# RDA Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
**WebEx**

Call to Order: 9:04

Attendees: Geoff Baran (Ecology), Tami Neilson (Ecology), Shayne Cothern (DNR), Don Noviello (WDFW), Rob Whitlam (DAHP), Mark Toy (DOH), Kara Tebeau (AAG)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the April 8, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed.

Adjournment: 9:33

## Minutes

### New Business

#### Preassessment Screenings

##### ERTS# 695707 Ace Hardware, January 15, 2020 diesel fuel spill into the Snoqualmie River

* Geoff summarized the incident:  
  An Ace Hardware Corporation semi-truck was heading westbound on Interstate 90 when the truck lost control on icy roads and jack-knifed, and impacted an embankment on the left (driver’s side) of the cab. The impact of the cab with the trailer carriage ruptured the right-side saddle fuel tank. A total of about 120 gallons spilled to the nearby ditch, stormwater system, and, though not observed due to the high rate of runoff, the south fork of the Snoqualmie River.
* Preassessment Screening:
  + Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? 5 no.
  + Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? 5 no.
  + No project proposal has been submitted for this spill.
  + Damages will be assessed with the compensation schedule.

##### ERTS# 695855 USACE Little Goose Dam, January 16, 2020 hydraulic oil spill into the Columbia River

* Geoff summarized the incident:  
  The United States Army Corps of Engineers reported a hydraulic oil spill from a blown fish gear seal. At the time, an estimated 50-70 gallons of hydraulic oil was spilled to non-permeable containment. January 22, 2020, dam staff were pressure washing and noticed sheen in the waterway. They think it was caused by residual oil form the January 16 spill washing into the river. They estimate as much as 35 gallons was washed into the river. None of the oil was recovered.
* Preassessment Screening:
  + Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? 5 no.
  + Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? 5 no.
  + No project proposal has been submitted for this spill.
  + Damages will be assessed with the compensation schedule.

### No Old Business

### Announcements

* The RDA Committee discussed current agency operations under COVID-19 restrictions.
  + Geoff reported that Ecology’s oil spill team has added safety procedures to continue leaning forward on field responses. Outside of that, program staff are working from home. Some trained staff are supporting the state COVID-19 response by staffing ICS positions.
  + Don reported that WDFW is also working from home, but will be activating some field activities by May 18, 2020.
  + Rob reported that DAHP has gone completely digital.
  + Shayne reported that DNR is hard at work developing a plan for emergency staff to operate the fire system.
  + Mark reported that DOH is fully supporting the COVID response. DOH staff are rotating through ICS positions in the org chart.
* Response-NRDA Specialist Position is still open, and the initial screening has closed. However, all hiring has been paused due to the Governor’s spending freeze.