

**Harbor Safety Committee**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 18, 2020**

**Harbor Safety Committee Meeting 2020**

The Harbor Safety Meeting of August 18, 2020 was called to order by Kevin Campbell at 10:03 a.m. via Zoom Webinar.

Those in attendance at the meeting were as follows:

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| Kevin Campbell    | Brusco Tug and Barge      |
| Fred Goheen       | Jones Stevedoring         |
| Vince Addington   | General Steamship Corp.   |
| Larry Thevik      | WDCFA                     |
| Randy Lewis       | Port of Grays Harbor      |
| Mike Johnson      | Port of Grays Harbor      |
| Gretchen Bailey   | USCG                      |
| Alan Moore        | USCG                      |
| Dixon Whitley     | USCG                      |
| Kayla Dunlap      | Port of Grays Harbor      |
| Sara Thompson     | Dept. of Ecology          |
| David Berliner    | USCG                      |
| John Doucette     | REG                       |
| Christina Traxtle | REG                       |
| Rich Malizia      | Aberdeen Fire Department  |
| Garrett Dalan     | The Nature Conservancy    |
| Penny Eubanks     | Pasha Automotive Services |
| Jason Reichert    | Dept. of Ecology          |
| Linda Orgel       | Community Resident        |

**Introductions:**

**From the Chairman**

Kevin Campbell completed rollcall for all attendees via Zoom Webinar.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Quorum was met during the meeting. After a correction to a name change on the attendees list, the 6/16/2020 minutes were approved.

**Reports:**

Port

Mike Johnson, Port of Grays Harbor, reported on the Pilot Boat Chehalis going through annual maintenance. Maintenance includes: cleaning, painting, replacing the shaft, and replacing the pilot sign. The boat is set to be back in service this week.

Randy Lewis, POGH, noted that the Port of Grays Harbor is in the process of finalizing the purchase of a 64-foot boat named Vega. The logistics on getting the boat to Grays Harbor are being planned. It will not immediately go into service. It will go through a process of familiarization.

### Ecology

Sara Thompson, Department of Ecology, reported that the Modeling Webinars have been taking place. The third Modeling Webinar is set for September 16<sup>th</sup>. The webinar will look at vessel movement. Videos from previous webinars are available online for viewing at any time.

### Coast Guard

Gretchen Bailey, USCG, noted that they are still operating under COVID-19. The USCG has completed inspections in addition to search and rescue. Bailey noted to stay away from deep drafts and that outreach is going to send a reminder regarding this.

Dixon Whitley, USCG, discussed the Coast Guard conducting shallow water WAMS with a review on 12 feet or less. This process assists with changes for navigation and aid for anyone who operates in 12 feet or less draft. There is a safety zone on the Columbia River in support of construction work on the bridge. MSIB on bridge lift information. Protests have limited use on lift bridges occasionally.

Larry Thevik, WDCFA, on the LIA inspection on February 9-10, 2020, he brought concern regarding the vessel inspection in shallow waters. He is requesting information regarding weather conditions, the cargo of the vessel, description of the cargo and any other pertinent details. He is requesting that meandering behavior is avoided in areas involving crab pots.

Gretchen Bailey, USCG, in response to Larry Thevik's concerns regarding the LIA inspection, noted that the Coast Guard cannot tell vessels where to meander and that vessels are brought in for the safety of the crew. Coast Guard jurisdiction is only out to 12 miles. Generally, details regarding those inspections are not provided. The recommendations will be considered but not required. Captain Bailey recommends discussing with ship agents.

Kevin Campbell, Brusco Tug and Barge, added that he believed the vessel on this specific incident was an AGP grain vessel.

### Corps of Engineers

Randy Lewis, POGH, stated that the Corps of Engineers is conducting repair at the Westport Marina starting in the middle to late September. The Port is looking to do maintenance dredging in the fall with terminal maintenance in September. Corps channel dredging is continuing.

### Incidents / Communications Discussion

None.

**Presentations**

No presentations.

**Old Business**

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

Kevin Campbell, Brusco Tug and Barge, will work with Rich Malizia offline on creating a fire fighting plan.

**New Business**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Next Meeting**

October 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned: 10:41 AM