# ecylogo-horiz-color.pngMeeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, May 11, 2022  
**Zoom**

Call to Order: 9:03 AM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes for the April 13, 2022 RDA Committee Meeting passed.

Adjournment: 9:35 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 |
| Squaxin Island Tribe | Kelly Kiyohara |
| Yakama Nation | Natalie Swan |
| Washington State Department of Ecology | Josh Weide |
| Washington State Department of Ecology | Tami Neilson |

## Minutes

### New Business

#### Preassessment Screenings

##### ERTS# 712895 P/C *Kokua*

* Incident Summary:  
  On February 22, 2022, the P/C *Kokua* became stranded at President Point. The *Kokua* apparently drifted from its anchored location in Appletree Cove due to strong northerly winds. As the tide went out, the vessel would tip over and spill oil. Ecology and the USCG responded, and Ecology worked with the WDNR Derelict Vessel Program to remove the vessel from the beach. Global Diving and Salvage recovered an estimated 69 gallons of oil was recovered from the Puget Sound. As much as 100 gallons of diesel fuel was aboard the vessel at the time of the grounding. On March 7, 2022, Global Diving and Salvage brought in a crane barge to dismantle the *Kokua* in place.
* 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# 713575 P/C *Sand Cutter*

* Incident Summary:  
  On March 18, 2022, the 42' fiberglass-hulled P/C Sand Cutter was sinking and sitting on bottom at the Narrows Marina in Tacoma. The marina contracted Global to clean up the spill and assist with dewatering and raising the vessel. Global Diving captured an estimated 56 gallons of fuel in sorbent pads. Assuming a very high recovery rate of 95%, an estimated 59 gallons spilled to the marina. That afternoon, the Narrows Marina hired the Quigg Brothers to remove the vessel with a crane barge. The vessel was placed in the marina's lot for temporary storage.
* Don asked if Ecology knew the cause of the sinking. During an interview with Ecology’s lead investigator, the vessel owner stated that they placed a number of bilge pumps aboard to handle with rainwater intrusion. They suspect an interruption in shore power caused the bilge pumps to fail, leading to the sinking.
* 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.

### Old Business

Geoff provided an update on some recent oil spill notifications.

### Announcements

* Next meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 9:00am via Zoom.
* Virtual Renewable Oils Workshop on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.