



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

Held:

July 14, 2010

1000 - 1200 hours

Venue: Columbia River Maritime Museum

1792 Marine Drive

Astoria, Oregon 97103

Rolf Klep Conference Room



1000 Call to Order

Attendance Report							
Member	Alternate	Present	Member	Alternate	Present		
Paul Amos	Steve Woods	Not Present	Kristin Meira	Glenn Vanselow	Present		
Ernie Quesada		Not Present	Pete Pawlicki		Present		
Chip Boothe	Bob Troyer Diane Butorac	DB Present	Peter Richards	John Withers	Not Present		
Dennis Corwin		Not Present	Steve Shaver	Robert Rich Fred Harding	FH Present		
Eric Burnette	Sebastian Degens	Present	Jim Townley	Audrey Gurule	Not Present		
Roman Geigle	George Birch	Not Present	Lars Uglum		Not Present		
Dan Jordan	Gary Lewin	Present	Michael Zollitsch	Garret Wickham	Present		
Heather Moats	Patrick Grill	Not Present	Melissa Huska	Andrew Williamson	Present		
Tom Markgraf		Not Present	Jaime Sayers		Present		
Hans Meere		Present	Jon Gornick	Michael Ott	Not Present		
8 Members present and 1 Proxy, The meeting was conducted with a Quorum present.							
Guests in Attendance							
Name		Organization		Name		Organization	
CAPT Tumbarello, USCG		CO, Sector Portland		Heather Hastings		CDC Seattle Quarantine Station	
				Steve Moore		Oregon Public Health Division	

Introductions

Officers, Managing Board Members, Alternates, USCG Liaison Personnel and Guests were introduced.

Old Business

Review of Minutes

Review of Minutes from Managing Board Meeting 05-12-10- Dan Jordan.
Motion for approval of minutes was made, seconded and carried unanimously

Review of Minutes from General Membership Meeting 05-12-10- Dan Jordan.
Motion for approval of minutes was made, seconded and carried unanimously.



New Business

LCDR Williamson , Chief of Prevention, Sector Portland, gave a quick brief of Coast Guard activities that have occurred since the last meeting of the LCRHSC.

Mrs. Heather Hastings introduced the CDC quarantine stations to the members again and quickly explained what the goal of the CDC Quarantine stations were.

Mr. Moore discussed what the Public Health administration is doing to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases from ports of entry in the US. He spoke of creating a network of contacts to use in the event of a "Sick Ship" or a ship that has crew that may be carrying a contagious disease onboard. This list would allow for the quick response to the crew for assistance from health care providers and to ensure that personnel are notified in advance that there is a communicable disease onboard the vessel.

Working Committee Reports

Anchorage – Eric Burnette

Ms. Alison Burcham with the Army Corps of Engineers was introduced to the committee. A brief synopsis of the stern buoy proposal was given. The proposal is currently nearing the \$100,000 mark. After this amount has been met a sponsor or a group of sponsors able to do a 50/50 share will be needed to continue with the project. The suggested locations in the Navy study for any new stern buoys are as follows: Longview, (2) Cottonwood, Kalama, Upper Vancouver, and the Willow Bar area. Not all of these areas are deepwater areas, some are naturally deep but others are shallow draft. The question was posed to the working committee asking if the two step arrival/departure will be looked at in the study for the feasibility of the stern buoys. It was reported that the main priority currently is to find sponsors to help with the cost share to ensure that the study will continue going forward.

Bridges Committee -

The Port of Portland reported they are working with Trimet on the bottoms of the new bridges.

Extreme River Levels - Eric Burnette

It is being reported that this year will be the 6th driest year since 1973. Low snow amounts this winter are causing a low melt and water is not being added to the river. The low water weekends are expected to be when low tidal amplitude coincides with a weekend. Predicted days for lowest water are: August 2-3, September 5-6, September 20-21, and October 17-18. The lowest stage out of all of these dates is expected to be October 17-18.



Finance

Nothing significant to report since the last meeting.

Harbor Safety Plan – Diane Butorac

The chapters for review to be added to the Harbor Safety Plan have been prioritized and the new priority is as follows:

Severe Weather
Small Vessels Make-Way
Charts/Publications
Identification Systems

The next chapters to be drafted are the severe weather chapter and the small vessels/make way chapter.

The Harbor Depths/Underkeel clearance chapter has been placed on hold pending the outcome of a pending study.

Outreach

A discussion on having the outreach committee work on educating the public about the harbor safety plan was held. It was discussed that it might be a good idea to contact local organizations to pass the word on the harbor safety plan.

Make- Way

A discussion of the upcoming buoy 10 fishing was held along with a request that the CG have a Make-way operation to help combat the make-way issues for the Summer/Fall fishing seasons. It was stated that the most effective time frame for an activity of this type would be between the months of August and October during the salmon runs.

A request was also made for the establishment of Season buoy 75A near Columbia City.



For the Good of the Order

Captain Tumbarello, Commanding Officer for Sector Portland, explained the new Sector construct.

The question of opening a closed river bar after hours was brought up by the Crab Fisherman Association (?? Please help me with the name of this association).

Kristin Meira discussed the meeting being held on July 15 at the Sector that was over the Lock Closure that would be affecting our tow boat companies.

September 14-15, 2010 there will be a meeting in Portland for the local NOAA office.

July 29, 2010 will be the Open House for the Merchants Exchange.

Schedule and Place for Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held in Portland with the Port of Portland tentatively offering their location for the next meeting.

Adjourned at 1134