

**Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee**

# **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Held:**

September 14, 2011

1000 - 1200 hours

**Venue: USCG Sector Columbia River  
Warrenton, Oregon**

Training Room

**1003 Call to Order**

<b>Attendance Report</b>					
<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Present</b>
Paul Amos	Steve Woods	PA Present	Kristin Meira	Glen Vanselow	GV Present
Ernie Quesada		Not Present	Pete Pawlicki		Not Present
Chip Boothe	Bob Troyer Diane Butorac	DB Present	Peter Richards	John Withers	Not Present
Dennis Corwin		Not Present	Fred Harding	Robert Rich Steve Shaver	Not Present
Eric Burnette	Sebastian Degens	EB Present	Jim Townley	Audrey Gurule	Not Present
Roman Geigle	George Birch	Not Present	Lars Uglum		Not Present
Dan Jordan	Gary Lewin	DJ Present	Michael Zollitsch	Garret Wickham	MZ Present
Heather Moats	Patrick Grill	Not Present	Steven Kee	Jeremy Maginot	SK Present
Susan Johnson		SJ Present	Jon Gornick	Jessica Stokke	JS Present
Hans Meere		Present	Kirk Bonnin		Present
7 Members present The meeting was conducted with a Quorum present.					
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>		
George Birch	NWFF	Toby Jacobsen	Foss		
Marc Warren	Sector C/R Enforcement	Jon Kreisler	CGC Fir		
Sean Clark	Port of Kalama	Len Tumbarello	Sector C/R Deputy Cmdr		
Josh Nicols	Tidewater	Rita Fahrney	Port of Astoria		
Jen Tonneson	OSMB	Curt Nehnim	Bar Pilots		
		Joe Brady	Bar Pilots		

**Introductions**

Committee Chair conducted introductions.

**Old Business****Review of Minutes**

Reviewed meeting minutes from the July 2011 HSC Meeting. Minutes were voted on unanimously approved.

**New Business**

Scheduling of next HSC Meeting and issues concerning potential problems with regards to make way on the river.

Dan Jordan discusses that the bailout spot in the Astoria Anchorage is not deep enough and there is a need to identify a location that is large enough where a vessels that is deeply laden can bail out if they are out of control.

Diane Butorac volunteers for next vice chair of the HSC. Decision is pending approval from DOE.

## **Working Committee Reports**

### **Anchorage – Eric Burnette**

Funding for the anchorages has gone through for three buoys. Locations of the sterns buoys are currently TBD. Anchorage locations will most likely be two mid river and one at the Vancouver Lower Anchorage.

Status of the Prescott Anchorage is still pending at this time with nothing significant to report except that it has gone out for further environmental review.

### **Bridges Committee - Eric Burnett**

Construction has started on the Trimet Bridge. Eric Burnette will work with one of the Project Coordinators to get a tour of the bridge construction.

### **Extreme River Levels - Eric Burnette**

There have been two recent meetings with regards to the extreme river levels. There is a lot of sediment moving and building as a result of high/strong currents.

Due to a number of reasons dredges were brought online late this year. Needless to say, the ACOE is behind on dredging this year.

Jessica Stokes and Paul Amos discussed the priority list and the reprioritization of locations that need to be dredged. As of 14 September 2011, the Essayons has three weeks on contracts left this year.

Glen Vanslow describes that Kristin Meira is currently in Washington D.C. working on obtaining addition funding for dredging in the river.

HSC committee considers writing a letter of concern regarding river levels and projects associated. Letter is assigned to be drafted by Mr. Degan at the Port of Portland for 3.2 million in supplemental funding.

Paul Amos discusses that the Columbia River Pilots currently have a draft restriction in the river at 41' because of river levels.

## **Finance**

Port of Portland volunteers to pay the website fees next year.

### **Harbor Safety Plan – Diane Butorac**

Diane Butorac discussed the current progress of the Harbor Safety Plan (HSP) with regards to the severe weather chapter. It is recommended that a link to the HSP is put in the local Coast Pilot, WA DOE volunteers to take the lead. For the next session there will not be another new section of the HSP rather a stand down and review of what has been created thus far.

Paul Amos is assigned the duties of drafting the commitments that were promised to the Prescott Beach residents with regards to amendments to the HSP.

### **Outreach**

Welcome Port of Astoria to the HSC Meeting . Next meeting will be held 02 November 2011.

### **Make- Way**

Paul Amos describes that Make way is a significant issue this time of year. The major choke hold points are Taney Point and Buoy 14. It is discussed that there is a need for stronger enforcement of Makeway Violations to ensure that boaters will stay out of the way of commercial traffic.

OSMB discusses that they can use social media to push the Make Way message to the boating public and that Hoglines are a similar problem this time of year. OSMB is having a meeting to discuss funding for additional patrols in a specific area. LCDR Warren is going to work on this project from a CG perspective and Dan Jordan is going to work on it from a HSC perspective.

### **For the Good of the Order**

Eric Burnette discusses the mysterious vessel that appeared at the Port of Portland, T-6 property.

### **Schedule and Place for Next Meeting**

Meeting will be held in Portland, location TBD.

### **Adjourned 1202**