Kitsap County
Derelict & Abandoned
Vessel Removal Program

Quarterly Meeting

Technical Advisory Committee

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Housekeeping

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  - Send message to Daria if you have Zoom issues
  - Use raise hand function to speak
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- In-Person attendees
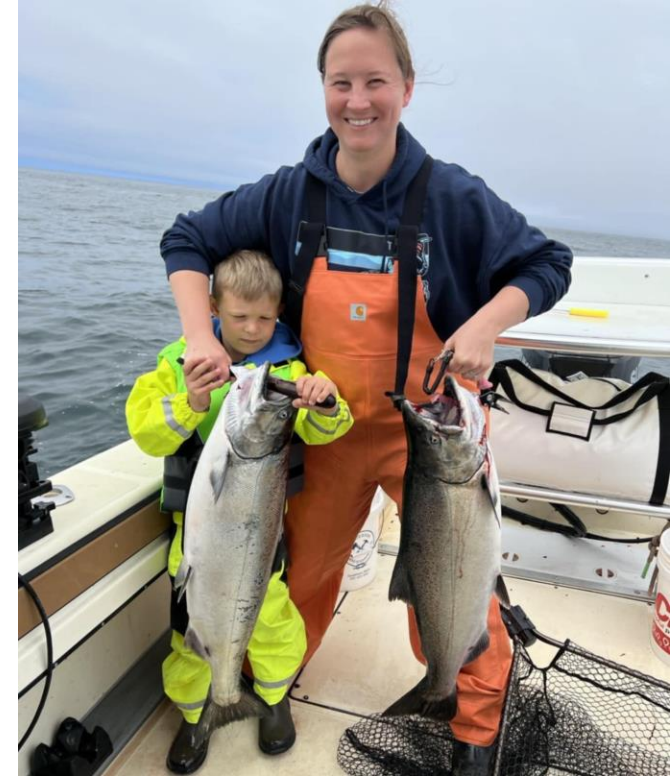 - Turn name tag vertical to speak

Wi-Fi: **Community Wi-Fi**

Password: **Beaky.Buzzard.1942!**

Review Agenda

1:00 PM	Introductions, round table updates, vessel updates	Brittany
1:15 PM	Focus Group Updates:	
	Public & Partner Resources: FAQs, decision trees, flyer kits	Daria
	VTIP: Planning update	Brittany
	Legislative & Policy: Share/discuss proposed legislative changes	Brittany/Kirvie
	Tracking Database: Discuss visible fields	Brittany/Daria, Everyone
2:20 PM	DNR Program updates	Troy
2:25 PM	Wrap Up and Next Steps	Brittany

Round Table - Welcome and Introductions

- Name

- Agency

- Recent highlight or update on your work (optional)

Vessel Updates

- Upcoming work with KSO on County prioritization and procedures for removing ADVs

- Sunken sailboat in Ostrich Bay- City of Bremerton
- Beached sailboat on Twin Spits, Hood Canal- HOA lands
- Beached sailboat at Crista Shores, Dyes Inlet- false address on file
- M/V Comanche- Sinclair Inlet, then Liberty Bay
- Relief/New Guinea/LT-207- Sinclair Inlet, then Liberty Bay
- Tollycraft- Sinclair Inlet- City of PO Removed
- Brownsville abandoned vessel- KSO working on removal
- Dyes Inlet sunken sailboat- KSO/DNR working on removal

Focus Group Updates

Public & Partner Resources

Vessel Turn-In Program Event

Legislative/Policy/Enforcement

Vessel Tracking Database

Public & Partner Resources

Members: Brittany Gordon (DCD), Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech (DCD), Daria Etchings (DCD), Jonathan Raine (DCD), Ellen Port (Port of Keyport), Caleb Reese (Port of Silverdale), Steve Brown (Public Health), Hillary Eichler (Public Health), Troy Wood (DNR)

- Maintained updated County ADV Webpage

- Decision Trees are being formatted

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) have been finalized and posted.

- DNR Resources updated

- Outreach planned to Kitsap Community Resources, Kitsap Public Library, Port offices and marinas
  - Other recommendations for outreach to community without internet access

- Mobile Pumpout (Renee)

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), Hillary Eichler (Public Health), Evan Dobrowski (ECY), Emily DeVries (DNR), Troy Wood (DNR)

- Planning for spring 2026
- Developing scope of work for agreement with DNR
- Developing RFP for boatyard contractors
- Start advertising/ sign ups December-February
  - DNR Approval
- Event in March-May (approximately)

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)

3 main problems

1. Boats anchored on SOAL that overstay and break anchor and float away.

2. People abandoning boats on private docks.

3. Problem with derelict definition- you must know who owner is.

Goals:

Improve enforcement tools

Shorten timeline for vessel removal to prevent sinking, breaking loose, etc

Legislative, Policy, & Enforcement

Proposed statute change:
RCW 79.100.010
(5) "Derelict vessel" ~~means the vessel's owner is known and can be located, and exerts control of a vessel that~~ is a vessel that:

(a) Has been moored, anchored, or otherwise left in the waters of the state or on public property contrary to RCW 79.02.300 or rules adopted by an authorized public entity;

(b) Has been left on private property without authorization of the owner; or

(c) Has not been registered for a period of at least two years; or

(d~~c~~) Has been left for a period of seven consecutive days, and:

(i) Is sunk or in danger of sinking;

(ii) Is obstructing a waterway; or

(iii) Is endangering life or property.

Legislative, Policy, & Enforcement

Under this change, more vessels will qualify as derelict, rather than abandoned, which is beneficial because:

- Reduces ambiguity

- Quicker vessel seizure reduces risks to safety or environment

- Note: Both abandoned and derelict vessels can be made safe in an emergency.

- For abandoned: 30-day observation (within 1 anchorage within 5 miles), vessel is posted, 15-day notice (custody process, which includes time for owner to come into compliance).

- Under derelict, vessel can be declared derelict immediately if it meets the listed criteria. and it is a 2-week custody process.

- Often, owner on report of sale with DOL is not accurate; however, if there is a report of sale DNR does not hold last registered owner accountable.

Vessel Tracking Database

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- Received GIS database framework from DNR
- Discuss which fields to show in database

- Activity- please take a few minutes to highlight or circle which fields would be helpful to be visible in the tracking database.

DVRP Number	Current Use Type	APE Conducting Removal	Vessel Older than 50 Years
Vessel Name	Current Vessel Use	DVTF Identifier	Historical Review Status
Vessel ID	Fuel Type	Qualifies for DVRP	Historical Review Completed
County Name	General Location	Vessel Disposition	Historical Completed Date
Year Built	LATITUDE	Disposal Fuel Amount	Historic Review by Who
Boat Length	LONGITUDE	Vessel Current Status	DNR Finance Project Code
Hull Type	Location Coordinate Source	HPA needed for DNR	Biennium Completed
Propulsion	Land Ownership	Type of HPA	Qtr Completed
Vessel Make	Water Depth(ft)	Notice Provided to WDFW	Total Removal Cost
Hull Color	DNR Removal Priority	WDFW_STAFF_NM	Amount Reimbursed
Superstructure Color	Date Reported	HPA Notice Date	Date Reimbursed
Trim Color	Reported By	Method Notice Given	Reported to Licensing Agency
Vessel Reported Status	Reporters Phone #	WDFW Region	Licensing Reported Date
How vessel secured	Reporters Address	Waterbody	Licensing Reported to Whom
Vessel Occupied?	Description of Incident	Method of Removal	Additional Comments
Vessel Built For	Vessel Removed?	Custody Date	

DNR Updates

Troy Wood

Wrap Up & Next Steps

Thank you!

Program Webpage:

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

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