



## RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING

Department of Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA  
**Room ROA-36**

Wednesday March 14, 2018  
9:00 a.m.

### AGENDA

#### I. New Business

##### A. Preassessment Screenings

1. F/V *Lady Grace*, March 2, 2018 spill into the Hoquiam River
2. R/V *Rachel Carson*, March 5, 2018 spill into Salmon Bay

#### II. Old Business

##### A. Open RDA Case Updates

1. F/V *Deep Sea*, May 13, 2012 spill into Penn Cove
2. Sulphur Creek, March 1, 2015 spill into the Yakima River
3. La Mexicana, November 6, 2015 spill into White Center Pond
4. F/V *Privateer*, April 15, 2016 spill into the Pacific Ocean
5. F/V *Coral Sea*, August 8, 2016 spill into the Strait of Georgia
6. Tug *Island Wind*, February 28, 2017 spill into the Duwamish Waterway
7. Coleman Oil, March 18, 2017 spill into the Columbia River
8. P/C *Sinbad*, January 29, 2018 sinking and spill into Sinclair Inlet

#### III. Announcements

# **RDA Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 2018**

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the RDA Committee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Department of Ecology Headquarters in Lacey, WA.

### **Present**

Geoff Baran, WA Department of Ecology, (360) 407-7114

Alison Meyers, WA Department of Ecology, (360) 890-6875

Sue Vezeau, WA Department of Ecology, (360) 791-4385

Brian MacDonald, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, (360) 902-8122

Shayne Cothorn, WA Department of Natural Resources, (360) 902-1064

Mark Toy, WA Department of Health, (360) 236-3321

Jessica Logan, WA State Parks, (360) 902-8679

Rob Whitlam, WA Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, (360) 586-3080

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

### **I. Ecology Oil Spill Preparedness Geographic Response Plan Presentation**

Max Gordon and Sue Vezeau informed the committee on how duties have been shifted throughout the Preparedness Section—all planners are now contingency planners. The committee was also updated on the current state of GRPs, as well as a look at what GRPs are in development.

#### **A. Preassessment Screenings**

##### **1. Chelan PUD Rocky Reach Dam, January 14, 2018 spill into the Columbia River**

Geoff Baran described the incident. Ecology received a report of an unknown sheen on the Columbia River in Wenatchee. Responders traced the sheen upstream to Rocky Reach Dam and notified Chelan County PUD. The PUD recently conducted routine maintenance on one of their turbines and had returned the unit to service two days prior to the sheen discovery. Shortly after shutting down the turbine, the sheen began to dissipate. PUD staff calculated the spilled volume to be 187 gallons of turbine oil. The turbine was kept offline for ongoing testing.

The RDA Committee proceeded to vote on the following PAS questions:

- a. Are the damages quantifiable at a reasonable cost?

Results: Yes=0 No=6

- b. Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible?

Results: Yes=0 No=6

- c. Has the potential liable party (PLP) proposed restoration/enhancement projects/studies that are sufficient to adequately compensate the state for public resource damages?

Results: Yes, the PLP has proposed rolling the value of this claim (using the compensation schedule) into the project that they intend to propose for their previous two spill incidents.

Compensation schedule will be used to assess damages.

## **2. P/C *Sinbad*, January 29, 2018 spill into Sinclair Inlet**

Geoff Baran described the incident. The 34' P/C *Sinbad* sank while docked at the Bremerton Marina, spilling an as yet to be determined volume of diesel fuel. The vessel owner hired T&C Diving to refloat the vessel. With the vessel raised, NRCES was hired to defuel the boat in case it sank again. An estimated 30 gallons of diesel fuel was pumped from the vessel.

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- b. Is restoration or enhancement technically feasible?

Results: Yes=0 No=6

- c. Has the potential liable party (PLP) proposed restoration/enhancement projects/studies that are sufficient to adequately compensate the state for public resource damages?

Results: No, no PLP representative attended the meeting and no proposal was submitted.

Compensation schedule will be used to assess damages.

## **II. Old Business**

### **A. Case Updates**

1. F/V *Haeshin*, January 21, 2008 spill into Grays Harbor

Geoff reviewed the incident summary.

2. F/V *Miss Michelle*, September 19, 2008 spill into the Pacific Ocean

Geoff reviewed the incident summary.

- i. The RDA Committee discussed how to handle older open RDA cases. The committee agreed that all cases should remain open unless extenuating circumstances compel the committee to consider otherwise. As inquiries come in from Ecology's fiscal office, Geoff will bring those cases to the RDA committee for review. These inquiries will also be used to prompt the Attorney General's Office to revisit the case.

3. F/V *Deep Sea* spill, May 13, 2012

Geoff and Brian provided an update on this case. Don Noviello is still working this case through the NPFC claims process.

4. Sulphur Creek, March 1, 2015 spill into the Yakima River  
Geoff and Alison informed the committee of the Yakama Nation's interest in pursuing an NPFC claim for bird injuries against Deaton Lands LLC. The committee agreed that partnering with the Yakama Nation on this NRDA may yield a higher quality restoration project. Geoff will discuss the matter with the Deaton's.
5. La Mexicana spill, November 6, 2015  
King County DNRP has formally withdrawn their project proposal for this RDA. Geoff will discuss options for moving forward with the RP.
6. F/V *Privateer*, April 15, 2016 spill into the Pacific Ocean  
Geoff has forwarded the restoration project proposal paperwork to the responsible party and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Waiting for a full project proposal.

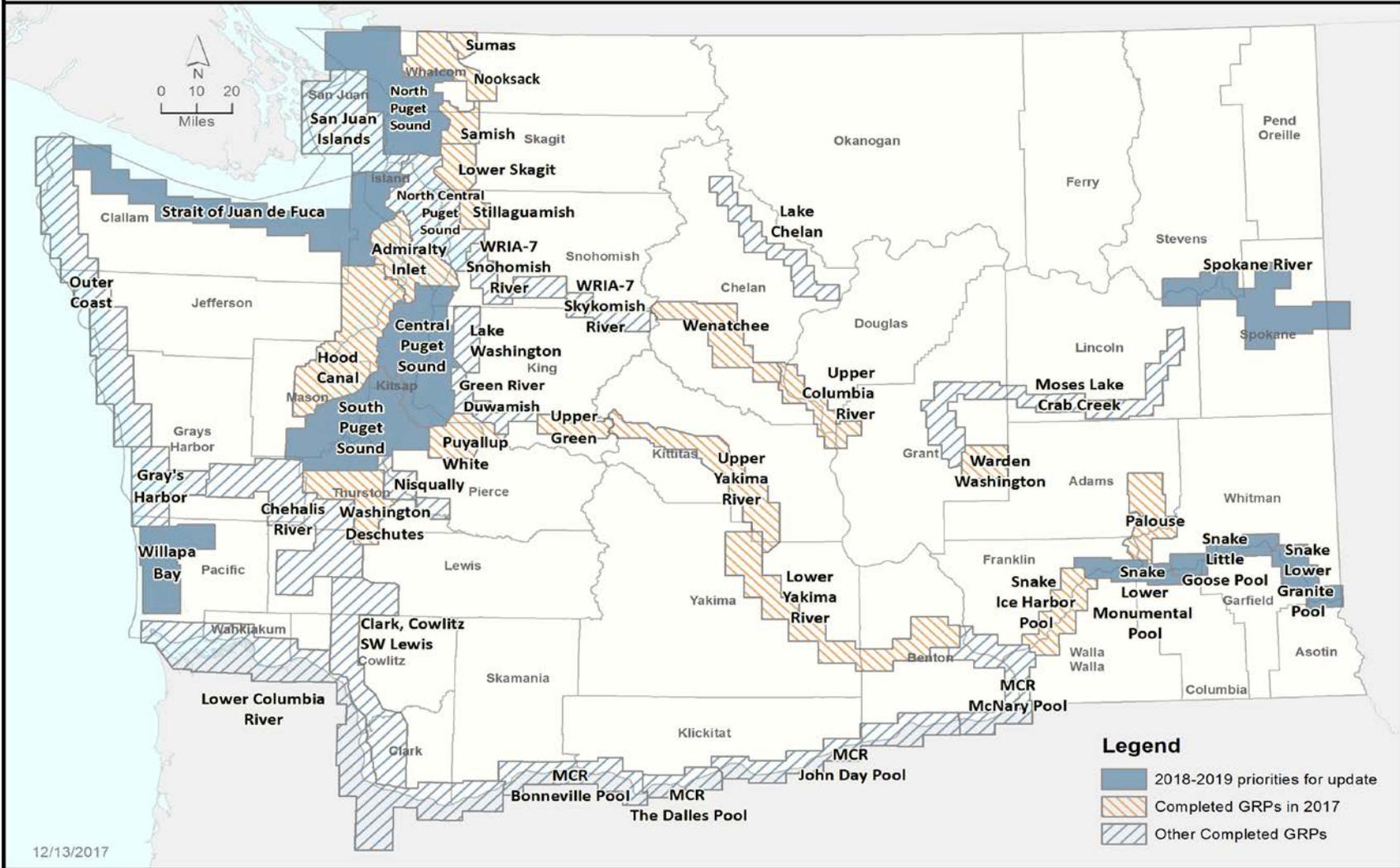
### **III. Announcements**

None.

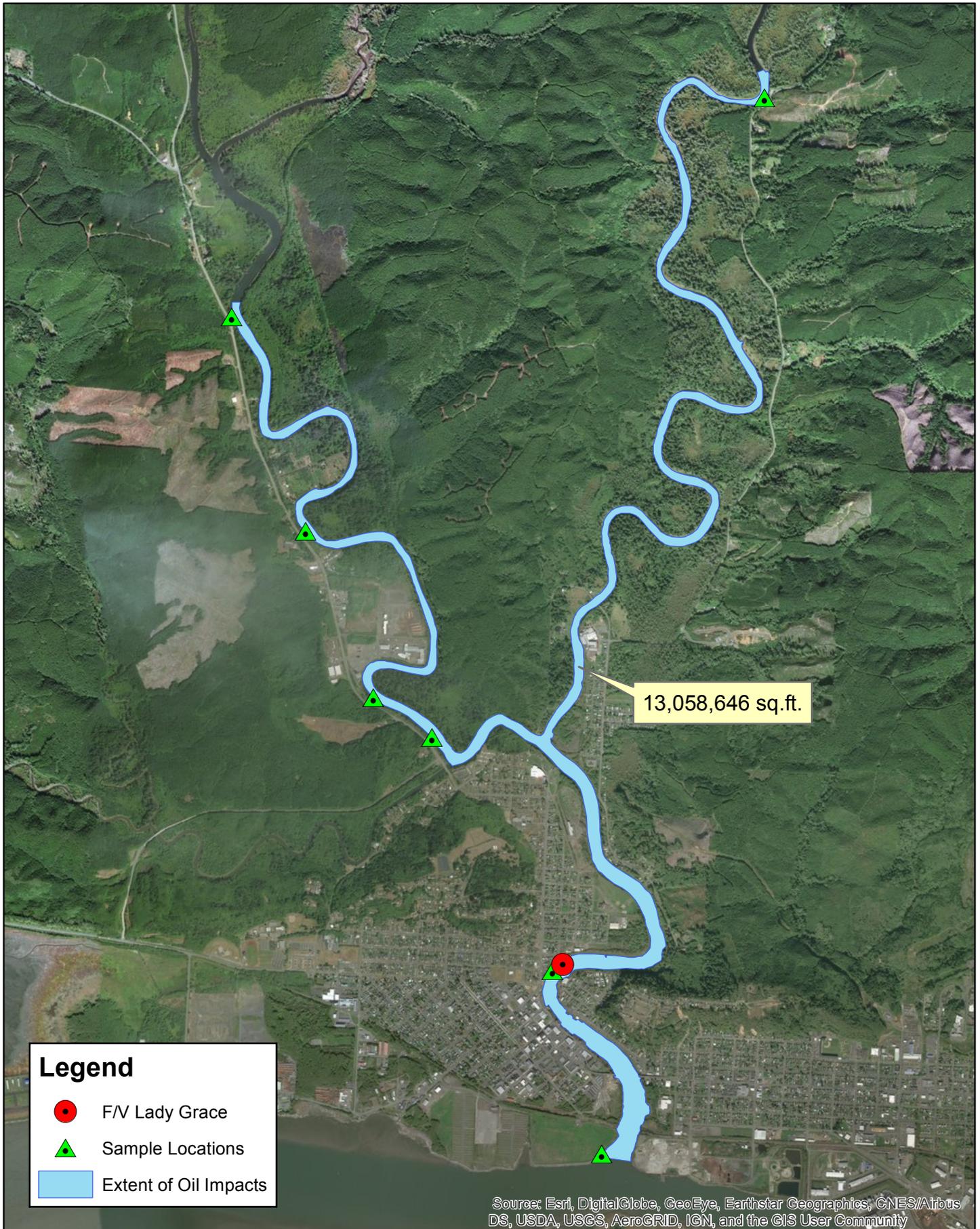
### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by Geoff Baran. The next regular meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2018, at Ecology HQ in Lacey, Room R0A-36.

# Geographic Response Plans



# F/V LADY GRACE



## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** March 2, 2018

**Potentially Liable Party:** John Simons, Jr.

**Product Spilled:** Diesel

**Spill Source:** F/V *Lady Grace*

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** Yet to be determined

**Water Body Affected:** Hoquiam River

**Ecology Region:** SWRO

**County:** Grays Harbor

**Nearest City:** Hoquiam

**Location of Spill:** 220 Monroe St

**Cause:** Inadequate Maintenance

**Ecology Responder:** John Diamant

**Field Report:** The 70ft. F/V *Lady Grace* was reported listing on March 2. Despite Ecology responders' best efforts to help the owner keep the boat afloat, the vessel took on water and sank, spilling an as yet to be determined volume of diesel fuel into the Hoquiam River. The owner of this vessel is also owns of the F/V *Perwyn*, another vessel that sank at this location. Response contractors dove on the vessel and removed 890 gallons of oily/water from its tanks. TRAP sampling indicates that the tidal influence from Grays Harbor pushed the spilled diesel over 6 miles up the Hoquiam River.

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** March 5, 2018

**Potentially Liable Party:** Bryan Blondeau

**Product Spilled:** Diesel fuel

**Spill Source:** R/V *Rachel Carson*

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** Yet to be determined

**Water Body Affected:** Portage Bay

**Ecology Region:** NWRO

**County:** King

**Nearest City:** Seattle

**Location of Spill:** Dock at University of Washington Marine Sciences Building

**Cause:** Inattention

**Ecology Responder:** Trevor Braund

**Field Report:** While conducting an internal transfer of diesel fuel, the 72' R/V *Rachel Carson* (IMO: 8983210, Gross Ton: 430) discharged an as yet to be determined volume of diesel fuel to Portage Bay. The University of Washington owned vessel was docked at the Marine Sciences Building of the university. After about 20 minutes, the mate discovered the spill and ceased transfer operations, placed the on-site boom around the vessel, and made the necessary notifications to Ecology and the NRC. MSRC and Global Diving and Salvage added more boom and continued on water recovery using sorbents and skimmers. An estimated 454 gallons was recovered.

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** August 8, 2016

**Potentially Liable Party:** Albert Kovacevich

**Product Spilled:** Diesel fuel

**Spill Source:** *F/V Coral Sea*

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 64 gallons.

**Water Body Affected:** Sandy Point Marina, Strait of Georgia/Lummi Bay

**Ecology Region:** NWRO

**County:** Whatcom

**Nearest City:** Ferndale

**Location of Spill:** Sandy Point Marina

**Cause:** Unknown

**Ecology Responder:** Andrew Quast

**Field Report:** The vessel was docked at the Sandy Point Marina (on the Lummi Tribe reservation) where it sank and spilled about 64 gallons of diesel fuel (53 gallons) and lube oils (11 gallons). The USCG estimated that about 50 gallons were recovered. The vessel is still on the bottom as far as Ecology knows. The owner is supposed to arrange for salvage.