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

# PUBLIC SESSION NOTES

**0830 – 1630 Tuesday 18 September, 2018**

**Salmon Room, The Mill Casino Hotel**

**3201 Tremont Avenue**

**North Bend, Oregon 97459**

**Sign-in sheets can be viewed** [**here**](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/09-18-18%20NWAC%20Sign-in%20Sheet.pdf)**.**

## Safety Briefing, Introductions, Opening Remarks

CDR Drew Madjeska, United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Columbia River (SCR) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Coquille Tribe for hosting the meeting. Mr. Bruce Gilles, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded the attendees of the New Carissa event that occurred over 20 years ago in Coos Bay, and noted ODEQ is working on Geographic Response Plans (GRPs) on the Oregon coast. CAPT Jeremy Smith, Captain of the Port (COTP) SCR introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Beth Sheldrake, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomed the attendees and introduced the new Northwest Area Planner Ms. Lori Muller, she noted there are two new On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) that will be joining EPA in October, she also thanked the Coquille Tribe, SCR, and ODEQ for setting the agenda. Ms. Kassandra Rippee, Coquille Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) Coordinator, introduced herself and welcomed all the attendees. Introductions of the attendees were conducted.

## NW Area Contingency Plan Overview and Task Force Update

Ms. Elizabeth Petras, USCG District 13 (D13), gave a presentation on the Northwest Area Committee (NWAC) and Regional Response Team (RRT) 10 including National Contingency Plan (NCP) basics, the makeup of the NWAC and RRT, the Northwest Area Contingency Plan (NWACP), interagency spill coordination, how an OSC can use the NWACP in a response, the use of GRPs during a response, and the 2018 selected task forces. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/01_NWAC%20NWACP%20Overview%20May%202018.pptx).

### 96-Hour Tool Kit

CWO Brandon Todd, USCG D13, reported on the new tab on the web page for links to documents to be used in conjunction with the 96-Hour Plan.

### Fisheries Management

Ms. Petras reported on the work for the Fisheries Management Task Force to update Section 9409 to include additional information on state fisheries, federal fisheries, and Tribal Fisheries. She noted there is further need for tribal input to the updated section.

### Unmanned Aircraft Systems

CDR Madjeska gave a brief on best practices to utilize unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in a response, the introduction of a white paper on local, state, and federal policies concerning UAS during a response and the inclusion of a temporary flight restriction information in Chapter 3000 of the NWACP.

### Water Quality Sampling Plan

Ms. Alison O’Brien, United States Department of Interior (DOI), introduced the two templates that are being proposed for inclusion into the updated plan (initial incident characterization sampling and analysis plan and environmental sampling and analysis plan). The new section is 9419 Emergency Response Environmental Sampling Plan.

### Hazardous Materials Risk

Ms. Linda Pilkey-Jarvis, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Mr. Michael Heffner, Oregon State Fire Marshall, discussed the work of the task force for the compilation of the top five hazardous materials that are shipped through the region. The task force created a handout of the materials shipped through the region. The handout can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/02_Haz%20Mat%20Task%20Force.pptx).

### Social Media

Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis gave an update of the inclusion of a social media policy in the NWACP in Section 2000 as well as updates to the Joint Information Center (JIC) manual in Section 9202.

### Tribal Outreach and Technical Training

Mr. Brian Milchak, DOI, gave a presentation on the work of the Tribal Outreach and Technical Training task force including the creation of a capacity building resources information document, a table of Incident Command System (ICS) rolls with recommended trainings and responsibilities for tribal members, as well as compilation of a tribal contact list, and finally the identification of Tribal Coordination Specialists. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/03_Tribal%20Outreach%20TF.pptx).

## Tribal Nations Outreach

Ms. Pilkey-Jarvis reported on the Tribal Lands and Events Forum 2018 conducted in Spokane, Washington earlier this. This is a forum that is conducted in various places around the United States. Ecology participated in a panel on the work the NWAC has accomplished with regards to Tribal Outreach. Participants on the panel included Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) and the Colville Tribe. Many of the participants at the forum expressed interest in involving their respective tribes in the planning process and in capacity building opportunities. Ms. Haley Kennard, Makah Tribe, participated in the forum panel and noted the Makah Tribe has increasing concern of increased vessel traffic through usual and accustomed areas and their experience with their involvement in the NWAC. Ms. Susan Forsythe, Washington State Department of Emergency Management, noted the tribes are more engaged in the Pacific Northwest than in other areas of the country. Mr. Chad Bowechop, Makah Tribe, discussed the working relationship between the tribes and federal response partners. Ms. Petras discussed the 2018 CANUSPAC workshop which was conducted in May 2018 in Port Angeles, Washington. Ms. Kennard discussed the upcoming Indigenous Caucus to be conducted 1-2 October 2018 in Neah Bay, Washington.

## Southern Oregon Coastal Tribes

Ms. Rippee presented information on the Coquille Tribe including the languages spoken in the region, and the history of the people. Coquille are not a reservation or treaty tribe. The Coquille people have been in the area for 12,000 years. She discussed the culture of the tribe. She also discussed consultation with the various offices within the tribe. She gave examples of the work a THPO conducts during an emergency response and what types of cultural resources would be of concern to the tribe. Mr. Derek Mollier noted the emergency response programs for the Coquille is in its infancy over the past year. Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) is a contact for which tribes may be impacted by a project or spill.

Ms. Janet Niessner, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, discussed the history of the tribe including the historical area of habitation. The tribe is working to upgrade their laboratory to analyze for environmental contaminants. She also noted the tribal geographic information system (GIS) group has created shape files that outline the areas that would be of most concern to the tribe and they are willing to share these files with others in the response community.

## Oregon Coast Geographic Response Plans

Mr. Don Pettit, ODEQ, introduced Ms. Sarah Idczak, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fellow who gave a presentation on updates to the coastal GRPS including an overview of the project, the status of the project, highlights of the changes to the response strategies, the process for updating the GRPs, and presented the story map for becoming involved in the GRP update process. If you would like to have the shape files for the GRPs contact Ms. Idczak. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/04_NWAC_Sept_2018.pptx). The GRP story map can be viewed [here](https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=6c08fb1000eb483b8e3f188eccd525ad).

## Oregon Hazmat Team Capabilities

Mr. Michael Heffner, Oregon State Fire Marshall gave a tour of the Coos Bay Fire Hazmat Team response vehicle. He then provided information on the various capabilities of the Oregon HazMat Teams. He also introduced the Fire to Environmental Response Transition report that was created based on the 2017 task force.

## Coos Bay Response Cooperative

Mr. Doug Eberlein, Coos Bay Response Cooperative, gave a presentation on including the history of the organization, the response equipment they have, the locations where equipment is stored, and a review of their recent tabletop exercise. John with Northwest Firefighter Envrio discussed further the tabletop exercise and the capabilities of his organization. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/05_CBRC.pptx).

## Liquefied Natural Gas – Proposed Jordan Cove Facility

Mr. Carl Hulsemann, Jordan Cove, gave a presentation on the proposed Jordan Cove facility including the history of the project, the components of the proposed project, emergency planning efforts, and the construction process. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/06_Jordan%20Cove.pptx).

## On-Scene Coordinator Reports

### Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Mr. Michael Zollitsch, ODEQ, introduced Mr. Jamie Collins as the newest ODEQ On-Scene Coordinator (OSC). He then gave a presentation that outlined the responses that have occurred since the previous meeting, the locations of the state OSCs, and some of the responses that have occurred including the North Santiam River Phase II work to excavate contaminated soil left in place over the winter. Mr. Collins discussed the Industrial Oils Klamath Falls, Oregon response. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/07a_Oregon%20OSC%20Report.pptx), [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/07b_Oregon%20OSC%20Report.ppt) and [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/07c_Oregon%20OSC%20Report.wmv).

### United States Coast Guard Sector Columbia River

Chief Sheridan McLellan. USCG SCR, gave a presentation on responses that have occurred since the last meeting including the fishing vessel Kluane in Coos Bay, Oregon; the fishing vessel Tiger Fish in Westport, Washington; the fishing vessel Coast Pride in Newport, Oregon; and the trainings, exercises/workshops, and planning and coordination efforts. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/08_SCR%20OSC%20Report.ppt).

### United States Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound

MST1 Chrystin McLelland, USCG Sector Puget Sound (SPS) gave a presentation on responses that have occurred since the last meeting including the San Juan Island responses, the large recreational vessel cases, and the trainings, exercises/workshops, and planning and coordination efforts, and the Puget Sound Coastal Area Contingency Plan Responder meeting. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/09_SPS%20OSC%20Report.pptx).

### United States Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Randy Nattis, EPA OSC, gave a presentation on the responses that have occurred since the last meeting including the Lake Washington vessel sinking in Kenmore, Washington; the Kendrick Oil spill in Kendrick, Idaho; the Grand View Diesel spill in Grandview, Idaho; the Tacoma Power paint chips; Burley demolition asbestos site in Burley, Idaho; and Black Butte Mine in Cottage Grove, Oregon; and the trainings, exercises/workshops, and planning and coordination efforts. The presentation can be viewed [here](http://www.rrt10nwac.com/files/files/10_EPA%20OSC%20Report.pptx).

## Closing Comments

Mr. Bruce Gilles thanked all the attendees for coming to Coos Bay for the meeting and for the interesting agenda items. Ms. Beth Sheldrake also thanked the attendees. CAPT Smith also thanked the attendees and the host Coquille.