



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

Tuesday, October 24, 2023; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING #3 SUMMARY

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

Recorded meeting can be viewed here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkHgMutmGXc&list=PLZ-e_V4Lk-NXtX9Ur8cU65pCZjEbYtF0-&index=3&ab_channel=OregonDepartmentofStateLands

Members on Conference Call

LCDR Joe Anthony, USCG; Abby Boudouris, DEQ; Aaron Bretz, Port of Newport; Sgt. Steve Dangler, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; Dorothy Diel, OSMB; Mike Dunning, Port of Coos Bay; Rachel Fischer, National Marine Manufacturers Association; Aaron Harrington, Global Diving and Salvaging; Chris Hathaway, Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership; Laurel Hillmann, OPRD; Eric Hunter, Diversified Marine; Mark Landauer, Oregon Public Ports Association; Josh Mulhollem, OSMB; Justin Parker, OPRD; Stephanie Rawson, Metro's Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Division; Doug Romjue, Columbia River Yachting Association and Board Member of WOOO; Daryl Stafford, Port of Hood River; CDR Bonnie Stewart, USCG; Sean Whalen, Portland Fire and Rescue; Travis Williams, Willamette River Keeper; Troy Wood, Washington DNR;

Interested Parties on Call

William Scott Jorgenson, City of Rainier; Lt. Dan Russo and Lt. Carlie Gilligan, USCG

Department of State Lands Staff & Consultants

Chris Castelli, Linda Safina-Massey, and Katrina Scotto di Carlo, DSL
Erik Jensen and Jack Heffernan, Jensen Strategies

Welcome and Agenda Review

(Meeting recording, see 10:50 minute mark)

Erik Jensen, Jensen Strategies, reviewed the agenda, discussed the upcoming schedule and workgroup member roles.

Chris Castelli, DSL, provided an update on the Tiffany Abandoned/Derelict Vessel (ADV) removal. Photos displayed the Tiffany after it was removed from water.

Presentation: Vessel Prioritization Criteria

(Meeting recording, see 10:50 minute mark)

Chris Castelli reviewed the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' vessel prioritization criteria and other sample criteria. The presentation also included a summary of feedback from 40+ stakeholder interviews conducted in Summer 2023.

ADV Workgroup Discussion

(Meeting recording, see 27:07 minute mark)

Erik Jensen facilitated a discussion about whether the Washington State Department of Natural Resources vessel prioritization criteria work well for them and what other issues should be considered in developing such criteria. Comments and suggestions from the work group members included:

- Criteria doesn't meet the same threshold of other agencies and it needs to really be defined well.
- Need to come up with what constitutes an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Encouraged to use examples for each criteria.
- The issue affects people significantly at an individual or local level, even if it doesn't rise to the broader priority, when it has a significant impact on a community.
- The prioritization schedule should be flexible to allow for different circumstances, such as funding availability.
- The criteria seem great but unclear how they would be specifically applied.

Presentation: ADV Reporting and Response in Oregon

(Meeting recording, see 10:50 minute mark)

Dorothy Diehl, OSMB, gave a presentation about how OSMB hears about and confirms reported ADVs, gaps in reporting, and the need for an ADV database.

Presentation: Piloting a Collaborative GIS-based ADV Inventory for Oregon

(Meeting recording, see 41:10 minute mark)

Dorothy Diehl continued with a presentation on a GIS-based inventory pilot project to report and track ADVs by enforcement agencies.

Erik Jensen reviewed a summary of input regarding ADV reporting and inventory from interviews with 40+ stakeholders in summer 2023 that included: a database would be critical; quality should be valued over quantity; enforcement costs are high; and a single point of contact is needed. Also noted was that a tool that can produce reports with tell trends and identified hot spots would be even better.

Sgt. Steve Dangler, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; Sean Whalen, Portland Fire and Rescue; and Stephanie Rawson, Metro's Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Division; gave overviews of local government experiences with ADV reporting, response, and inventory. Lt.

Cmdr. Joe Anthony and Lt. Dan Russo, USCG; gave an overview of federal government experiences.

ADV Workgroup Discussion

(Meeting recording, see 1:15:41 minute mark)

Erik Jensen facilitated a discussion related to ADV reporting and inventory focusing on: what problems are being solved; what are the immediate and essential needs for a reporting tool and database in the near term; what long-term needs that can improve the tool and program outcomes; and what else would be nice to have but is not essential for the program?

Comments and suggestions included:

- The goal in keeping a central database is to avoid duplicative efforts between agencies.
- Databases are used to establish timelines and locations.
- The topic of dispatching of resources needs to be discussed in terms of determining if the issue is regionally based, being able to track how long a boat has been there. Being able to assess the application resources in light of different needs.
- Does it need to be a state-wide database? How to be strategic about it and ability to offer tools to specific areas.
- If you don't have a state-wide database how do you prioritize ADVs state-wide?
- It is hard to solve the problem of ADVs without information from something like a database.
- Need to have something state-wide but it might be possible to breakdown by region/area to have access to the local information on ADVs.
- Immediate needs:
 - Continued resources and funding from the state or other sources. These would have to be long-term and renewable.
 - The group needs to address the regional interests/needs when it comes to a database.
 - An agency needs to own the database and should be funded to maintain it and coordinate with other agencies.
- This database will need to have accurate information that may be difficult with smaller boats – that should be handled more on a regional basis.
- Wants something available where you can call someone to get something addressed immediately – using designated contractors.
- On the coast and rural ports need contractors to help with the ADVs removal.
- There needs to be designated funding to address sinking boats immediately.

Community Input

(Meeting recording, see 1:36:45 minute mark)

Community input included:

- William Scott Jorgenson, City of Rainier - local governments need to be empowered to handle ADV issues themselves instead of waiting for a statewide response.

Next Steps

(Meeting recording, see 1:40:35 minute mark)

Erik Jensen provided his contact information and asked for members to contact him with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM