



Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting

**0900 - 1000
Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

**Venue: Portland Spirit
110 S.E. Caruthers 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	Fred Myer	Port of Portland	Ports
Anne McIntyre	Columbia River Pilots	Pilots	Eric Burnette Susan Johnson	OR Board of Maritime Pilots	State Agencies
Jon Gornick	US Army Corps of Engineers	Federal Agencies	Jim Townley	P.I.E.	Association
Jon Hellberg	US Coast Guard	Federal Agencies	Andy Meyer	Columbia River Yachting Assn.	Associations
Michael Zollitsch	Oregon DEQ	State Agencies	Kirk Bonnin	Olympic Tug & Barge	Vessel Operators
Duffy Daniels	Wilhelmsen	Shipping Agents	Heather Stebbings	Pacific Northwest Waterways Assn.	Associations
Dennis Corwin	Portland Spirit	Vessel Operators	Phil Brotherton	Transmarine Navigation Corp.	Shipping Agents
Hans Meere	Export Grain Terminal (EGT)	Terminal Operators	Dan Jordan Mike Titone	Columbia River Bar Pilots	Pilots
Pete Pawlicki	Kirby Offshore Marine	Vessel Operators	Fred Harding Steve Shaver	Shaver Transportation	Vessel Operators
Holly Robinson	MFSA	Associations	Scott Ferguson	Washington State Dept. of Ecology	State Agencies
Ernie Quesada	Clean Rivers Cooperative	Port & Vessel Services	Brian Fletcher	Tidewater Barge Lines	Vessel Operators
Guests in Attendance					
Name	Organization	Name	Organization		
Sean Morrison	USCG	Rebekah Canfield	Merchants Exchange		
Dan Justice	USCG	Tony Sellers	USCG		
Rick Williams	OMD	Chuck Patching	COLRIP		
Doug Coburn	Gensteam	Justin Clure	Pacific Energy		
Jim Harrison	Merchants Exchange				



CALL TO ORDER

Chair: Jim Townley

Vice-Chair: Anne McIntyre

Secretary: Susan Johnson

Introductions and opening remarks: Jim Townley thanked Dennis Corwin for use of the meeting space aboard the *Willamette Star*.

Added to the Agenda: Update on Wave Energy Project at Camp Rilea

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Budget Proposal for LCRHSC – The Merchants Exchange has agreed to provide administrative functions for approximately \$6,000/year. Funding would be similar to the Puget Sound HSC model, with a maximum voluntary contribution of \$750/year. The Executive Committee was authorized to move forward with this initiative. Requests for contributions will be going out in December.
- Charter Amendment – A proposed amendment to the Charter formally establishing the Executive Committee was approved. The Charter will also need further amendment for the new funding mechanism.
- WA State Oil Transport Study – Scott Ferguson related that preliminary findings and recommendations have been published and presented to the Governor on October 1. A larger draft report will be released on December 1. Detailed information can be found at the WA Dept. of Ecology's website. Among the recommendations will be the establishment of a rail safety committee based on the harbor safety committee model. On the maritime side will be recommendations for emergency response and escorts. There was discussion of conducting a stakeholder outreach session in the Portland/Vancouver area possibly after January 1.

ACTIVE WORKING COMMITTEES REPORTS

- **ANCHORAGES** – An application for designation for additional anchorage areas was submitted to and accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard. A draft letter of application identifying ten new anchorage areas received Managing Board approval. Ken Lawrensen will be the point person for the application process. There is also a need to look into maintenance of the current anchorage areas to accommodate deep draft vessels.
- **Bridges** – Dennis Corwin noted that a construction phase for the Tillicum Crossing is done and no longer impacting the river.
- **Harbor Safety Plan** – Mike Titone advised that section reviews have been conducted for aids to navigation, Coast Guard incident management, and MFSA. He will be making contacts to recruit volunteers for other sections of the plan.
- **Navigation** – With the onset of winter weather, there will likely be vessel movement delays and bar closures expected.
- **Outreach** – Heather Stebbings advised that they are extending invitations to the environmental and tribal communities to become involved with the LCRHSC.



- **Executive Steering** – Jim Townley reiterated the work being done to secure funding and procure administrative services from the Merchants Exchange.

US COAST GUARD REPORT ON VESSEL INCIDENTS

In the last two months, there was a loss of propulsion incident and a couple of minor barge incidents. Also noted was an increase in drug/alcohol incidents. A rule change for the emission control area will go into effect January 1 for a low sulfur fuel requirement of less than .1% sulfur. They are monitoring loss of propulsion incidents related to fuel switching.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Introduction of 2015 Officers** – Anne McIntyre will be Chair, Kirk Bonnin will be Vice Chair, and Susan Johnson will continue as Secretary until such time as the Merchants Exchange assumes administrative services.
- **Virtual AIS Presentation** – Jim Harrison from the Merchants Exchange gave a presentation on the capabilities of virtual AIS.
- **Willamette Falls Locks** – Darlene Hooley and Lisa Naito gave a presentation on their efforts to reopen the locks for tourism. The locks were closed in 2011. They circulated an economic potential report, and plan to make the locks a federal priority with the congressional delegation.

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- Rick Williams gave an update on the Wave Energy Project at Camp Rilea, which was designated a renewable energy feasibility study area as well as a danger zone in the territorial sea for the gunnery range. A wave energy device was successfully deployed off the Oregon Coast and in place for two weeks. He added that this was the first open ocean test of a submerged pressure differential wave energy device in the world. He introduced Bill Staby, CEO of Resolute Marine Energy, the company that made the device; and Matt Sanders with Oregon Wave Energy Trust. The next deployment will be for a year starting September 15, 2015.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

January 14 – Venue TBD

March 11 – Venue TBD

May 13 – Venue TBD

July 8 – Venue TBD

September 9 – Venue TBD

November 11 – Venue TBD

Adjourned 11:25 a.m.