

RDA Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Department of Ecology Headquarters, Lacey, WA, Room R0A-09

Call to Order: 9:05

Attendees: Geoff Baran (Ecology), Tami Neilson (Ecology), Don Noviello (WDFW), Rob Whitlam (DAHP), Mark Toy (DOH), Jessica Logan (Parks) telephone, Rose Longoria (Yakama Nation) telephone, Davis Washines (Yakama Nation) telephone

Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2019 minutes unanimously approved as written.

Adjournment: 9:45

Minutes

I. New Business

A. *Preassessment Screenings*

1. *Blue Tick Inc., March 4, 2019 diesel spill into a Eatonville wetland*

Geoff described the incident:

On the morning of March 4, 2019, a semi-truck owned by Blue Tick Inc. struck an elk, damaged its saddle tank and spilled an estimated 80 gallons of diesel fuel into a roadside ditch. Fuel in the ditch travelled downstream it to a nearby shrub/scrub wetland. The trucking company hired NRC-ES, who recovered an estimated 65 gallons of diesel fuel with sorbents.

Preassessment Screening:

- Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? 5 no.
- Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? 5 no.
- No project proposal received.
- Damages to be assessed with compensation schedule.

2. *Chandi Transport LLC, November 25, 2019 diesel spill into Coal Creek*

Geoff described the incident:

On Monday, November 25, 2019, two semi-trucks were travelling eastbound in snowy conditions on I-90 near Snoqualmie Pass. One of the two semi-trucks attempted to pass the other, and lost control, veering in front of the semi-truck owned by Chandi Transport LLC. The driver attempted to avoid the collision and jack-knifed into the shoulder, striking a steep dirt embankment. The passenger-side saddle tank was damaged, and spilled an estimated 118 gallons of diesel fuel into a roadside ditch and storm system. Ecology's responder located an outfall from the storm system and observed the spilled oil entering Coal Creek. The towing company built a number of underflow dams and removed the spilled oil from the ditch and catch basins with a vacuum truck. 87 gallons of diesel fuel was recovered from the water in the first 24 hours.

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II. Old Business

A. *Open RDA Case Updates*

1. *Chelan County PUD, 2015-2019 Rock Island Dam and Rocky Reach Dam spills*

Geoff summarized the PUD's outstanding NRDA claims to date. Next, Geoff described the project that the PUD has been circling for years to help fund in lieu paying into the Coastal Protection Fund: wetland enhancement in the Horan Natural Area. Geoff will work with the PUD to submit a formal proposal in beginning of 2020.

2. *Coleman Oil Company, March 28, 2017 r-diesel spills into the Columbia River*

Geoff has been gathering project proposals for Coleman Oil Company. In the next few weeks, Geoff will provide the Coleman Oil Company with a short list of project proposals

III. Announcements

- Rose Longoria informed the committee that the Yakama Nation is moving forward with a study that investigating contamination from oil spills caused by the 13 dams along the main stems of the Columbia River and Snake Rivers.