# REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM 10/NORTHWEST AREA COMMITTEE (RRT 10/NWAC)

# PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

**0800 – 1630 Wednesday 28 March 2018**

**Port of Tacoma – The Fabulich Center**

**Fife, Washington**

**Sign-in sheets can be viewed** [**here**](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/NWAC%20sign%20in.pdf)**.**

## Safety Briefing, Introductions, Opening Remarks

Ms. Josie Clark, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), welcomed everyone, gave a safety briefing, and introductions were conducted. Mr. Calvin Terada, EPA, welcomed all the attendees and the Port of Tacoma for hosting the meeting. Mr. David Byers, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) welcomed the attendees. CAPT Linda Sturgis, US Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Puget Sound (SPS) welcomed the attendees and requested the attendees to consider the small incidents that occur in the region and not focus solely on large incidents. Ms. Clark introduced the survey that is being conducted by the National Response Team (NRT). A flyer was passed out to the attendees. The flyer can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/NRT%20Survey.pdf).

## NW Area Contingency Plan Overview and Task Force Update

Ms. Elizabeth Petras, USCG District 13 (D13), gave a presentation on the organization and membership of the NW Area Committee, the organization and membership of the Regional Response Team (RRT), various levels of response planning, the role of On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs), contents of the Geographic Response Plans (GRPs), and introduced the 2018 Task Forces. Ms. Allison O’Brien, US Department of Interior (DOI), outlined the goals for the Tribal Outreach and Technical Training and Water Quality Sampling Plan task forces. CWO Brandon Todd, USCG SPS, outlined the purpose of the 96-Hour Plan task force and the goals for 2018. Ms. Petras gave an update on the goals for the Fisheries Management task force and their progress. Mr. Scott Knutson, USCG D13, outlined the objectives of the Hazardous Materials Risk task force and their progress. LCDR Drew Madjeska, USCG Sector Columbia River (SCR), introduced the objectives of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems task force. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/01_NWAC%20NWACP%20Overview.pptx).

## Industry Speaker

Mr. John Gustafson, US Oil, gave a presentation on who US Oil is, what they do, crude oil and petroleum products constituents, the types of crude oils refined at US Oil, the refining process, and oil spill prevention and preparedness at US Oil. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/02_USOR%20Overview%20and%20Spill%20Response.pptx).

## US Coast Guard Recognition Awards

RADM David Throop, welcomed the attendees and discussed the strength of the relationships that exist in the region. RADM Throop presented Ms. Clark with the USCG Public Service Commendation and USCG Meritorious Public Service Award to Mr. Al Allen. CAPT Sturgis thanked both Mr. Allen and Ms. Clark for their work in the oil spill response world. Mr. Calvin Terada, EPA, thanked Ms. Clark and noted there is an EPA award that is currently being processed.

## Non-Floating Oils Panel Discussion

Mr. Knutson introduced the members of the panel: CWO Brandon Todd, USCG SPS; Ms. Sonja Larson, Ecology; and Mr. Devon Grennan, Global Diving and Salvage. Mr. Knutson then defined non-floating oils and the geographic area of oceans in the region and the Columbia River and their respective characteristics. He also reviewed historical large volume spills in the region.

### Oil Spill Response Organization Classification Program

CWO Todd outlined the USCG requirements for oil spill response organizations (OSROs) and the classification of OSROs. The criteria includes the OSROs ownership of non-floating oil detection devices, ability to recover non-floating oils, environment in which the equipment will be operated, the ability to remove non-floating oils from a facility or vessel, and optionally, the ability to contain the non-floating oil. In Washington and Oregon there are six companies that have been classified: Marine Pollution Control Corporation, Clean Harbors Environmental Services, NRC Environmental, Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC), TNT Marine Salvage, and Global Diving and Salvage (Global).

### New Legislative Direction and Resources as Risk

Ms. Sonja Larson, Ecology, gave a presentation on conditions which lead to oil sinking, identification of resources at risk from sinking oils, and non-traditional oil spill equipment (such as shallow-water survey equipment). The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/03_NonFloatingOils-Ecology.pptx).

### OSRO Perspective on Detection and Recovery

Mr. Grennan gave a presentation on Globals’ corporate experiences, the various methods for detection and assessment of non-floating oils, methods of recovery, a review of previous incidences with recovery of non-floating oil, and outlined non-floating oil response considerations. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/04_NFO%20Panel-Global.pptx). CAPT Berliner proposed designing a table top exercise which explores how to respond to sunken product such as asphalt beyond the initial response (day 5 t o7 after the initial response).

## Port of Tacoma Resources at Risk

Ms. Jennifer Stebbings, Port of Tacoma, gave a presentation describing the Port of Tacoma environmental program, a history of Commencement Bay and creation of the Port of Tacoma. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/05_Resources%20at%20Risk-Port%20of%20Tacoma.pptx).

## Incident Management Team/Regional Emergency Operations Center Connection

Mr. Michael Heffner, Oregon State Fire Marshal, gave a presentation on lessons learned from integration during the 2017 Oregon and California wildfires. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/06_REOC_IMT_integration.pptx).

## FishViews Atlas of Waterways

Mr. Brian Footen, FishViews, gave a presentation on using reality-based mapping and geographic information system (GIS) for improving waterway monitoring and early warning systems. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/07_FishViews%20Atlas.pptx).

## Response Documentation Specialist

Ms. Shellee Christensen, USCG, gave a presentation on response documentation including the position of response documentation specialist, the reason for having a documentation specialist, when documentation is required, what should be included in the documentation, and why documentation is collected during a response. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/08_Response%20Documentation%20Specialist.ppt).

## Federal On-Scene Coordinator/State On-Scene Coordinator Reports

### United States Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Jeffry Rodin, EPA, gave a presentation on activities for the EPA since the previous RRT/NWAC meeting, including responses to the Queen Anne Seattle Lead Paint, Portland Junkyard Fire, North Santiam River Gasoline spill, support for Regions 2 and 9 for hurricane and wildfires, and completion of the Gorst Creek Landfill removal and restoration project. He also discussed recent trainings; exercises/workshops; and federal, state, and local planning coordination efforts. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/09_EPA%20OSC%20report.ppt).

### United States Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound

ENS Dan Kenney, USCG SPS, gave a presentation on activities for SPS since the previous RRT/NWAC meeting including the Tug Chief, M/Y Mea Culpa, a review of trainings; exercises/workshops; and federal, state, and local planning coordination efforts, statistics of discharge material of NRC reports. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/10_SPS%20FOSC%20Report.pptx).

### United States Coast Guard Sector Columbia River

CWO Shannon McGregor, USCG SCR, gave a presentation on activities for SCR since the previous RRT/NWAC meeting, including MDLM Diane, F/V Lihue II sinking, derelict vessel – potential Japanese Tsunami debris, Astoria Pier Discharge, F/V Ramona sinking, derelict storage tank, Union Pacific Incident, S/V Salpare Bay Marine, 43 Ft R/V Port of Kalama, and a review of trainings; exercises/workshops; and federal, state, and local planning coordination efforts. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/11_SCR%20OSC%20Report.ppt).

### Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. Mike Zollitsch, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), gave a presentation on statistics of notifications, locations of ODEQ offices where State On-Scene Coordinators are located, exercises in which ODEQ has participated, a review of the major incidents since the previous RRT/NWAC meeting including North Santiam River Gasoline spill and International Paper McKenzie River. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/12_ODEQ%20OSC%20Report.ppt).

### Washington State Department of Ecology

Mr. David Byers gave a presentation on statistics for activities in the previous 12 months, trainings, exercises/workshops, and coordination efforts since the previous RRT/NWAC meeting, legislation – Senate Bill 6269 passed which strengthened oil transportation safety, hazmat equipment grants status, coastal protection fund grants, and incidents since the previous RRT/NWAC meeting including the Rattlesnake Ridge Landslide, Lady Grace sinking and spill, Amtrak Train Derailment, and Operation Green Jade. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/13_Ecology%20OSC%20Report.ppt).

## Astoria Response

LCDR Madjeska, gave a presentation on the Astoria Pier Discharge including a timeline of events during the response, the difficulties encountered during the response with the government furlough, and lessons learned. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/Astoria%20Pier%20Discharge%20NWAC.pptx).

## Closing Comments

CAPT Sturgis thanked the attendees and reminded the attendees to complete the Area Plan survey. CAPT Berliner expressed his appreciation to the attendees and the relationships that are formed at the NWAC/RRT meeting. Mr. Terada thanked the attendees as well. Mr. Dale Jensen, Ecology, welcomed the attendees to the state of Washington.