



Oregon Department of State Lands Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) Workgroup

Tuesday, September 12, 2023; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

MEETING #1 SUMMARY

Meeting materials: <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/WW/Pages/ADVAC.aspx>

Recorded meeting can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@oregonstatelands>

Members on conference call

Chris Jones, Red Shield Insurance Company; Josh Mulhollem, OSMB; Justin Parker, OPRD; Daryl Stafford, Port of Hood River; Chris Hathaway, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership; Troy Wood, Washington State Department of Natural Resources; Stan Tonneson, Waterway Organizations of Oregon (WOOO) and Rocky Point Marina; Andrew Mason, NOAA; Stephanie Rawson, Metro's Waste Prevention & Environmental Services Division; Kelley Deas, Portland Bureau of Parks; Eric Hunter, Diversified Marine Inc.; Sean Whalen, Portland Fire and Rescue; Logan Gilles, DEQ; Lt. Robert Stewart, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol; Aaron Bretz, Port of Newport; Laurel Hillmann, OPRD; Dorothy Diehl, OSMB; Sofia Chavier-Caamaño, Portland Parks and Recreation; Sgt. Stephen Dangler, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol; Doug Romjue, Executive Director Columbia River Yachting Association and Board Member of WOOO; Mark Landauer, Oregon Public Ports Association; Mike Dunning, Port of Coos Bay; Travis Williams, Willamette River Keeper; Vicente Harrison, Portland Parks and Recreation; Rachel Fischer, National Marine Manufacturers Association

Interested parties on the call

Terry Glenn; Alicia Robinson; Bob Dorn, Hyak Maritime; Tim Carman, Commodore, Portland Yacht Club; and additional community members.

Department of State Lands (DSL) Staff

Vicki Walker, Cait McCusker, Jacob Taylor, Chris Castelli, Patricia Fox, Joseph Flager, Linda Safina-Massey

Welcome and Agenda Review

Cait McCusker, DSL provided an overview of the agenda and expectations for this meeting. Vicki Walker, Director, DSL welcomed the new advisory group and provided an overview of scope of purpose.

Policy Update and scope of the ADV Workgroup

(Meeting recording, see 13:28 minute mark.)

Jacob Taylor, DSL provided a policy overview on:

- HB 2914 Establishes the Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Program

- HB 5029 Allocated \$18.76 million from the Monsanto settlement for deposit into the Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Fund. Was effective 7/1/2023 and some funds have already been expended for ADV removal.
- Community Engagement – Have held approximately 40 listening sessions. Positive feedback from community members, stakeholders, and agency partners.

ADV Workgroup Roles and Responsibilities

(Meeting recording, see 17:29 minute mark.)

Cait McCusker, DSL provided:

- Overview of upcoming ADV Workgroup schedule and staff deliverables due to the Legislature in February 2024; provide recommendations that may include Legislative Concepts and Budget items to the State Land Board in April 2024; continue outreach and engagement with the community as well as work with stakeholders on policy and funding requests for the 2025 Legislative session.
- Review of action items that the DSL staff are currently on and future work.
- Recruiting a Waterways Stewardship Manager and an Outreach and Compliance Coordinator.
- Explanation of Workgroup Member’s roles and responsibilities.
- Overview of DSL’s responsibilities and role.
- All meeting documents (agenda, summary notes, etc.) as well as the recording of this meeting are all subject to public meetings rules.
- In early 2024 will open a public comment period.

Workgroup Introductions

(Meeting recording, see 29:55 minute mark.)

Each member provided their name, title, affiliation, and how their work intersects with abandoned and derelict vessels.

ADV Impacts and history in Oregon

(Meeting recording, see 57:44-minute mark.)

Jacob Taylor, DSL gave an overview of:

- Commercial and recreational vessels. Fewer commercial ADVs; however, commercial ADVs have a higher impact on the environment due to the amount of asbestos, fuel, other hazardous waste, their size, and many other factors. Provided an overview of other aspects of the presence and removal of commercial ADVs. Recreational ADVs are much more prevalent than commercial ADVs. People living on them complicates removal efforts. These vessels also commonly contain household waste as well as hazardous waste.
- Both types of ADVs have little or no recycling value and neither is subject to State insurance requirements.
- ADVs pollute rivers and oceans which has negative effects on animals and people as well as negative impacts on recreational opportunities.
- Overview of how ADVs have taken funds out of the Common School Fund. Background on Administrative Rules and DSL ADV activities.
- Explanation of collaboration between State, Federal and local governments to combat ADV problems. Engagement with communities is very important.
- Examples and additional information regarding the history of the following ADVs: New Carissa, Goble (12 vessels), Tourist 2, Alert, Sakarissa, and Tiffany.

ADV Workgroup Shared Outcomes

(Meeting recording, see 1:18:43 minute mark.)

ADV Workgroup members shared their hoped for outcomes. Some of those included:

- It's important to hold people accountable and work on prevention. Need to place financial and cleanup responsibilities on the owners.
- Provide community members with a broader understanding of the dangers of moving an ADV to a marina as well as improve overall understanding of the ADV removal process.
- Having a program in place to report ADVs and reassurance that the State has the resources and processes
- On the recreational side, people have become hesitant to use docks in the Portland area. That has to change.
- A universal dashboard to share information to track and report on vessels that would allow easy access to understand where other agencies have had interactions with vessels.
- Identifying where one agency's authority starts and ends will help identify gaps so that we have a clear understanding of the next steps.
- Prevention is a strong element of the ADV issue.
- One of the biggest issues is securing sustainable funding for the ADV Program.
- Go to the legislature to pass more laws to support the program.
- Program needs to be flexible; it will not be perfect in the beginning, needs to evolve to suit Oregon's needs.
- Determine how houseboats may be addressed in an ADV program.

Community Input

(Meeting recording, see 1:42:20 minute mark.)

Cait –

- Tim Carman, Portland Yacht Club – Express gratitude for the opportunity to listen in and participate. The ADV issue has had a direct impact on Portland Yacht Club members. Appreciate everyone's' efforts on this and let us know how we can help.
- Bob Dorn, Hyak Maritime Industries – Working with Global Diving on the removal of the Tiffany. Appreciate that everyone understands that \$18 million is not that much money. We have created a new facility in Astoria that will drive down the cost of disposal.

Next Steps

(Meeting recording, see 1:47:38 minute mark.)

Cait – Thank you! This was our first meeting to establish structure. Our next meeting will be October 10, 2023. I will send an email to members with meeting materials, and will do public noticing one week or more ahead of time. Will send calendar invitations to members for the October 2023 – April 2024 meetings.

Adjourn

Cait adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM