# ecylogo-horiz-color.pngMeeting Minutes

**Resource Damage Assessment Committee (RDA)  
Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022  
**Zoom**

Call to Order: 9:03 AM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes for the January 12, 2022 RDA Committee Meeting passed.

Adjournment: 9:40 AM

## Attendees

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| Entity | Representative |
| RDA Committee, Chair Washington State Department of Ecology | Geoff Baran |
| RDA Committee Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation | Rob Whitlam |
| RDA Committee Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife | Don Noviello |
| RDA Committee Washington State Department of Health | Mark Toy |
| RDA Committee Washington State Department of Natural Resources | Shayne Cothern |
| RDA Committee Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission | Jessica Logan |
| Washington State Department of Ecology | Tami Neilson |
| Washington State Department of Ecology | Josh Weide |
| Washington State Department of Ecology | Rob Walls |
| Washington State Office of the Attorney General | Julian Beattie |
| Yakama Nation | Natalie Swan |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | Marla Steinhoff |

## Minutes

### New Business

#### Preassessment Screenings

##### ERTS# 711523 Punjab Transit

* Geoff summarized the incident:  
  On December 24, 2021, Washington State Patrol reported that a semi-truck that went off road into a roadside wetland. An estimated 50 gallons of diesel fuel had spilled to the wetland before being removed by tow trucks. By the time Ecology responders arrived the scene was clear except for a pool of diesel fuel in the wetland. Responders deployed sorbents to collect the diesel fuel. Ecology is coordinating additional cleanup with the trucking company.
* 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.

##### ERTS# 712108 P/C *Princess*

* Geoff summarized the incident:  
  On January 16, 2022, Ecology responded to a sunken 46' yacht, the P/C *Princess*, at the Port of Bremerton Marina. There was an estimated 200 gallons of diesel fuel aboard when it sank. Responders placed containment boom around the vessel, and the vessel owner hired a contractor to remove the fuel, raise the vessel, and tow to Port Angeles for haul out. An estimated 35 gallons spilled to Sinclair Inlet, and about 30 gallons of diesel fuel was recovered from the water. The first contractor failed to raise the vessel, so a new contractor was hired to try raising the vessel again. This contractor successfully refloated the vessel, and the vessel was towed to Port Angeles and removed on the evening of January 17, 2022.
* Rob Walls indicated that the spill was well-contained to the marina. Marina staff initially deployed sorbent booms around the vessel, and then replaced them with curtain boom.
* 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

#### ERTS# 710394 Deep River Derelict Barge Spill

Unified command is still working with federal, state and local partners to solidify cleanup plans and after cleanup sampling.

#### 2021 Spills Coastal Protection Fund Grant Update

Of the ten projects awarded during the 2021 grant, two are complete or near complete, three are partially complete, and five have yet to spend any funds.

### Announcements

* Next meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:00am via Zoom.