Jonathan Raine (DCD), Trey Holden (Port Orchard PD), Jason Hedstrom (KSO), Robyn Dally (Port of Brownsville), Michael Moore (Boat US), Troy Wood (DNR)

- Identified user/access needs
 - Authorized Public Entities, DNR
 - Considering Public Disclosure Requirements & Confidential Information
 - Working with County prosecutor's office
 - Considering different access level for law enforcement
 - Mobile app is needed

Vessel Tracking Database

- Identified data/information needs
 - Hull number, tab number, Hull ID Number, description: type, color, material, length, motor, identifying characteristics.
 - Lat/Long
 - Records of contact / interaction

Vessel Tracking Database

- Reporting Tool- use DNR's tool (DART), See-Click Fix, and Kitsap1
- DNR offer to share their reporting tool with Kitsap County
 - Access would be provided to APEs
 - Potential for different access levels (ie law enforcement)
 - Kitsap County would host; DNR would send updates
 - Currently exploring access / information sharing needs/rules

Legislative, Policy, & Enforcement

Members: Brittany Gordon (DCD), Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech (DCD), Daria Etchings (DCD), James Weaver (Port of Bremerton), TJ Quandt (Port of Kingston), Tim Schermetzler (CSD Law), Trey Holden (Port Orchard PD), Tami Griffey (DCD), Troy Wood (DNR), Robert Ballard (Port of Manchester), Jason Hedstrom (KSO), Ryan McGovern (KSO)

- Identified many legal challenges & barriers for enforcement and ADV removal
- Identified need for engagement from Prosecutor's office
 - DCD Enforcement lacks legal representation
- Met with KSO legal representation
 - Scheduled for monthly coordination meetings with prosecutors

Legislative, Policy, & Enforcement

- Improve inter-agency coordination for enforcement:
 - Discussed Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Kitsap County APEs to recognize and enforce each other's notices.
 - Standardizing a process for mutual aid and authority sharing similar to fire districts.
 - Unifying tracking tools, such as a database for vessel movements and a seaworthiness checklist.
- Addressing live-aboard situations

Legislative, Policy, & Enforcement

- Legislative & Policy Changes
 - Consider local code/ordinances
 - Consider auction requirements- minimum bid, insurance, registration
 - For DNR reimbursement, we must remain in compliance with state statute
 - Expedited vessel seizure & removal
 - Consider changes to abandoned & derelict definitions in statute
 - Consider including vessels unregistered for >1 year and/or with no identifying markers
 - Consider seaworthiness
 - Once abandoned/derelict, require registration and identification to come into compliance

Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) Event

Members: Brittany Gordon (DCD), Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech (DCD), Daria Etchings (DCD), Kathy Garcia (Port of Bremerton), Caitlin Newman (Public Works), Thomas Jury (Public Health), Evan Dobrowski (ECY), Emily DeVries (DNR), Troy Wood (DNR)

- Identified key partners & roles
- Identified facilities with boatyard NPDES permits
 - Linden Salvage (Mason County) & Yachtfish Marine
 - Coordinating with these potential options
- Learning from Port of Everett VTIP Event planning
- Planning for vessels <35 feet; larger vessels can still register and will be directed to DNR VTIP Program
- Planning for VTIP event spring 2026

Vessel Turn-In Program Event

- o Advertising, advanced registration & tracking
- o Coordinating vessel deliveries by land and water
- o Vessel staging
- o How many boats can realistically be processed per day?
- o Event timing & duration
- o Prioritization criteria
- o What procedures need to be in place for removing hazardous and household waste?
- o Contracting questions- boatyard, towing, hazardous waste, blackwater pump-out
- o Cost estimates
- o What kind of administrative burden or capacity will be required from the sponsoring organization?
- o How do we secure funding, and what are potential funding sources?
- o Inter-Agency Agreement with DNR
- o Communicating expectations
- o Measuring success

Public & Partner Resources

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- Updated County ADV Webpage
- Decision Trees
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Activity- Frequently Asked Questions

Please write down about 2 frequently asked questions you think should be included on our program webpage.

If you want to jot down answers, that is great, but not required.

We will go around and read the questions.

Duplicates are totally OK- that's why they're frequently asked questions!

Discussion Block & Next Steps



Thank you!

Program Webpage:

<https://www.kitsap.gov/dcd/Pages/Derelict-Vessel-Removal-Program.aspx>

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