

# Barriers & Challenges Themes

Identified in August 24 by Kitsap Derelict & Abandoned Vessel Program Technical Committee

## Funding

- Up front costs
- Uncertainty of funds for reimbursement in DNR account
- Staff Capacity/Resources- lack of boats, lack of docks to take vessels to, disposal facilities
- Costs to store boats
- Lack of revenue for ports/marinas during posting/appeal period, etc

## Complex Process

- Identifying Ownership
- Logistics
  - Right of Entry on private tidelands
  - Permitting
- Posting vessels at anchor or sunken vessels
- Vessels on private property/ tidelands

## Enforcement

- Tracking- 30 day/5 mile rule
- Boats breaking moorage and going adrift
- DOL Registration/Title requirements not enforced. Bill of sale reporting timeline requirements need to be enforced.
- Often, repeat offenders
- Capacity for more enforcement presence on water
- Need improved enforcement authorities/resources (legislative)
- Enforce boater education card requirements – any LEO could enforce.
- Prosecutors are not prioritizing these cases.
- Lack of registration- tickets

## Education/Outreach

- How to anchor boats properly
- How to properly transfer title so you aren't the last registered owner
- VTIP

## Risk

- Illegal activities; difficulty securing vessels during posting
- Risk of damage from sunken vessels (damage to docks/ramps)
- Legal risk of appeal

## Lack of Coordination

- USCG & US Navy delivery of vessels to Ports and docks
- Tracking & vessels moving between jurisdictions (See Enforcement)
- Communicating history of vessel postings