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

# PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

**0800 – 1630 Tuesday 10 February, 2015**

**Sequim Transit Center – Council Chambers**

**190 West Cedar Street**

**Sequim, Washington 98382**

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

## Safety Briefing, Introductions, Opening Remarks

Ms. Heather Parker, US Coast Guard (USCG) District 13 (D13), gave a safety briefing and conducted introductions. CAPT Joe Raymond, USCG Sector Puget Sound (SPS); introduced himself and welcomed the attendees and updated the group on the number of derelict vessel cases that have been worked on since the last Northwest Area Committee (NWAC) meeting. Mr. Calvin Terada, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), welcomed all the attendees to Sequim and thanked the Steering Committee members for finding the space and creating the agenda. Ms. Linda Pilkey-Jarvis, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) welcomed the attendees and updated the group on the recently conducted vessel study. Introduction of the attendees was conducted.

## Tribal Blessing

Mr. Bill Parkin, Makah Nation, gave the opening tribal blessing.

## NW Area Committee and NW Area Contingency Plan Overview and Summary of Changes for 2015, 2015 Task Forces

Ms. Parker gave a presentation on the NWAC, the Regional Response Team (RRT), the Area Contingency Plan (NWACP), and the 2015 Task Forces. Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis introduced the technology conference that will be conducted in downtown Seattle in 2015. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/01_Sequim%20RRT_NWAC%20Basics_v2.pptx).

## Tribal Resources Panel

Mr. Chad Bowechop, Makah Nation, discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the USCG 13th District that defines their formal working relationship with regards to oil pollution and vessel traffic safety. He expressed gratitude for being invited to participate in the NWAC and reviewing the updates to the NWACP. He asked for feedback and support for the proposed Trans-Boundary Shipping Summit.

### Trans-Boundary Shipping Summit

Ms. Laura Nelson, Makah Nation, gave a presentation on managing the risk of oil spills from increasing ship traffic in the Puget Sound Region. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/02_VSS%20rrt%20presentation.pptx). Mr. Paul Dye, Director of Marine Conservation Nature Conservancy of Washington, outlined the role of the organization and how they participate in response planning and trans-boundary response.

## DHS/DNSO Mobile Detection Deployment Unit Capabilities

Mr. Noel Mueller, US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Radiological and Nuclear Detection Program gave a presentation of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) capabilities. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/03_NWRRT%20Brief%20on%20DNDO.pptx).

Mr. Jeff Berneski, US Department of Energy Radiological Assistance Program Region 8, gave a presentation on the Mobile Detection Deployment Unit (MDDU-6) which is stored in Richland, Washington. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/04_MDDU%20Brief%20for%20Sequim.ppt).

## Case Study of EPA Radiation Response in Boise, ID

Mr. Michael Boykin, EPA On-Scene Coordinator gave a presentation on the emergency response and investigations that were conducted in Treasure Valley, Idaho. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/05_RRT%20Treasure%20Valley%20Rad%20Final.pptx).

## British Columbia Geographic Response Strategies

Mr. Michael Lowry and Ms. Jocelyn Gardner, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) gave a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of WCMRC as well as planning and tools for the region. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/06_02-10-2015%20WCMRC%20Overview-%20Washington%20State.pptx).

## National Strike Force Coordination Center Updates

LT Jonathan Cooper, USCG National Strike Force Coordination Center, gave a presentation on updates to the National Strike Force’s capabilities and programs. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/07_2015%20NSFCC%20PPT%20RRT.ppt).

## On-Scene Coordinator Reports

### US Coast Guard Sector Columbia River

LT Chad Thompson, USCG SCR Marine Safety Unit Portland, gave a presentation on the cases that have been responded to by USCG SCR. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/08_Sector%20Columbia%20River%20NWAC-RRT%20OSC%20Report%20Feb%202015.pptx).

### US Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound

LTJG Siperek, USCG SPS Incident Management Division gave a presentation on spills in the Sector Puget Sound AOR (Area of Responsibility) and significant cases since the last NWAC meeting. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/09_SPS%20FOSC%20Report_FEB2015_NWAC_mtg.ppt).

### Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. Bruce Gilles, ODEQ, gave a presentation on responses conducted in Oregon since November 2014. He announced that Mr. Jeff Brown is a new OSC that will start June 2015. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/10_Boardman%20Creek%20TCR%20Presentation.pptx).

### Washington State Department of Ecology

Ms. Linda Pilkey-Jarvis, Ecology, gave a presentation on derelict vessel responses, drills that have been conducted, and responses in which Ecology was involved. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/11_RRT%20ECY%20OSC%20February%202015.pptx).

## Lessons learned from recent drills/exercises/meetings and Objectives for next season

CDR Katie Blanchard, USCG SPS and Ms. Elin Storey, Ecology gave a presentation on lessons learned from drills and exercises that were conducted in 2014. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/12_ACP%202%2010%202014final.ppt).

## Closing Comments

Ms. Linda Pilkey-Jarvis gave closing comments and thanked the participants for attending. CAPT Joe Raymond also thanked the attendees and expressed his pleasure that as a group in this area, we work well together. CAPT Dan Travers echoed comments by CAPT Raymond and Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis. Mr. Calvin Terada thanked all the attendees and opened the floor to additional closing comments. Mr. Don Pettit, ODEQ, reported that Canadian Tar Sands had been shipped through Oregon by rail for the first time and recommended that groups keep each other informed of changing risks in the area. Mr. Terada ended the meeting by facilitating a brief discussion period with the attendees, opening the floor for anyone with updates to share them.