



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

Tuesday, October 10, 2023; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING #2 SUMMARY

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

Recorded meeting can be viewed here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUpk8AI0wtA&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; 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; Sean Whalen, Portland Fire and Rescue; Travis Williams, Willamette River Keeper; Troy Wood, Washington DNR;

Interested Parties on Call

Lt. Carlie Gilligan, USCG; Andrew Mason, NOAA; William Scott Jorgenson, City of Rainier; Audie Huber, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; Terry Glenn;

Department of State Lands Staff & Consultants

Chris Castelli, Cait McCusker, Joe Flager, Katrina and Scotto di Carlo, DSL
Erik Jensen and Jack Heffernan, Jensen Strategies

Welcome and Agenda Review

Cait McCusker, DSL, provided overview of the agenda, expectations for this meeting, and an update on ongoing ADV removal operations. First-time member, staff, and facilitator attendees introduced themselves.

Presentation

(Meeting recording, see 10:50 minute mark)

- Chris Castelli, DSL; Dorothy Diehl, OSMB; Abby Boudouris, DEQ; and Justin Parker, OPRD; gave an overview of roles, authorities, and jurisdiction of the respective agencies that they represent.
- Chris Castelli and Josh Mulhollem, OSMB; discussed known gaps in federal, state, and local authorities.
- An overview of the 2018 ADV Blue Ribbon Program Report for Western U.S. States, including seven recommendations was provided.
- Cait reviewed a summary of the input on authorities and jurisdiction from 40 stakeholder interviews conducted in Summer 2023: processes are confusing; ADV issues grow each year; funding, procurement, and safe disposal options do not match enforcement authority; and opportunities are available for new or revised authorities to increase prevention.

ADV Workgroup Discussion

(Meeting recording, see 1:01:34 minute mark)

Erik Jensen, facilitator, led a discussion on what work group members see as gaps or barriers to authorities and jurisdiction at the state, local, federal levels. In addition, the 2018 ADV Blue Ribbon Program Report recommendations were discussed. Comments and suggestions from the work group members included:

State level:

- Many waterways in and around Coos Bay, and some other areas in the state, are under private ownership, or at least not under state authority.
- Need a better way to track who owns vessels.
- The program will need adequate funding from the state Legislature.
- Lack of ability to take possession of and impound ADVs.
- The state needs more “teeth” to enforce ADVs under its authority.
- Resources are not fully available for agencies seeking to remove ADVs.
- Removing ADVs can incur costs and liability onto the agency. Proactiveness can be penalized.
- Need one agency to develop a plan, track ADVs in a database, meet with stakeholders, etc., rather than several overlapping agencies.
- The hearing process for removed ADVs has not been overly burdensome for staff, but costs can pile up.

At the local level:

- Clarification about what constitutes a “small vessel”: the size of the vessel is not relevant to ADV removals.
- Law enforcement needs to know where ADVs would be relocated if they are seized.

- Local priorities need to be more emphasized. Shared authority to remove ADVs from a waterway under a different jurisdiction and later seek reimbursement from that agency; That reimbursement mechanism exists, but, for various reasons, it is not widely used (funding, priorities, etc.)

At the federal level:

- Federal authorities are unable to remove an ADV until it sinks and starts to pollute.

Regarding the recommendations from Blue Ribbon report, or other ideas:

- Need to focus on economic development in the maritime community, to give authorities places to tow ADVs; Future workgroup meetings will discuss barriers such as these.
- Authority is not the issue. Follow-through is the issue.
- Need incentives to remove ADVs
- Those who abandon vessels do not face clear consequences.

Community Input

(Meeting recording, see 1:40:44 minute mark)

No public comment was offered.

Next Steps

(Meeting recording, see 1:41:43 minute mark)

The next meeting is October 24. The input from this and the previous meeting will help structure that agenda.

Adjourn

Cait adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM