

Harbor Safety Committee

MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2020

Harbor Safety Committee Meeting 2020

The Harbor Safety Meeting of June 16, 2020 was called to order by Kevin Campbell at 10:05 a.m. via Zoom Webinar.

Those in attendance at the meeting were as follows:

Amy Carlson	POGH
Mike Johnson	POGH
Kevin Campbell	Brusco Tug and Barge
Vince Addington	General Steamship Corp.
Brian Kirk	Department of Ecology
John Doucette	REG Grays Harbor
Christina Traxtle	REG Grays Harbor
Brian Fry	Pasha Stevedoring & Terminals
David Berliner	USCG
Dixon Whitley	USCG
JD Leahy	Department of Ecology
Penny Eubanks	Pasha Automotive Services (PAS)
Fred Goheen	Jones Stevedoring
Joseph Tabisola	General Steamship Corp.
Alan Moore	USCG
Garrett Dalan	The Nature Conservancy
Larry Thevik	WDCFA
Gretchen Bailey	USCG
Linda Orgel	Grays Harbor Resident
Brian Shay	City of Hoquiam

Introductions:

From the Chairman

Kevin Campbell completed rollcall for all attendees via Zoom Webinar.

Approval of Minutes:

Quorum was met during the meeting. December 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved. February 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Port

Mike Johnson, Port of Grays Harbor, reported that the Pilot Boat will be taken to Hoquiam Shipyard for annual maintenance. Hoquiam Shipyard was the low bidder. Annual cleaning includes pressure washing, cleaning, repairing rust, replacing bearings, completing work

around the roof and gutter, replacing signs and replacing a portion of the hand rail. Other maintenance and cleaning will also be performed. POGH is looking to purchase a new boat, with roughly a year before the boat will be replaced.

-Summer dredging will be conducted on Terminals 1, 2 and 4. Roughly 40,000cy at Terminal 2, 4,000-5,000cy at Terminal 1 and 14,000cy at Terminal 4.

Ecology

Brian Kirk, Department of Ecology, explained that the Phase 4 Safe Start Plan expands their ability to complete field work. The Oil Transfer Inspection activity is being expanded. Class 1 and 4 annual facility inspections are being scheduled. A large percentage of Department of Ecology work is still performed virtually. Introductory session on modeling involving the Oil Spill Risk Assessment is available online.

-Ecology was directed to make a rule on the movement of crude oil and vapor pressure caps, but this process has been delayed due to a FSMA declaration.

-JD Leahy, Department of Ecology, added that the introductory session and presentation from the Department of Ecology will be open for conversation, with an option to watch the recorded session at a later time.

Coast Guard

Dixon Whitley, USCG, encouraged all to visit the Homeport website where COVID-19 guidelines can be found including Coast Guard response and policies. BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) is currently conducting outreach for long term Oregon coast operations, establishing guidelines and input for Southern Oregon coast.

-Whitley noted operations are beginning to reopen and facility exams are being scheduled. NOAA Coast Pilot 7 and 10 are being separated. The Northwest will now fall under Coast Pilot 10.

-Whitley explained that a Certificate of Adequacy is needed for small fishing area, any CPP Agriculture Certificates need to be acquired if you go anywhere besides CA and return with garbage.

Corps of Engineers

Mike Johnson, Port of Grays Harbor, reported for Elizabeth Chen, (Corps of Engineers). Inner Harbor Dredging will start July 15th, 2020. Exact location is yet to be determined, but will be completed by HME.

-A new contract will run from December 1, 2020 to February 14, 2020. Jacklyn James will be taking over the contract.

-Outer Harbor was completed May 26, 2020. 844,570 cy was removed. This total is a combination of Bar 254,135 cy, Entrance 184,945 cy and Point Chehalis 405,409 cy. All were dredged to required depth or deeper. The channel over the bar and through the jetties are clear. There was 791,802 cy placed in the South Beach Beneficial Placement Site. There was 52,768 cy placed in the Point Chehalis Disposal Site.

Incidents / Communications Discussion

Larry Thevik, WDCFA, provided an update on the incident that occurred on February 9, 2020- February 10, 2020 on the vessel LIA. After Larry Thevik had acquired the information he reported it to Dixon Whitley of USCG. Thevik noted that he was provided with information there was a vessel that had a Coast Guard inspection during that time. Thevik stated the vessel did interfere with crab pots and the main concern is to avoid the behavior in the future.

Dixon Whitley, USCG, stated that the Coast Guard is required to complete the security inspection offshore. This needs to be done safely involving the Coast Guard, ship pilot and boarding team. They can request that the vessel stays 25 miles offshore, but cannot require them to do so, and will do what is the safest.

Gretchen Bailey-USCG, added that it is required for high risk vessels. The location of the inspection is based on weather and water conditions. A guarantee of 25 miles offshore cannot be provided due to it being based on safety.

Presentations

No presentations.

Old Business

Committee to review and compile Grays Harbor Vessel Traffic Risk Assessment recommendations by organization.

-Grays Harbor Fire Fighting Sub-Committee includes Kevin Campbell, Tom Hubbard, John Doucette and Brian Shay.

-Larry Thevik, WDCFA, would like to look at creating a recommendation or standard of care for staying 25 miles offshore until communication with the pilots occur. Would like to gain information on the process between pilots and ship agents.

-Kevin Campbell, Brusco Tug and Barge, noted that our current Harbor Safety Plan does recommend vessels stay 25 miles offshore. The topic can be continued to be discussed along with the VTRA.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

Linda Orgel, Resident of Grays Harbor, commented to stay safe.

Next Meeting

August 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 10:48 AM