



LOWER COLUMBIA REGION  
HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE

## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023 | 1417-1519 hrs**  
**Venue: Merchants Exchange & Microsoft Teams**

### In attendance:

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| Larry Landgraver, <i>Port of Longview</i> <b>Chair</b> | Christian Kanschat, American Cruise Lines |
| Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers <b>Vice Chair</b>        | Carl Obermeier, Foss Maritime             |
| Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange <b>Secretary</b>   | Will Landry, Sector Columbia River        |
| Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots                  | Carlie Gilligan, Sector Columbia River    |
| Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                   | Jim Merten, Sector Columbia River         |
| Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots              | John Allen, Sector Columbia River         |
| Neal Feustel, Foss Maritime                            | Shannon Anthony, Sector Columbia River    |
| Kenny Davais, Port of Vancouver USA                    | Eugene Chung, Sector Columbia River       |
| Richard Vincent, Port of Portland                      | Jody Stiger, Sector Columbia River        |
| Kevin Steder, TEMCO                                    | Tony Sellers, Sector Columbia River       |
| Gary Gertsen, WDFW                                     | Jill Lazo, Sector Columbia River          |
| River Thomas, Transmarine Navigation                   | Tonya Lim, Sector Columbia River          |
| Dustin McGrorty  | J. Anthony, Sector Columbia River         |
| Kate Mickelson, CRSOA                                  | Doug Romjue, CRYA                         |
| Tereza Edwards, CRSOA                                  | Luke Otteson, CRLS                        |
| Hans Meere, EGT, LLC                                   | Brett Bybee, CRLS                         |
| S. McMullen, OFCC                                      | Alex Gorbachov                            |
| Tony Sellers   | Tony Sellers,                             |
| Andy Hudkins,  | Travis McNeely,                           |
| Brett Dimanno, DHS                                     | Jessica Stokke, Army Corps of Engineers   |
| Eric Sigfridson, Shaver Transportation                 | Jeffrey Ferguson, NOAA                    |
| Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation                    | Chris Lang, Portland Spirit               |
| Tom Griffiths, OBMP                                    | Xochitl Castañeda, MARAD                  |
| Dena Horton, PNWA                                      | Vanessa Green, Clean Rivers Cooperative   |
| Mary Wiley, PNWA                                       | Curtis Cannizzaro, Merchants Exchange     |
| Scott Smith, DEQ                                       | Thomas Semrau, Merchants Exchange         |
| Brian Kirk, WA Department of Ecology                   | Ashley Ros, Merchants Exchange            |
| Sean Kuschel, WA Department of Ecology                 |   |

#### 1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer*

Larry Landgraver, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1417 hrs.

#### 2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

#### 3. Review of Meeting Notes from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The meeting notes from the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were presented and there were no additions or corrections.

#### 4. Board of Directors Meeting Update: *Presiding Officer*

**a. Announcement of Election of the Board of Directors and 2024 Board Officers:**

Larry Landgraver, announced the results of the elections for Board Members and Officers from the Board of Directors Meeting.

The directors announced for a two-year term starting January 2024 are:

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| Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots                       | Larry Landgraver, Port of Longview                   |
| Fred Myer, Port of Portland                                     | Jon Hellberg, Shaver Transportation                  |
| Kate Mickelson, Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association | Dena Horton, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association |
| Vanessa Green, Clean Rivers Cooperative                         |  |

The Officers for 2024 are:

**President/Chair:** Larry Landgraver, Port of Longview

**Vice President:** Ross McDonald, Sause Bros.

**Secretary:** Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange

**b. Financial Report & Administrative Updates:**

Ashley Ros presented the October 2023 financials. Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable are current. There is one remaining outstanding member dues however we expect to receive payment.

**c. 2024 Merchants Exchange Service Agreement Renewal**

The Service Agreement with the Merchants Exchange has been renewed for 2024.

**d. 2024 Operating Budget & 2024 Dues**

Larry gave a brief overview of the approved budget for 2024 highlighting an increase in membership dues from \$450.00 to \$500.00. In response to inflated costs, the Board deemed the cost adjustment appropriate.

**5. Harbor Safety Plan Status**

**a. Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee Update**

*i. Dead Ship Tow*

The Board of Directors has approved the amendment of the *Dead Ship Tow*. Ross McDonald briefly reviewed the changes made to the chapter noting the assistance received from the Pilots and other contributors within the committee. The primary focus was on simplifying the chapter and emphasizing the important step of initiating early conversations if planning a dead ship tow. This involves engaging both Pilots and the Coast Guard promptly to ensure thorough coordination and resolution of essential details. Some references were updated and extraneous details were removed.

**6. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates**

**a. Navigation Subcommittee**

Dan Jordan delivered a brief update; the Coast Guard Safety Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment Workshop took place. He noted there was discussion regarding the 2017 Columbia River Vessel Traffic Evaluation and Safety Assessment. This involved the Harbor Safety Committee, Washington Department of Ecology, and the DMV. The assessment looked at all ship traffic on the river, specifically oil transports, to decide if escort tugs were needed for safety. It was agreed to reevaluate the vessel traffic on an annual basis and if tanker traffic goes up, start considering whether we think we should be looking at escort tugs or not.



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- b. USCG Sector Columbia River Update (Sector Columbia River Representative)**  
Commander Tonya Lim gave a brief update. She reported that the Safety Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment Workshop was hosted by the Navigational Center last week. The action items include conducting an air gap analysis for the bridges, collaborating with the Harbor Safety Committee, NOAA, and the pilots to prioritize a navigational survey. They have initiated their Maritime Morning Meetups, with the upcoming meetup scheduled for February. An incident occurred on Sunday involving a towing vessel pushing a rock barge colliding with a pier, resulting in significant damage to the dock. This incident has been categorized as a major marine casualty. The Investigations division is conducting an inquiry, alongside the National Transportation Safety Board conducting their own investigation. IMD has been in close coordination with the facility, promptly enacting their facility response plan and working to remove all product from the damaged pipeline.
- c. MARAD – Xochitl Castaneda**  
Xochitl Castaneda introduced herself as she is the new Gateway Director for Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. She noted that the PDIP grants were announced last week, Oregon received three different grants. The grants included are the Cockrell WARF improvement project at over 7 million, The Pier 2 W rehabilitation project in Astoria at 25 million dollars, and the Operational Capacity Improvement at the Port of Newport at 3 1/2 million.
- d. NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Jeff Ferguson)**  
Jeff Ferguson delivered a brief update; NOAA is phasing out paper charts for the Columbia River, with all current raster charts becoming final editions by January and officially discontinued by July 2024. An alternative is our website's custom chart tool, which converts ENC data into printable PDFs sold by specific vendors. Also, a new water level sensor at the Temco terminal in Kalama, WA, providing real-time river levels, is now operational and accessible on the NOAA Ports website.
- e. Army Corps of Engineers – Year End Dredging Update – Jessica Stokke**  
Jessica Stokke gave a brief update on the 2023 dredge season. Late spring saw normal peak flows due to effective maintenance dredging last fall, minimizing shoaling. Despite an early drop in river levels, emergency repairs on Dredge Essayons in June were managed by shifting work to Bayport dredge, with help from River Pilots. The channel is now in great condition as the 2023 dredging season nears its end. Essayons and Yaquina are finishing advanced maintenance dredging, while Dredge Oregon focused on transferring dredged material to onshore sites, reducing future shoaling. A successful winter dredging at the Cowlitz River mouth avoided emergency shoaling this year, with plans for a winter survey to assess its effectiveness. Clamshell contract dredging covered Baker Bay, Tongue Point, Old Mouth Cowlitz, and Astoria turning basin. Dredging at Longview turning basin and Port of Longview berths, the final areas, is about to commence.
- f. USCG – Maui Fires Recovery Work – Jim Merten**  
Jim Merten served as a liaison officer at the Western Maui Wild Fire response. He provided an overview of the incident and response. He also highlighted lessons learned and things we can bring back to our local area. His contact information will be shared via the post meeting debrief email.

## **7. New Business/Good of the Order**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1519hrs.



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## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 | 1417-1510hrs**  
**Venue: Sector Columbia River & Microsoft Teams**

### In attendance:

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| Larry Landgraver, <i>Port of Longview</i> <b>Chair</b> | Chris Castelli, OR DSL                          |
| Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers <b>Vice Chair</b>        | Carl Obermeier, Foss Maritime                   |
| Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange <b>Secretary</b>   | Casey O'Donnell, USACE                          |
| Fred Myer, Port of Portland                            | Sean Whalen, Portland Fire & Rescue             |
| Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                   | Joshua Emerson, DEQ                             |
| Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots              | Joe Anthony, Sector Columbia River              |
| Alex Scott, Anchorage Launch Service                   | Shannon Anthony, Sector Columbia River          |
| Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots                  | Eugene Chung, Sector Columbia River             |
| Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Cooperative            | Jody Stiger, Sector Columbia River              |
| Neal Feustel, Foss Maritime                            | Tony Sellers, Sector Columbia River             |
| Kristin Meira, American Cruise Lines                   | Jill Lazzo, Sector Columbia River               |
| Kenny Davais, Port of Vancouver USA                    | Tonya Lim, Sector Columbia River                |
| Hans Meere, EGT, LLC                                   | Nate Menefee, Sector Columbia River             |
| Ken KostECKI, INTERNATIONAL REGISTRIES, INC.           | Michael Potter, OSHA                            |
| Kate Mickelson, CRSOA                                  | Sean Kuschel, ECY                               |
| Tereza Edwards, CRSOA                                  | Jeffrey Ferguson, NOAA                          |
| Shane Arbogast, Sause Brothers                         | Oleksandr Gorbachov, National Cargo Bureau Inc. |
| Todd Krout, Port of Vancouver USA                      | Peter Schrappen, AWO                            |
| Jeremy Brock, Shaver                                   | S. McMullen, OFCC                               |
| Jeremy Nielsen, Columbia River Pilots                  | Mary Wiley, Merchants Exchange                  |
| Brian Kirk, WA Department of Ecology                   | Ashley Ros, Merchants Exchange                  |

### 1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer*

Larry Landgraver, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1417 hrs.

### 2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

### 3. Review of Meeting Notes from July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The meeting notes from the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were presented and there were no additions or corrections.

### 4. Board of Directors Meeting Update: *Presiding Officer*

#### a. Financial Report & Administrative Updates

- a. Ashley Ros reported on the July 2023 financials; accounts payable and accounts receivable are current. There is one outstanding membership dues payment for the year. The catered lunch provided at the last membership meeting in Astoria was included on the July financials. The remaining activity was our regular monthly

expenses. For an administrative update, we will be holding our Board of Directors election at the November meeting.

**b. September Meeting Details**

- a. Our upcoming General Membership Meeting will be hybrid at Merchants on November 8<sup>th</sup>. More details will be sent out via email.

**5. Harbor Safety Plan Status**

**a. Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee Update**

*i. Dead Ship Tow*

Ross McDonald and Dan Jordan reported that the committee will meet with Coast Guard after the Membership meeting to further discuss the chapter and the next steps in finalizing it. Please contact Ross [ross@sause.com](mailto:ross@sause.com) if you would like to include input.

**6. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates**

**a. Navigation Subcommittee**

Jeremy Nielsen delivered a brief update; we've recently passed the predicted lowest water levels from September 9th to 11th, with two more low-level periods expected on September 23rd to 25th and October 7th to 9th. The new Kalama River gauge is installed but undergoing quality checks before its data can be used. Currently, a containership at T-6 may stay until the 18th due to low water levels, but no draft restrictions are in place. However, even with low water levels, they're moving a vessel over 43' today, part of our new plan to accommodate vessels up to 44' deep with extra under-keel clearance. Delays are occurring due to linesmen issues in the Longview areas, there will be an industry meeting next Monday to address the matter.

**b. USCG Sector Columbia River Update (MSU Portland/Sector Columbia River Representative)**

- Vessel Inspections Division reported the gangway safety requirements. The responsibility of providing a safe vessel access is shared by the facility and terminal. Some important points were highlight including; gangways should never be attached to a ship's handrail, never be used at an incline > 30°, a fall prevention net must be provided, and each time a Ganaway is rigged or at the appropriate intervals, it should be inspected for defects.
- Investigations Division reviewed that Sector Columbia River will assist with joint inspections in accordance with Coast Guard jurisdiction, authorities, policy, and OSHA policy. They will participate in cross training with OSHA. OSHA Portland Area Office will assist Sector Columbia River with facility safety inspections, provide training and resources, and will make referrals for any hazardous conditions observed during inspections that are in USCG jurisdiction.
- Emergency Management and Force Readiness Dept. reported the upcoming drills/exercise events which includes 14 SEP - Area Maritime Security Table-Top Exercise – Cyber, 21 SEP - MFSA Worst Case Discharge Table-Top Exercise, 12 OCT – Seaport Worst Case Discharge Table-Top Exercise, 19 OCT – SCR Natural Disaster Drill, and 13 NOV – American Queen Voyages Mass Rescue Exercise.
- Incident Management Division responded to 10 cases. Upcoming events and project include PR College for CG Aux. and HAZWOPER ability, ATV Training, AOR boundary change along coast Tillamook to California, and upcoming GUIE for mobile facilities in greater Portland area.
- Waterways Management/Facilities reported on the Multi-Agency Strike Force Operation. Federal Agencies = 05, Containers Inspection = 98, TWIC Verifications = 95, TWIC



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Confiscations = 02, Structural Container Exams = 36, Truck Inspections = 24, CBP Container X-Rays = 70, and Containers Detained = 01.

- Cybersecurity described a recent local cybercrime report. Business Email Compromise (BEC) was reviewed along with the response actions required.

c. **MARAD – West Coast Update**

No representative present.

d. **NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Jeff Ferguson)**

Jeff Ferguson delivered a brief update; NOAA is in the process of ending production of the raster chart products, including the traditional paper chart. The final charts will be canceled in December, 2024. NOAA Coast Survey is planning to conduct a hydrographic survey of the Columbia River in 2025. NOAA is looking for input on stakeholder requirements and areas to prioritize. Stakeholders that would like to provide input, please send your requested requirements and areas of interest to the email [northwest.navmanager@noaa.gov](mailto:northwest.navmanager@noaa.gov)

e. **US Army Corps of Engineers**

No representative present.

## 7. Speakers/Presentations

a. **Oregon ADV Work Group and Vessel Update – Christopher Castelli**

Christopher Castelli gave an update on the Abandoned and Derelict Vessel program. It was noted that in July 2023, two major bills were enacted in Oregon to address abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV). HB 2914 established the Oregon ADV Program and created the Oregon ADV Fund. HB 5029 allocated \$18.8 million to the ADV Fund. Following this, DSL engaged with stakeholders, including marine industry groups and environmental organizations, to create a statewide ADV program. They also formed an ADV Workgroup and initiated vessel removal efforts, including the removal of the Alert, Sakarissa, and Tiffany, with associated costs.

b. **Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) Workshop - Coast Guard Navigation Center Team**

The Coast Guard Navigation Team gave an overview of the upcoming Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment Workshop. The Navigation Center purpose is to develop products and deliver services that enable a data-driven approach to assessing operational risk in waterways management. The PAWSA is a two-day workshop to discuss the present and future risks affecting the waterway, and to develop ideas for ways lessen those risks. If you interested in participating or have any recommendations for participants, please contact LT Carlie Gilligan [Carlie.L.Gilligan@uscg.mil](mailto:Carlie.L.Gilligan@uscg.mil) or LT Michael Elwell [Michael.R.Elwell@uscg.mil](mailto:Michael.R.Elwell@uscg.mil). The presentation and contact information will be shared via the post meeting debrief email.

## 8. New Business/Good of the Order

Meeting attendees congratulated Sector Columbia River in receiving an award at the Pacific Northwest Dinner.

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1132hrs.





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## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023 | 1005-1132hrs**

**Venue: Columbia River Maritime Museum - in person meeting**

**In attendance:**

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| Larry Landgraver, <i>Port of Longview</i> <b>Chair</b>     | Terrie Graves, OR DSL                                      |
| Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers <b>Vice Chair</b>            | Carl Obermeier, Foss Maritime                              |
| Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange <b>Secretary</b>       | Josh Emerson, Oregon DEQ                                   |
| Fred Myer, Port of Portland                                | Sean Whalen, Portland Fire & Rescue                        |
| Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                       | Jean Thurston-Keller, BOEM                                 |
| Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots                  | Joe Anthony, Sector Columbia River                         |
| Luke Otteson, Columbia River Launch Service                | Shannon Anthony, Sector Columbia River                     |
| Kevin Steder, Temco  | Eugene Chung, Sector Columbia River                        |
| Alex Scott, Anchorage Launch Service                       | Pete Harrington, Sector Columbia River                     |
| Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots                      | Scott Wein   |
| Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Cooperative                | Jody Stiger, Sector Columbia River                         |
| Neal Feustel, Foss Maritime                                | Nathan Frerichs  |
| Kenny Da   | Tony Sellers, Sector Columbia River                        |
| Kate Mickelson, CRSOA                                      | Jill Lazzo, Sector Columbia River                          |
| Tereza Edwards, CRSOA                                      | Tonya Lim, Sector Columbia River                           |
| Oleksandr Gorbachov, National Cargo Bureau Inc.            | Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                       |
| Jeremy Brock, Shaver                                       | Brian Carrico, IBR Program                                 |
| Andrew Bradly, Shaver                                      | Bill Warncke, IBR Program                                  |
| Andy Hudkins, Shaver                                       | Ken KostECKI, INTERNATIONAL REGISTRIES, INC.               |
| Susan Johnson, Board of Maritime Pilots                    | Mike Landon, Washington State Department of Transportation |
| Alex Scott, Anchorage Launch                               | Luke Otteson, CRCL   |
| Kevin Steder, TEMCO  | Ken Esplin, WA Department of Ecology                       |
| Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                       | Curtis Cannizzaro, Merchants Exchange,                     |
| Brian Carrico, IBR Program                                 | Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                       |
| Bill Warncke, IBR Program                                  | Anthony O'Reill, Merchants Exchange                        |
| Ken KostECKI, INTERNATIONAL REGISTRIES, INC.               | Mary Wiley, Merchants Exchange                             |
| Mike Landon, Washington State Department of Transportation | Ashley Ros, Merchants Exchange                             |
| Guy Glenn, Port of Columbia County                         |  |

**1. Meeting Called to Order: Presiding Officer**

Larry Landgraver, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1005 hrs.

**2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

**3. Review of Meeting Notes from May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The meeting notes from the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were presented and there were no additions or corrections.

**4. Board of Directors Meeting Update: Presiding Officer**

**a. Financial Report & Administrative Updates**

- a. Ashley Ros presented the June 2023 financial; accounts payable are current and accounts receivable are current. There was not much activity other than the regular expenses in June. Dues billing update: to date, 25 out of 27 of those invoiced have paid the membership dues. Staff will continue efforts in obtaining the 2 remaining outstanding membership dues. Please contact Ashley if you have any questions.

**b. September Meeting Details**

- a. Our upcoming General Membership Meeting will be hybrid at Sector Columbia River on September 13<sup>th</sup>. More details will be sent out via email.

**5. Harbor Safety Plan Status**

**a. Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee Update**

*i. Dead Ship Tow*

The committee is refining the Dead Ship Tow chapter with two drafts in progress, aiming to reach a definitive version. The committee is seeking further input from tug companies and the coast guard. If you are interested in participating in the review, please contact Ashley, [lcrhsc@pdxmex.com](mailto:lcrhsc@pdxmex.com).

**6. Speakers/Presentations**

**a. BOEM Offshore Wind Energy Update – Jean Thurston-Keller**

Jean Thurston-Keller provided a comprehensive overview of BOEM's initiatives on the west coast. Her presentation covered the timelines for BOEM's Offshore Wind Energy Authorization process and Commercial Offshore Wind Authorization Processes in detail. Notably, Oregon is presently in the planning and analysis phase, focusing on area identification. Jean presented the Proposed Renewable Energy Modernization Rule and the BOEM/BSEE Split Rule. Jean's presentation and contact information will be shared via the post meeting debrief email.

**b. Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Update and Navigation Simulation Efforts – Brian Carrico & Bill Warncke**

Bill Warncke and Brian Carrico gave an Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Update. Bill presented the current bridge design options and the current status of the project. Brian presented the vessel simulation efforts. He reviewed the CRC efforts and findings from the ship simulations and tug/tow simulations. Additionally, he discussed the proposed full mission bridge navigation simulations. Brian Carrico & Bill Warncke presentation and contact information will be shared via the post meeting debrief email.

**c. Columbia River Maritime Museum Update – Capt. Bruce Jones**

Bruce Jones, Deputy Director, delivered an overview of the Museum's latest updates and exciting upcoming projects. Bruce Jones presentation and contact information will be shared via the post meeting debrief email.

**7. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates**

**a. Navigation Subcommittee**

Dan Jordan delivered a brief update on navigation bridge visibility for ships transporting large energy blades and towers – with the majority of ships now in compliance. Ships have been installing limiters on the racks to meet the International Maritime Organization's energy efficiency standard. However, these limiters restricting horsepower raise concerns for both bar-crossing and river pilots, which remains an ongoing matter. Additionally, the Columbia River Estuary Operating Forecast System, responsible for water flow and height modeling, will be replaced with a new model. A workshop in September will address the new model and changes.



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**b. USCG Sector Columbia River Update (MSU Portland/Sector Columbia River Representative)**

- Vessel Inspections Division reported that 10 NM offshore of Grays Harbor, the USCG Bailey Barco terminated the voyage of the PACIFIC RIM II, a 46-foot, state registered CFV with 02 people on board. The top 8 issues that will result in a fishing vessel termination from the coast guard were reviewed.
- Investigations Division reviewed the procedure for drug use investigation and agreements. The suspension and revocation hearing substantiates the use of hazardous substances, leading to the necessity for the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to mandate the revocation of your Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). Alternatively, you can go through the Drug Settlement Agreement which includes rehabilitation, aftercare, non-association MRO letter, and USCG acceptance.
- Emergency Management and Force Readiness Dept. reported the upcoming drills/exercise events which includes Olympic Pipeline WCD (August 2), Active Shooter Seminar (August 16), Area Maritime Museum Table-Top Exercise- Cyber (September 13), Seaport WCD (October 12), and a Natural Disaster Seminar (TBD)
- Incident Management Division responded to 66 cases. Upcoming events and projects include NOAA SOS Course (July 10-14) and NWOSCC (August 20-25)
- Waterways Management/Facilities the USCG published the final report of the PAC-PARS in the Federal Register. The main goal of the study was to evaluate historic and future waterway usage to determine navigational risks and provide recommendations to uphold the safety of navigation. In addition, there is a new system that is being released for local notice to mariners and broadcast to mariners where you can sign up to get notices via email.
- Cybersecurity reported there is a AMSC Cybersecurity Subcommittee meeting on August 24. The USCG Cyber Command released its 2022 annual report; there was 59 cybersecurity incident responses and 24 cyber protection team assessment missions related to the Maritime industry.

**c. MARAD – West Coast Update (Catherine Simons)**

No representative present.

**d. NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Jeff Ferguson)**

No representative present.

**e. US Army Corps of Engineers (Casey O'Donnell)**

No representative present.

**8. New Business/Good of the Order**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1132hrs.



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## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023 | 1415-1522hrs**  
**Hybrid Meeting at the Port of Vancouver**

### **In attendance in-person & virtually:**

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| Larry Landgraver, <i>Port of Longview</i> <b>Chair</b>       | USCG Sector Columbia River            |
| Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers <b>Vice Chair</b>              | NCB Portland                          |
| Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange<br><b>Secretary (24)</b> | Nathan Watry, Tidewater               |
| Fred Myer, Port of Portland                                  | Dustin Johnson, Columbia River Pilots |
| Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                         | Brandan Harris, USCG                  |
| Tom Griffiths, OBMP  | Tony Sellers                          |
| Dena Horton, PNWA  | Danny Mc                              |
| Todd Krout, Port of Vancouver USA                            | Joshua Emerson, DEQ                   |
| Elliot Levin, Port of Columbia County                        | Sean Whalen, Portland Fire & Rescue   |
| Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots                        | Hans Meere, EGT                       |
| Chris Farrell, Columbia River Bar Pilots                     | Andrew Bradley, Shaver                |
| Jeremy Brock, Shaver   | Terrie Graves, EGT                    |
| Kristin Meira, American Cruise Lines                         | Michael Potter, OSHA                  |
| Kenny Davais, Port of Vancouver USA                          | Cecil Tipton, OSHA                    |
| Ron Gill, Port of Vancouver USA                              | Jeffrey Ferguson, NOAA                |
| Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots                    | Richard Vincent, Port of Portland     |
| Samuel Diedrick, Foss  | Carl Obermeier, Foss                  |
| Alex Scott, Anchorage Launch Service                         | Neal Feustel, Foss Maritime           |
| Luke Otteson, Columbia River Launch Service                  | Mary Wiley, Merchants Exchange        |
| Kate Mickelson, CRSOA  | Anthony O'Reilly, Merchants Exchange  |
| Tereza Edwards, CRSOA  | Ashley Ros, Merchants Exchange        |

#### **1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer***

Larry Landgraver, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1415 hrs.

#### **2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

#### **3. Review of Meeting Notes from March 8, 2023**

The meeting notes from the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were presented and there were no additions or corrections.

#### **4. Board of Directors Meeting Update: *Presiding Officer***

#### **a. Financial Report & Administrative Updates**

- a. Larry Landgraver presented the April 2023 financial; accounts payable and receivable are current. 24 out of 27 companies that were invoiced have paid their membership dues. The staff has sent reminders to those who have not yet paid, and they will continue to send reminders to the remaining companies. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please reach out to Ashley Ros.

In addition, the staff has successfully uploaded the updated 2023 Harbor Safety Plan to the website. Each chapter now features the current logo and includes a change log to track future amendments.

#### **b. July Meeting Details**

- a. Our upcoming General Membership Meeting will take place exclusively in person at the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria. Please note that the meeting will commence at 10:00 AM, which is earlier than our usual start time. Following the meeting, a catered lunch will be provided for all attendees.

### **5. Harbor Safety Plan Status**

#### **a. Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee Update**

##### *i. Dead Ship Tow*

The committee recently convened to address the *Dead Ship Tow* chapter and are in the process of integrating the current work instruction issued by the Coast Guard from 2016 into the chapter. They are working on determining the appropriate level of detail to include in the chapter. The committee will meet again in a month and if you are interested in participating in the review, please contact Ashley, [lcrlhsc@pdxmex.com](mailto:lcrlhsc@pdxmex.com).

### **6. Speakers/Presentations**

#### **a. Port of Vancouver USA Derelict Vessel Update – Todd Krout**

Todd Krout, the Director of Operations, provided a brief update regarding Derelict Vessels and the challenges associated with them including hazards in navigation. He offered an overview of the Marine Terminals at the Port. Moreover, he shared recent case studies and outlined the strategies and measures the Port is implementing to effectively manage incidents related to these vessels.

#### **b. USCG I-5 Bridge Replacement project USCG Permit application update – Brendan Harris**

Brendan Harris, Waterway Management Branch Chief, provided a concise update on the I-5 Bridge Replacement project USCG Permit application. He shared a timeline of activities leading up to the present day. Currently, IBR is collaborating with the USACE to relocate and reconfigure the Primary Navigation Channel, as well as the Primary and Alternate Barge channels. Ship simulations will be conducted as part of these efforts. Additionally, IBR is engaging in negotiations and signing non-disclosure agreements with affected mariners to update their NIR. This update aims to demonstrate that a VNC width of 178 feet is no longer necessary. Following this, IBR plans to request the Coast to reconsider the PNCD with a reduced VNC width of 116 feet.

### **7. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates**

#### **a. Navigation Subcommittee**

Dan Jordan provided a concise update on the navigation bridge visibility for ships transporting large energy blades and towers. Currently, the *CL Lindy* is docked in Astoria, offloading some of the blades to improve visibility. From January 1, ships have been installing limiters on the racks to comply with the International Maritime Organization's energy efficiency standard. These limiters restrict the horsepower, which raises concerns for both bar-crossing and river pilots. Furthermore, a tide gauge installation is scheduled for July 21 in Kalama, with expected operational readiness by August.



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**b. USCG Sector Columbia River Update (MSU Portland/Sector Columbia River Representative)**

- Vessel Inspections Division reported that the coast guard has issued a local notice to mariners and national MSIB on the reduced visibility from the navigation bridge. They are written to clarify the Coast Guard positions on domestic regulation policy for the maritime public. The 74 SOLAS V/22.1.1 policy was highlighted. Flag States have the authority to exempt vessels from SOLAS requirements, but they do not have the power to exempt vessels from domestic regulations. The responsibility for granting such exemptions lies with the competent Captain of the Port. It was advised to provide comprehensive and timely information.
- Investigations Division since the last meeting, 30 to 40 marine casualties have been reported, including increased incidents of propulsion loss and casualties on commercial fishing vessels. Furthermore, there has been an increase in suspension and revocation cases primarily due to drug use and one Captain of the port order. To address these issues, the division is prioritizing education, stressing proper notifications, and collaborating with the Oregon State Police and other station partners.
- Emergency Management and Force Readiness Dept. reported the planning and coordinating Rose Festival/Fleet week (June 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) which will include a security zone in the lower Willamette. There will be an Area Maritime Security Table-Top Exercise scheduled on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Incident Management Division reported a limited number of cases, specifically 10 incidents. Moving forward, upcoming events and projects include PR College for CG Auxiliaries and HAZWOPER ability, ATV training, a boundary change in the Area of Responsibility (AOR) along the coast from Tillamook to California, and a forthcoming GUIE for mobile facilities in the greater Portland area.
- Waterways Management/Facilities reminded everyone that there was a change in the command center and there is a new emergency contact number (833-769-8724). Additionally, new contact information was provided for Facilities Inspections ([SCRFAC@uscg.mil](mailto:SCRFAC@uscg.mil)), Waterway Management ([SCRFAC@uscg.mil](mailto:SCRFAC@uscg.mil)), and Mobile Transfer Notifications ([SCRXFER@uscg.mil](mailto:SCRXFER@uscg.mil)).
- Cybersecurity reported that the USCG launched their Maritime Industry Cybersecurity Resource Website (<https://www.uscg.mil/MaritimeCyber/>). Sean Morrison reminded the group of the Cyber Protection teams. It is worth noting that the USCG possesses three highly specialized and deployable cyber protection teams. These teams are equipped to provide technical support to our partners in the maritime industry. Their expertise covers three mission types: assessment, hunting, and incident response, ensuring comprehensive cybersecurity measures.

**c. MARAD – West Coast Update (Catherine Simons)**

No representative present.

d. **NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Jeff Ferguson)**

Jeff gave brief update; A new water level gauge will be installed in Kalama, WA, and included in the NOAA report called the Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System. Installation is scheduled for July, and the data will likely be publicly available by August. NOAA is conducting a two-year survey on currents, with current gauges deployed this year and data processing underway from last year. Preliminary results are expected by year-end. The Navigation Response Team (hydrographic survey team) will resume their project in late July in zone 6 between the Bonneville and McEnary dams. This project supports the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission and will update nautical charts once the data is processed.

e. **US Army Corps of Engineers (Casey O'Donnell)**

No representative present.

**8. New Business/Good of the Order**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1522hrs.





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## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 | 1416-1522hrs  
Virtual Meeting**

**In attendance virtually:**

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| Larry Landgraver, <i>Port of Longview</i> <b>Chair</b>       | MSU Portland                                     |
| Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers <b>Vice Chair</b>              | ENS Crowley                                      |
| Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange<br><b>Secretary (24)</b> | Tori Thomas, Crowley Maritime                    |
| Fred Myer, Port of Portland                                  | Doug Romjue, Columbia River Yachting Association |
| Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                         | LT Felicia Harger                                |
| Tom Griffiths, OBMP  | Tony Sellers                                     |
| Dena Horton, PNWA  | Laura Hanna, EPA                                 |
| Todd Krout, Port of Vancouver USA                            | Chris Farrell, Columbia River Bar Pilots         |
| Elliot Levin, Port of Columbia County                        | Jacob Taylor, DSL                                |
| Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots                        | Earl Dixon, United Grain                         |
| Scott Smith, OR DEQ  | Jared Atkin, Talon Marine Services               |
| Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Cooperative                  | Sean Kuschel, ECY                                |
| Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire and Safety Association         | Kevin Steder, Temco                              |
| Kenny Davais, Port of Vancouver USA                          | Casey O'Donnell, USACE                           |
| Ron Gill, Port of Vancouver USA                              | Brian Kirk, ECY                                  |
| Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots                    | Jeffrey Ferguson, NOAA                           |
| Alex Scott, Anchorage Launch Service                         | Josie Clark, EPA                                 |
| Neal Feustel, Foss Maritime                                  | Luke Otteson, Columbia River Launch Service      |
| Kate Mickelson, CRSOA  | Mary Wiley, Merchants Exchange                   |
| Tereza Edwards, CRSOA  | Bekah Brinkmeier, Merchants Exchange             |
| Richard Vincent, Port of Portland                            | Ashley Ros, Merchants Exchange                   |
| Jeremy Nielsen, Columbia River Pilots                        |  |

**1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer***

Larry Landgraver, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1416 hrs.

**2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

The US Army Corps of Engineers were added to the agenda for a brief update.

**3. Review of Meeting Notes from January 11, 2022**

The meeting notes from the January 11, 2022 meeting notes were presented and there were no additions or corrections.

#### 4. Board of Directors Meeting Update: *Presiding Officer*

##### a. Financial Report & Administrative Updates

- a. Ashley Ros presented the January 2023 financial; accounts payable and receivable are current. Additionally, 85% of those invoiced have paid the dues to date. We will be sending out reminders to those who were invoiced and have not paid. Please let us know if you would like the invoices to be sent to another email. Thank you all to everyone who has contributed, we appreciate the responsiveness. Please contact Bekah or Ashley if you have any questions.

##### b. May In-Person meeting Location

- a. LCRHSC In-Person Hybrid meeting will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted at Port of Vancouver. More information will be sent out through email as the date approaches.

#### 5. Harbor Safety Plan Status

##### a. Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee Update

- i. Medical Emergencies Aboard Ships at Anchor (*attached*)

The Board of Directors has approved the amendment of the *Medical Emergencies Aboard ships at Anchor*. There were a few corrections seen in red but no significant changes. Thank you to everyone who provided input for the amendment. The next section for review will be the Dead Ship Tow. If you are interested in participating in the review, please contact Ross, [rossm@sause.com](mailto:rossm@sause.com) for your input.

#### 6. Speakers/Presentations

##### a. Army Corps of Engineers - Brief Update

Cassey O'Donnell, Technical Manager for Navigation, gave a brief update on the annual navigation lock outage that started March 4<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled through March 18<sup>th</sup>. Currently, there has been no delays and they are on track to remain on schedule. Cassey had a question for the committee related to the Interstate Bridge Project; what vessel traffic is using the upper Vancouver turning basin and what size vessels might be pulling into that Lafarge terminal. The committee advised to reach out to Shaver, Tidewater, and Foss Maritime as they would be good resecurers for those questions.

##### b. U.S. EPA: Community Impacts Mitigation Plan for Portland Harbor Superfund Site – Josie Clark

Josie Clark, Remedial Project Manager, gave an update on the Portland Harbor Superfund site in the lower Willamette River. Josie requested input on how this might affect people's operations in the water. They are in the phase looking towards construction and want to get ahead of any construction specific impacts by coming up with ways to mitigate them. There were some concerns among the committee drawing out a lot of questions and discussions. Josie will specifically be in contact with Columbia River Pilots, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, and the Coast Guard.

#### 7. Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates

##### a. Navigation Subcommittee

Dan Jordan gave a brief update on the navigation bridge visibility on ships carrying large energy blades and towers. They are placing safety measures on the bar and are collaborating with shippers and Port of Vancouver to find safe solutions. Jeremy Nielson noted the concerns for the Columbia River Pilots. They have partnered with the Puget Sound Pilots and San Francisco Bar Pilots with a letter to the Coast Guard Pacific Area Commander requesting the coast guard to enforce the already existing visibility regulations. Dan addressed that as of January 1, in order to meet the IMO energy efficiency standard, ships are now putting limiters on the racks which limits the amount of horsepower. This is a concern for pilots crossing the bar and for pilots going up river. Dan noted the Mediterranean Shipping Company is exploring the possibility of bringing in a 14,000 TU container ships and



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are in discussion with them. Finally, March 10<sup>th</sup> the Washington Sea Grant will be sponsoring crabber tow boat lane meeting in Astoria.

b. **USCG Sector Columbia River Update (MSU Portland/Sector Columbia River Representative)**

- Vessel Inspections Division Reported information on towing vessels are defined as a vessel of at least 26 feet in length either pushing, pulling, or hauling alongside up to 300 tons. Vessels under 26 feet may also be valid to subchapter M if they are pushing, pulling, or hauling a barge that is carrying oil or hazardous material in bulk. The requirements for obtaining a DOI were reported. The definition of Workboat, Worksite, and Worksite Exclusion under Subchapter M were addressed.
- Investigations Division are working on the marine casualty from the recent crab season and having nothing more to report.
- Emergency Management and Force Readiness Dept. Reported upcoming drills and exercises including a Plan Consolidation Workshop in April, Area Maritime Security Table-Top Exercise postponed until September, and Rose Festival/Fleet week security planning.
- Incident Management Division reported that they have responded to 28 cases, issued 5 LOW's, and issued 1 NOV. They have completed one Gov't Initiated Unannounced Exercise and have another scheduled upcoming. The Geographic Response Strategy Exercise (GRS) is to be determined. The numbers from OPNOMAD (vessels removed) are 22.
- Waterways Management/Facilities reported for the Portland district, Columbia River navigation lock maintenance closure is on track to open on March 18<sup>th</sup>. For the Walla Walla district, the Snake River navigation lock maintenance closure is on track to open on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Coast Guard released a revised Marine Safety Information Bulletin about reporting sexual assaults on US flight vessels through an app and email.
- Cybersecurity reported the next AMSC Cybersecurity Subcommittee Meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. The National Cybersecurity was released by the White House last week. The Coast Guard has three highly specialized cyber protection teams that are deployable and can provide Technical Support to our partners in the maritime industry. The three mission types consist of asses, hunt, and incident response.

c. **MARAD – West Coast Update**

No representative present. Staff will be sending out an update in the debrief email.

d. **NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Jeff Ferguson)**

Jeff gave brief update; NOAA continues to phase out the raster nautical charts. Local Notice to Mariners - a free local notice service - released this morning that Chart 18525 has entered last edition status and will be cancelled on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. Just a reminder, all raster charts will be canceled by December 2024. Everyone should be transitioning to using Electronic

Navigational Chart (ENC). The latest version of Custom Chart Tool has improved the tool that converts ENC data to raster format. The Coast Guard has requested that questions and comments concerning nautical chart carriage requirements should be directed to the USCG Navigation Center.

#### **8. New Business/Good of the Order**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1522hrs.



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## Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee General Membership Meeting Notes

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023 | 1416-1512hrs  
Virtual Meeting**

### In attendance virtually:

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| Larry Landgraver, <i>Port of Longview</i> <b>Chair</b>    | Kenny Davais, Port of Vancouver USA                  |
| Ross McDonald, Sause Brothers <b>Vice Chair</b>           | Holly Robinson, Maritime Fire and Safety Association |
| Carl Bertapelle, Merchants Exchange <b>Secretary</b> (24) | Ken Kostecki, International Registries Inc           |
| Joshua Emerson, DEQ                                       | LT Carly Gilligan, MSU                               |
| Frank Manning, Diversified Marine                         | CDR Tonya Lynn, MSU                                  |
| Tom Griffiths, OBMP                                       | LCDR Eugene Chung, MSU                               |
| Hans Meere, EGT   | David Berliner, MSU                                  |
| Fred Myer, Port of Portland                               | LT Jody Stagger MSU                                  |
| John Hellberg, Shaver Transportation                      | LT Lisa Siebert, USCG, MSU                           |
| Dan Jordan, Columbia River Bar Pilots                     | Lt Jr. Connor Russel, MSU                            |
| Scott Smith, OR DEQ                                       | Jim Merten, MSU                                      |
| Ken Lawrenson, Columbia River Pilots                      | Sean Kuschel, ECY                                    |
| Todd Krout, Port of Vancouver USA                         | Mark Curtis, Crowley                                 |
| Kristin Meira, American Cruise Line                       | Elliot Levin, Port of Columbia County                |
| Bryan Stebbins, Interstate Bridge Replacement Program     | Casey O'Donnell, USACE                               |
| Dena Horton, PNWA   | Curtis Cannizzaro, Clean Rivers Cooperative          |
| Miriam House, Port of Columbia County                     | Tom Rodman, CHS                                      |
| Steve Ackerman, Columbia River Bar Pilots                 | Michael Potter, OSHA                                 |
| Audri Bomer, Interstate Bridge Replacement Program        | NCB Portland   |
| Doug Romjue, CRYA   | Kevin Steder, Temco                                  |
| Jim Morris, Witt O'Brien's                                | Brian Kirk, ECY                                      |
| Tom Rodman, Temco   | Bill Crabbs, Phillips 66 Company                     |
| Ron Gill, Port of Vancouver USA                           | Jeffrey Ferguson, NOAA                               |
| Carl Obermeier, Foss Maritime                             | Janet Shaw, H1 Unlimited                             |
| Yosef Yip, Interstate Bridge Replacement Program          | Liz Wainwright, Merchants Exchange                   |
| Richard Vincent, Port of Portland                         | Jonathan Nichol, Merchants Exchange                  |
| Brian Carrico, Interstate Bridge Replacement Program      | Mary Wiley, Merchants Exchange                       |
| Jill Lazo, US Coast Guard                                 | Bekah Brinkmeier, Merchants Exchange                 |
| Marlon Bump, RiverPlace Marina                            | Ashley Ros, Merchants Exchange                       |

### 1. Meeting Called to Order: *Presiding Officer*

Larry Landgraver, Chair and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order at 1415 hrs.

### 2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

The presenters from the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program were moved to earlier in the meeting agenda due to time constraints.

### 3. Review of Meeting Notes from November 11, 2022

The meeting notes from the November 11, 2022 meeting were presented and there were no additions or corrections.

#### 4. **Board of Directors Meeting Update: *Presiding Officer***

Elliot Levin, Port of Columbia County will fill Sean Clark's term, expiring in 2025. Kenny Davais, Port of Vancouver, will fill Lars Uglum's term expiring in 2025.

##### a. **Financial Report & Administrative Updates**

###### a. 2023 Dues Billing Notice & 2023 Meeting Schedule

The December 2022 financials were presented; accounts payable and receivable are current. The 2023 Dues Invoicing will be completed this month along with a letter from the officers. Contact [lcrhsc@pdxmex.com](mailto:lcrhsc@pdxmex.com) if you have questions regarding invoicing. The 2023 meeting schedule is printed on the agenda. There are several virtual meetings as well as two hybrid meetings scheduled. We are looking for hosts for hybrid meetings. If your organization is interested in hosting a hybrid meeting this year contact Bekah.

###### b. 2023 Planning Survey Results

Bekah reported that as a result of the responses received the timing and frequency of the Harbor Safety Committee meetings would remain the same for the coming year. There was a strong interest from respondents for meetings to be held in a hybrid format with in-person and virtual attendance options. The topics of interests were shared from the survey results. An additional survey will be sent out to the Board to evaluate the list of topics.

#### 5. **Presentation Topic: Interstate Bridge Replacement Program**

Audri Bomar presented a general update on the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program. The program area is from SR500 down to Interstate N Interstate Victory Blvd. The program includes seven closely spaced interchanges across the Columbia River crossing and includes multimodal improvements. Audri reviewed the 2022 progress and the program's milestones. Currently, they are in the process of their supplemental draft environmental impact statement analysis. The SDEIS will be published later this year along with an official public comment period. Audri highlighted the improvements and briefly discussed cost estimates and proposed funding sources. Finally, the program schedule was presented.

#### 6. **Harbor Safety Plan Status**

##### a. **Harbor Safety Plan Subcommittee Update**

Holly briefly discussed the proposed amendment to the Medical Emergencies Aboard Ships at Anchor. The committee compiled general information by contacting the fire agencies along the river. The amendment includes a table that summarizes the location of the anchorages and nearby locations where a launch service could transport. Additionally, for each location, which fire agencies have boat ramp in their jurisdiction and some information on the different agent's viewpoints on this type of emergency. And finally, a table that summarizing emergency contacts. If you have comments or would like to review, please email [RossM@sause.com](mailto:RossM@sause.com) with [lcrhsc@pdxmex.com](mailto:lcrhsc@pdxmex.com) in copy by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 7. **Regular Committee Reports & Stakeholder Updates**

##### a. **Navigation Subcommittee**

Dan Jordan gave a brief update. There is a potential dead tow ship coming up the river in the next week or two. Dan suggested to consider updating the dead ship tow ship guidance in the Harbor Safety Plan. The PAC-PARS study on the safety of the fairways comment period has ended and the Coast Guard is currently reviewing the feedback.

##### b. **MARAD – West Coast Update**

Bekah presented on behalf of MARAD. DOT fiscal year 2023 grant cycle is underway. There are some upcoming deadlines including the Port Infrastructure Development Program. The 2023 notice of funding opportunity is approaching and applications will be due April 28th, 2023. The Rebuilding of American Infrastructure with a Sustainability and Equity Program



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initial funding was released on November 30th, an amendment was published on January 5th, and the application due date is February 28th.

c. **NOAA – Office of Coast Survey Update (Jeff Ferguson)**

Jeff provided a brief update on the survey activities in the river. In the fall they had their navigation response team surveying in zone six. It was a project in support of the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission. They are now processing and verifying the data. They haven't found any huge changes in the bathymetry, but they're continuing to process. And once they're done, all that data will become publicly available and will be used to update the nautical charts in that region.

**8. Presentation Topic:**

a. **USCG Sector Columbia River Update (MSU Portland/Sector Columbia River Representative)**

- Vessel Inspections Division Reported information from the Marine Safety Information Bulletin 0622. The EPA has released a Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons because it's utilized in many fire suppression systems on inspected and foreign vessels. This Bulletin does not prohibit the use but there will be a decrease in the availability of materials and fewer technicians that can do maintenance for this system. The Coast Guard has approved alternate suppression systems. They reported a 2022 summary. There have been 289 Port State Control exams, 132 Deficiencies, 51 COTP issued, and 2 detentions. On the Domestic Vessel inspections, they have had roughly 453 inspections, 296 deficiencies issued, and 3-4 report states boats are active.
- Investigations Division reported 289 Marine Causality Investigations activity for the 2022-year, 12 suspension & revocation proceedings, and a 1 report of investigation published.
- Emergency Management and Force Readiness Dept. Reported upcoming drills and exercises including a Quarterly PREP Notification Drill and a Plan Consolidation Workshop in March. There will be an Area Maritime Security Table-Top Exercise-Cyber in April.
- Incident Management Division The incident management division reported that since the last meeting, they have responded to 10 cases of pollution, 2 letters of warnings were issued, and 2 federalized cases. Upcoming is the government-initiated unannounced exercises which will start next week. They are planning geographical response strategy exercises. Operation Nomad's purpose was to gather data on abandoned vessels on the Columbia River and Willamette River, last year they found 221 vessels.
- Waterways Management/Facilities reported the Waterways Analysis and Management System is being conducted by the district 13 component for the Camas Slough waterway, assessing the adequacy of the existing Aids to Navigation System in that area. The coast guard issued a public notice for the Van Buren Bridge Replacement Project. The coast guard is seeking public comment. The annual lock closures for the Columbia and Snake River System start March 4, 2023. Sean Morrison, Marine Transportation Cyber Specialist, was introduced.

**9. New Business/Good of the Order**

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1512hrs.