# ecylogo-horiz-color.pngMeeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
**Zoom**

Call to Order: 9:04 AM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes for the February 9, 2022 RDA Committee Meeting passed.

Adjournment: 9:52 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 |
| LMH Environmental, on behalf of Harms Pacific Trucking | Ray Muldrew |
| LMH Environmental, on behalf of Harms Pacific Trucking | Rich Harness |
| Gordon & Polscer LLC, on behalf of Patrick Brownd, P/C *Destiny* | Molly Eckman |
| Colville Tribes | Amelia Stanger |
| Nez Perce Tribe | Audrey Martinez |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | Marla Steinhoff |
| Suquamish Tribe | Kathlene Barnhart |
| Washington State Department of Ecology | Josh Weide |
| Washington State Department of Ecology | Madeline Fritzen |
| Washington State Office of the Attorney General | Julian Beattie |
| Yakama Nation | Natalie Swan |

## Minutes

### New Business

#### Preassessment Screenings

##### ERTS# 700700 Harms Pacific Trucking

* Incident Summary:  
  On September 17, 2020, a truck and trailer owned by Harms Pacific Trucking was turning onto Highway 10 in Ellensburg when it rolled over into a wet ditch and wetland. Initially, only 5 gallons of liquid asphalt spilled to the ditch, however during recovery operations, the vent plug ruptured, spilling a large volume of liquid asphalt to the ditch and wetland. In total, an estimated 750 gallons of asphalt spilled to the wetland area. Cleanup operations began on September 23, 2020, and were complete on September 25, 2020.
* Rich Harness (LMH Environmental) stated that the delayed cleanup start date was due in part to Ecology’s spill responder. Spill information presented today appears to be accurate.
* Don Noviello (WDFW) asked if Ecology has wetland staff to assess the spill area. Geoff is working with Ecology’s wetlands section to assess the spill area.
* Geoff will copy LMH Environmental on developments for this NRDA.
* Preassessment Screening:
  + Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? 5 no.
  + Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? 5 no.
  + Compensation schedule authorized to calculate damages.

##### ERTS# 711152 P/C *Destiny*

* Incident Summary:  
  On December 4, 2021, the 37’ P/C *Destiny* was returning from a holiday lights boat parade when the vessel strayed from of the navigation channel and ran aground on some rocks. As the tide rolled in, the vessel tipped and flooded, causing an oil sheen. Attempts to recover the vessel on December 5 were unsuccessful. On December 6, divers were able to create enough buoyancy on the vessel to tow it to the Pacific Marine Center for haul out. An estimated 270 gallons of diesel fuel was aboard at the time of the incident, and 80 gallons of diesel was removed from the recovered vessel, leaving an estimated 190 gallons presumed lost to Fidalgo Bay.
* Molly Eckman (Gordon & Polscer) noted that she and Mr. Brownd have been in close communication with Mike Lynch on Ecology’s investigation report. Ms. Eckman also noted the spill report summary provided to the committee includes the previous estimate for volume spilled and that the information provided to Mr. Lynch is more accurate. Ms. Eckman also noted that initial salvage contractor may have contributed the failure to contain the oil within the vessel.
* Madeline Fritzen (Ecology) identified that she was the field responder for this case, and indicated that there were frustrations with the initial contractor.
* Preassessment Screening:
  + Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost? 5 no.
  + Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible? 5 no.
  + Compensation schedule authorized to calculate damages.

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

Contaminated sediments were removed via diver assisted sediment removal. Ecology collected cleanup performance samples on March 4 and 5. Currently waiting on analytical results.

### Announcements

* Mark Toy (DOH): Area Committee meeting today. The topic is fisheries closures during oil spills at 11 am PST.
* Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 9:00am via Zoom.