



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting

1000 - 1200
Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Venue: USCG Marine Safety Unit
6767 N. Basin Street
Portland, Oregon

Managing Board Members Present					
Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector	Name of Member and Alternate	Agency/ Industry/ Organization	Sector
Liz Wainwright Robin Wright	Merchants Exchange	Associations	Eric Burnette	Port of Portland	Ports
Paul Amos Anne McIntyre	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	Susan Johnson	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
Jon Gornick	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Agencies	Jim Townley	P.I.E.	Association
Dennis Corwin	Portland Spirit	Vessel Operators	Ernie Quesada	Clean Rivers Cooperative	Port & Vessel Services
Roman Geigle	NWFF Environmental	Port & Vessel Services	Mike Titone	CRSOA	Associations
Dan Jordan Gary Lewin	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Pilots	Andy Meyer	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations
Hans Meere	Export Grain Terminal	Terminal Operators	Mike Zollitsch	Oregon Dept. of Environ. Quality	State Agencies
Capt. Jones Capt. Ropp	US Coast Guard	Federal Agencies	Heather Stebbings	Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn.	Associations
Lars Uglum	Port of Vancouver	Ports	Brian Fletcher	Tidewater	Vessel Operators
Guests in Attendance					
Name	Organization	Name	Organization		
Sean Morrison	USCG	Ed Irish	Tesoro Corp.		
John Dasler	David Evans & Assoc.	Crescent Moegling	NOAA		
Chris Satalich	COLRIP	Tony Sellers	USCG		
Mitchell Allgower	COLRIP	Stu Sanborn	Tidewater		
Steve Dobbins	COLRIP	Tim Heintz	LCR Resident		
Timothy Westcott	USCG	John Moriarty	USCG		
Jon Hellberg	USCG	Sonny Gomez	USCG		
Audrey Gurule	CRSOA	Randy Clark	USCG		
Holly Robinson	MFSA	Cmdr. Peloquin	USCG		

CALL TO ORDER

Chair: Jim Townley
Vice-Chair: Anne McIntyre
Secretary: Susan Johnson



Welcoming remarks by Capt. Ropp; Managing Board and Guest Introductions; Thanks to Roman Geigle for his work as Chair in 2013.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Managing Board and General Membership Minutes for the November 13, 2013 meeting was seconded and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion at the November meeting to expand the role of the HSC to increase the effectiveness of the organization. The Managing Board discussed how that would happen, including funding for operations. The committee can expect future reports on this issue. Also discussed at the Managing Board meeting was the formulation of a "Past Chair Committee" so that incoming executive officers could benefit from their experience. This subcommittee was approved by vote of the Managing Board.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION REPORT

Commander Peloquin from USCG District 13 gave a presentation on proposed changes to aids to navigation on the Columbia River, noting that they have been trying to reduce the number of overall aids over the last six years. He gave an overview of the aids that have been identified for removal. The USCG will be seeking input from stakeholders in future working sessions to guide this process.

ACTIVE WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS

Anchorage – The committee has met to discuss additional anchorages and seek phase two of additional stern buoys. Eric Burnette introduced Tim Heintz, a resident who lives adjacent to the Cottonwood Anchorage at river mile 70 about two miles up from Rainier. He will be offering some input to the committee on any proposals. Mike Titone will be providing the subcommittee with some economic data to justify new stern buoys.

Bridges – Nothing new to report.

Extreme Water – Nothing new to report.

Harbor Safety Plan – Dan Jordan advised that it was agreed to start a review of the chapters of the HSP, which he noted is done annually in San Francisco. Mike Titone volunteered to lead the effort to ensure the chapters are current, with a goal of completion by the end of the year. The plan is available on the website at lcrhsc.org.

Make Way – Nothing new to report.

Navigation – Paul Amos referred to the navigation software the pilots use that was developed with the CRSOA. The software gives them the ability to download Army Corps of Engineers surveys. Now they are able to incorporate privatized surveys of berths.

Outreach – Heather Stebbings advised that recreational user contacts would be useful and asked for those from Andy Meyer and any others who have a broader reach to those individuals. She added that there is an opportunity for congressional and stakeholder outreach during some tours that will be conducted during the annual lock closures in March.



USCG REPORT ON VESSEL INCIDENTS

- A commercial fishing processing vessel caught on fire.
- A commercial fishing vessel ran aground and was a total loss.

NEW BUSINESS

Ways to Improve Effectiveness of the HSC

- A discussion was opened to share ideas to improve the committee's effectiveness and influence, including activities that may require funding. Outreach and improved communication through the website was most apparent, and it was noted that COLRIP had volunteered to pay the annual fee for the site this year. It was suggested that with some funding, someone could be hired to manage the website, which has more functionality than is currently being used. A potential future agenda item on the kinds of improvements needed on the website was discussed; as well as reviewing HSC websites in other states for ideas.
- It was suggested that the committee should be discussing the impact of the Willamette River Superfund decision and clean-up. Eric Burnette offered to pull together a presentation on the issue within the next year.
- A question of measures of efficiency or success: establish deadlines; install a counter to see how many people are accessing the website.

Request for Public Comment / Future Agenda Items/For the Good of the Order – Nothing new.

Future Meeting Dates:

March 12, 2014 – Port of Vancouver, WA
May 14, 2014 – Merchants Exchange
July 9, 2014 – Astoria (no managing board meeting)
September 10, 2014 – Tentatively Longview, WA
November 12, 2014 – Portland Spirit

Adjourned 11:30 a.m.