Kitsap County Derelict & Abandoned Vessel Removal Program

Meeting #4



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Zoom attendees

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- Use raise hand function to speak
- Turn on video when possible

In-Person attendees

• Turn name tag vertical to speak

Wi-Fi: Community Wi-Fi

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Review Agenda

1:00	Introductions, updates, review agenda
1:15	Legislative Updates from DNR
1:30	Review and discuss potential solutions from Meeting #3
2:10	10 minute break
2:20	Determine focus groups and assign members
2:35	Tracking Database Discussion
3:00	Wrap Up and Adjourn

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2024 Meeting Schedule

- November 13, 2024
- December 11, 2024

Round Table -Welcome and Introductions

- Name
- Agency
- Recent highlight or update on your work (optional)



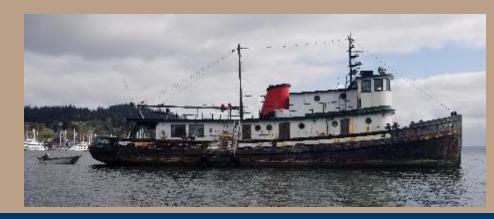






Washington Department of Natural Resources

Derelict Vessel Removal Program Legislative Capitol Budget ask 2025 October 2024





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Project Number:40000587Project Title:Derelict Vessel Removal Program

Funding			Expenditures			2025-27 Fiscal Period	
Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps	
23N-1	MTC Capital Account-State	3,000,000				3,000,000	
23N-1	MTC Capital Account-State	3,000,000				3,000,000	
23N-1	MTC Capital Account-State	1,000,000				1,000,000	
23N-1	MTC Capital Account-State	1,000,000				1,000,000	
23N-1	MTC Capital Account-State	2,500,000				2,500,000	
23N-1	MTC Capital Account-State	3,000,000				3,000,000	
	Total	13,500,000	0	0	0	13,500,000	

"DVRP is the state's key mechanism for addressing the problem of derelict and abandoned vessels and is widely considered the most successful program in the nation. In 2022, the Legislature recognized the value of the program by establishing sustainable funding using a portion of the watercraft excise tax that increased the program's biennial budget to approximately \$10 million. In the 2023-25 biennium, over \$1.5 million of the DVRP budget was diverted to address the imminent threat from just six large derelict vessels and another large vessel's deconstruction has been postponed due to the very high cost (likely \$3M to remove, which is 33% of the entire biennial funding). "





Pacific Producer 170 feet Est. disposal cost: \$3M In storage -~\$120K/year



WW2 Sub-Chaser 110 feet Est. disposal cost: \$3M Sunk

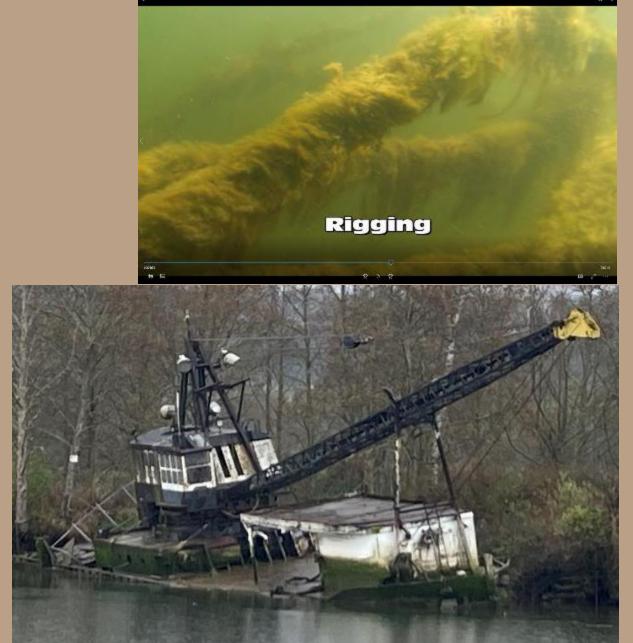




CG-83527 83 feet Est. disposal cost: \$3M Sunk

Cairdeas 109 feet Est. disposal cost: \$1M Floating





Onondaga 165 feet Est. disposal cost: \$2.5M Sunk

O&M No.1 aka Western Marine Construction 101 feet Est. disposal cost: \$1M Sunk/beached



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THANK YOU!

Derelict Vessel Removal & Vessel Turn In Program DVRP@dnr.wa.gov 360-902-BOAT

Questions?



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Review Potential Solutions Identified at Meeting #3

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Complex Process- Potential Solutions

- 1. Post more/better resources & training materials on website
- 2. Improve collaboration through vessel tracking database
- 3. Identifying ownership
 - APEs can search DOL website and contact USCG for last registered owner
 - Consider adding these contacts to website

Complex Process- Potential Solutions

- 1. Be creative posting sunken vessels (anchor/buoy, sign on beach, etc.)
- 2. Send all postings to DNR
- 3. Improve funding for DNR so they have more technical assistance capacity
- 4. Resources/guidance for prioritization (see DNR prioritization on website)

Funding- Potential Solutions

- 1. Revolving Loan Fund for up-front costs
 - Would require legislative change to DNR's program unless housed in a different agency (DNR would be loaning money to pay back DNR...)
- 2. Post boats as soon as they stop paying moorage
 - Once posted, storage costs are reimbursable
- 3. Explore grants for up-front costs (i.e. NOAA Marine Debris)
 - Not long-term solutions

Funding-Potential Solutions

- 1. Explore long-term funding for up-front costs
 - Example: Increase registration fees for boaters
- 2. Fully fund DNR program
 - Ports/agencies would be more likely to pay upfront costs if reimbursement was guaranteed
 - Need advocacy at legislative level, long term funding options, grants
- 3. Fund full time marine law enforcement units

Enforcement- Potential Solutions

- 1. Fund marine law enforcement units
- 2. Find a County-owned dock or site for KSO to take vessels to
 - A. Or explore a ILA or other agreements with dock owners
- 3. Tracking database to improve coordination across jurisdictions
- 4. Identify APE for private tidelands (ie local law enforcement)
- 5. Consider civil penalties
- 6. Consider stricter ordinances at local level

USCG & US Navy Solutions

- 1. Designate preferred "safe haven" docks/piers (example: deep water)
- 2. Update USCG protocol to include a phone call notification to Port/dock owner and DNR
 - Provide Port phone numbers in protocol
- 3. Once updated, USCG could provide example protocol to Navy

Derelict & Abandoned Vessel Prevention-Potential Solutions

- 1. Training/Resources for Code Compliance, Nuisance Abatement Teams, Public Health
 - May observe vessels on trailers during site visits
 - Can provide information & flyers on VTIP
- 2. Fund full-time marine unit at KSO
 - Can include outreach/education, especially in off season
 - Better enforcement can deter boat owners from abandoning vessels
- 3. Local VTIP Events
 - Fund with grant dollars
- 4. Reduce boats going to auction & set minimum bid

Break (10-minutes)

Discussion- Identify Focus Groups (15 min)

DCD Actions to Lead:

- Improve resources & develop SOPs for website
- Supplement DNR prioritization with additional habitat guidance
- Develop tracking database
- Coordinate VTIP event
- Provide training/resources to Code Compliance, KNAT, and KPHD

Goal #1: Select additional priority solutions and potential leads Goal #2: Recruit focus groups to develop these solutions for implementation

Discussion: Tracking Database (25 mins)



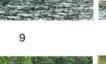
















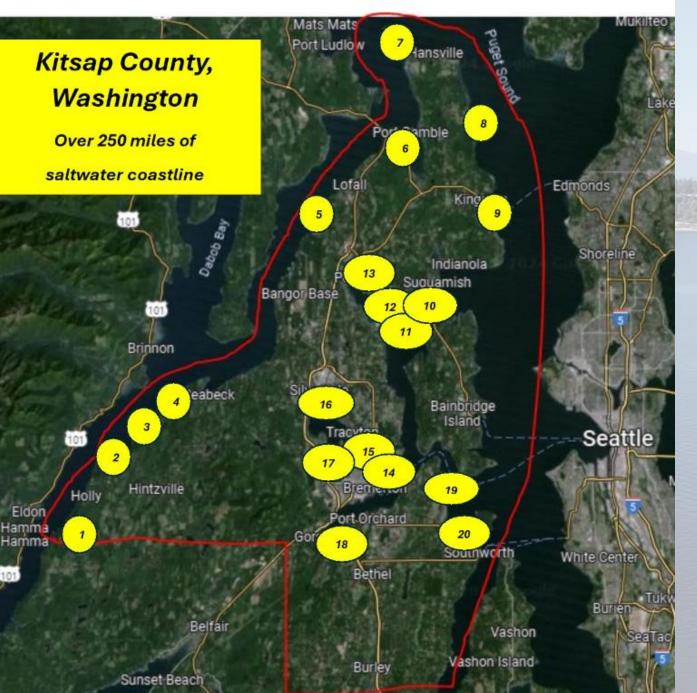
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Thank you!

Program Webpage:

https://www.kitsap.gov/dcd/Pages/Derelict-Vessel-Removal-Program.aspx

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