# RDA Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
**WebEx**

Call to Order: 9:02

Attendees: Geoff Baran (Ecology), Don Noviello (WDFW), Rob Whitlam (DAHP), Mark Toy (DOH), Shayne Cothern (DNR), Jessica Logan (PARKS), Natalie Swan (Yakama Nation), Marla Steinhoff (NOAA), Valerie Chu (US-FWS), Kara Tebeau (AAG), Tami Neilson (Ecology), Rebecca Gardner (representing Tumwater Development LLC), Matt Stock (representing Tumwater Development LLC)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes for the February 10, 2021 with a minor grammatical fixes. Motion passed.

Adjournment: 10:13

## Minutes

### New Business

#### Preassessment Screenings

##### ERTS# 687507 Olympia Brewery Transformer Oil Spill

* Geoff summarized the incident:  
  On February 25, 2019, Ecology was notified that 587 gallons PCB laden transformer oil spilled into Capitol Lake and the Deschutes River. The spill originated at a vandalized transformer on the site of the old Olympia Brewery which is currently owned by Tumwater Development LLC. Over the next 6 months, oil and contaminated lake sediments were removed.
* Don identified a number of potential resource impacts. The most obvious impacts were recreational and sociological. Impacts to fish could be measured by longer term study. The area is also well used by birds, and impact studies could assess nesting habits. Studies like that would take time and finances.
* Valerie Chu asked if tissue samples were taken from local fauna. Geoff replied that no tissue samples were collected, but extensive sediment samples were collected as part of the cleanup.
* Rebecca Gardner noted that there is an absence of baseline data for this lake system.
* Shayne asked if the compensation schedule could adequately calculate the damages for PCB spills. Geoff replied that the statute allows for addition of new oil types, impacts from oil constituents can be included in the calculated oil rankings,, including PCBs.
* Preassessment Screening:
  + Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? 6 no.
  + Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? 6 no.
  + Compensation schedule authorized to calculate damages.

### Old Business

None.

### Announcements

* Geoff updated the committee on the 2021 Coastal Protection Fund Grant. Evaluations are underway.
* Next meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:00am via WebEx.