

# Kitsap County Derelict & Abandoned Vessel Removal Program

Meeting #5



November 13, 2024

# Facilitators

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# Housekeeping

- Zoom attendees
  - Mute microphone when not speaking to minimize noise
  - Send message to Caitlin if you have Zoom issues
  - 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**

**Password: Beaky.Buzzard.1942!**



# Review Agenda

|         |   |                 |
|---------|---|-----------------|
| 1:00 PM | Introductions, updates, review agenda           | Kirvie          |
| 1:10 PM | Case study- vessel in Liberty Bay               | Kirvie          |
| 1:30 PM | Update from Boat US                             | Michael         |
| 1:45 PM | Update on Solutions & Actions- VTIP Event, KNAT | Troy & Brittany |
| 2:00 PM | Review and discuss focus groups from Meeting #4 | Brittany        |
| 2:15 PM | 2025 Meeting Planning                           | Brittany        |
| 2:30 PM | Wrap Up and Adjourn                             | Kirvie          |

# Round Table - Welcome and Introductions

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







# Removal of Sunken Vessel on Private Tidelands

Case Study in Liberty Bay

Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech

November 13, 2024

# 1 - Vessel Reported

- First report in 2020 to Kitsap1, DNR, Ecology
- Reported again in 2024

"**Derelict vessel**" means the vessel's owner is known and can be located, and exerts control of a vessel that:

- (b) Has been left on private property without authorization of the owner; or
- (c) Has been left for a period of seven consecutive days, and:
  - (i) Is sunk or in danger of sinking;
  - (ii) Is obstructing a waterway; or
  - (iii) Is endangering life or property.



# 2 - Confirm Location and Ownership

- Communicated with KCSO and DNR
- Confirmed vessel is on private tidelands
- Identified registered vessel owner



Green = SOAL

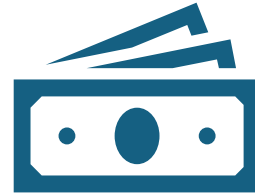
Red = private tidelands



# 3 – Identify Authorized Public Entity



Kitsap County  
Department of  
Community  
Development



Confirmed source of  
funding for up-front-  
cost \$30,000



Request to bookmark  
\$30,000 of DNR DVRP  
funds - **APPROVED**

# DNR Reimbursement Priorities

**Priority 1:** Emergencies

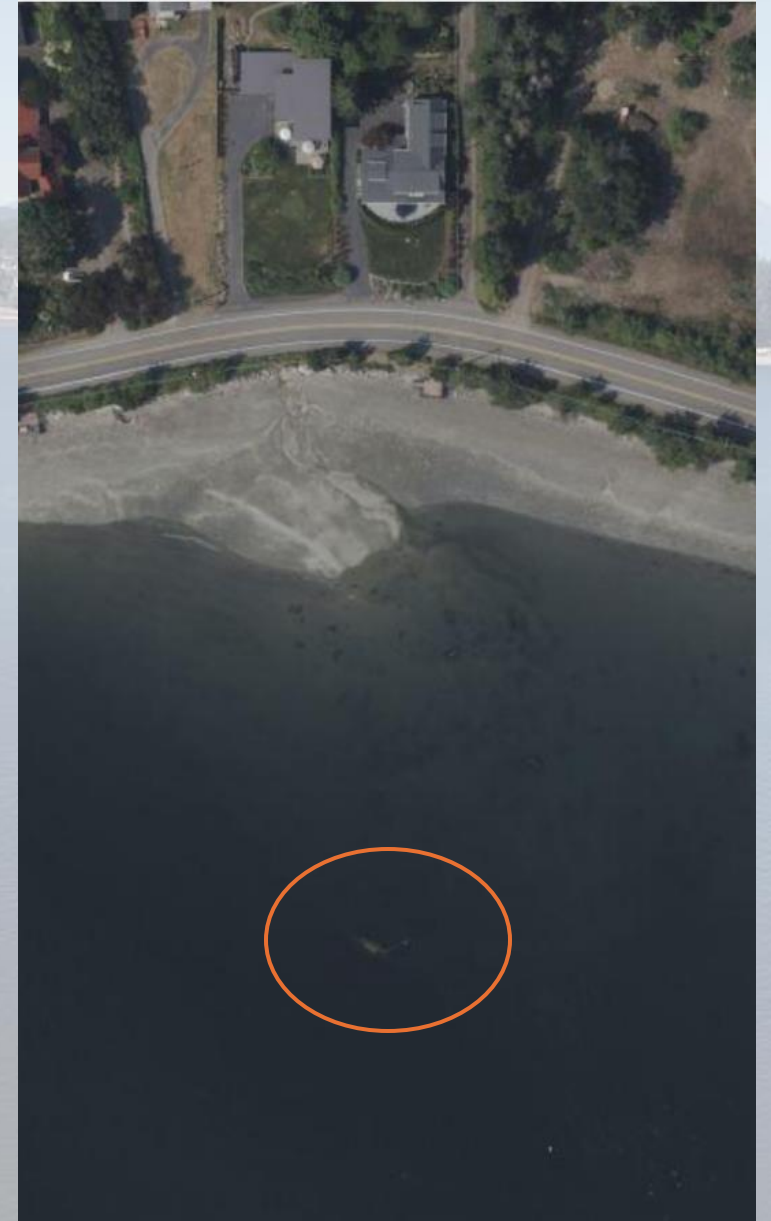
**Priority 2:** Non-Emergency existing threat to human health, safety, and environment

**Priority 3:** Vessels impacting habitat and not already covered in prior category

**Priority 4:** Minor navigation or economic impact

**Priority 5:** Other abandoned or derelict vessels

More local info  
needed







## 4 - Right of Entry

Secured Right of Entry from three upland landowners



# 5 - Post Notice on Vessel

- Follow RCW 79.100 custody process
  - Posted vessel on October 21/23
  - Sent out certified mail to vessel owner
  - Sent notice to DNR to upload to website

Need  
coordinates  
[Lat/long]

**Wait 15 days to gain custody – November 6**



**Thank you to Port of Poulsbo for assisting!**



# Communication with vessel owner

- Vessel owner fined by Ecology for \$5,000 - diesel fuel contamination
- Vessel owner believes the contaminants (diesel fuel) and the sunken vessel have been removed

# Next Steps

6. Hire contractor
7. Remove vessel after 30-day appeal period - **December 6**
8. Pay contractor
9. Send bill to vessel owner
10. Request reimbursement from DNR



# Updates from BoatUS





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## National ADV Database Survey:

<https://www.getfeedback.com/r/XEex9lC0>





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## Virtual Summit

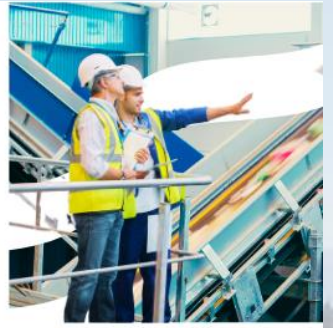
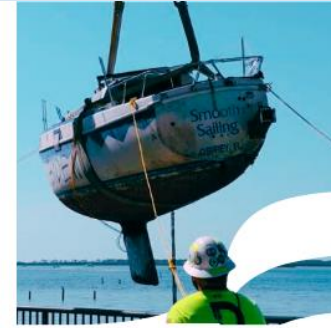
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## Turning The Tide ONLINE

Do you have a  
breakthrough idea in  
marine waste disposal  
or technology?

We want to hear from you!  
Submit a proposal to present  
by **November, 22 2024**



SHARE YOUR SOLUTION



# Update on Solutions- VTIP Event Outreach Materials





## How to Dispose of an Abandoned or Derelict Boat

Questions?  
Visit Our Website:  
[dnr.wa.gov/derelict-vessels](http://dnr.wa.gov/derelict-vessels)



### IF THE BOAT IS NOT YOURS

You can do one of the following:

- **Call your local law enforcement, file a report, and ask them to ticket the owner for illegal dumping and/or trespassing.** See if the officer can track down the owner by searching the registration number (WN #). Law enforcement can then ask them to remove the boat from your property.
- **If you do not find the last registered owner,** some counties will issue a "Junk Vehicle Affidavit" which will permit you to dispose of the boat without a title.
- **You can also take the boat to the dump yourself,** but you will need to follow the Lost and Found Property Laws under RCW 63.21 to gain legal custody. Call your local landfill for their requirements before taking the boat.
- **If you do not have a trailer to haul the boat,** contact a local tow or vessel transport company.
- **If the boat is in good enough condition,** and after you have gained legal possession of it by following RCW 63.21.010 you may then keep or sell it.

SEE WAC 308-93-275 AND RCW 46.55.230 FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.

### IF YOU OWN THE BOAT

- **If you have the title to the vessel,** you can take it directly to a landfill, or rent a dumpster and dismantle the boat yourself after draining and disposing of any hazardous materials properly. Engines and trailers can be recycled at a metal recycler.
- **If you lost the title,** contact a Department of Licensing (DOL) agent and ask for an "Affidavit in Lieu of Title" to be used for the purpose of disposing the vessel.
- **Vessels on the water that are too big for a trailer,** contact your local boatyard to haul out and dispose of for you. Or you can have a boat transportation company take it to the landfill.

### PRIVATE MOORAGE FACILITIES

**If you are a private moorage facility, follow RCW 88.26 to gain custody.** As a private moorage facility, you are required by law RCW 88.26.030 to obtain insurance coverage. You may also seek a contract with local government for the removal of vessels, see RCW 79.100.130.

### Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP)

If you are unable to dispose of your boat and do not have the financial means to do so, you may qualify for the VTIP. Go to DNR's website, review the Eligibility Criteria form, and fill out the application.

 [dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/aquatics/derelict-vessels/vessel-turn-program](http://dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/aquatics/derelict-vessels/vessel-turn-program)

SEE RCW 79.100.160 FOR DETAILED INFORMATION

DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL PROGRAM  
AND VESSEL TURN-IN PROGRAM  
**360-902-BOAT (2628)**







## REPORT AN ABANDONED OR DERELICT VESSEL

**1 DOWNLOAD** and fill out the "Vessel of Concern Reporting Form" from: [dnr.wa.gov/derelict-vessels](http://dnr.wa.gov/derelict-vessels) and

**2 EMAIL** the form with photos included, to [dvrp@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:dvrp@dnr.wa.gov) or



**CALL**  
360-902-2628 or  
360-902-1100 or



**MAIL TO**  
1111 Washington St. SE  
Mail Stop 47027  
Olympia, WA 98504-7027



## REPORT OIL SPILLS

Spills of oil or other hazardous materials must be reported.

**U.S. NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER**  
Call 800-424-8802

**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**  
24 hr. Response  
Call 800-258-5990



## REPORT MARINE EMERGENCIES

**USCG SECTOR PUGET SOUND**  
Pacific Ocean (north of Grays Harbor)  
24 hr. Response  
Call 206-217-6001

**USCG SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER**  
Pacific Ocean (south of Grays Harbor, Columbia, Snake and Salmon Rivers)  
Call 503-247-4014



**Questions?**  
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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

**DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL (DVRP) and VESSEL TURN IN (VTIP) PROGRAMS**



# Focus Groups Identified at Meeting #4



# Focus Group- Tracking Database

**Purpose:** Identify necessary elements of a vessel tracking database and develop a database to be used by Authorized Public Entities. Consider including a public-facing platform with reporting tool and an APE-only platform with non-disclosable information.

**Goal:** Improve enforcement of ADV law and prevent ADVs by improving tracking of vessels across jurisdictions

**Lead:** Kitsap County DCD

**Potential Members:** Brittany Gordon (KC DCD), Daria Etchings (KC DCD), Jonathan Raine (KC DCD), Michael Moore (Boat US), Troy Wood (DNR),

With support from: Florida F&W

**Needs:** Law Enforcement Representative, Ports Representative

# Focus Group- Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP) Event

**Purpose:** Work with DNR to coordinate a VTIP event in Kitsap County. Train County staff so we can host additional events in the future.

**Goal:** Prevent ADVs through public education and by coordinating an event for affordable vessel turn-in

**Lead:** Kitsap County DCD, DNR

**Potential Members:** Brittany Gordon (KC DCD), Daria Etchings (KC DCD), Troy Wood (DNR), Emily DeVries (DNR), Caitlin Newman (KC PW Solid Waste), Tami Griffey (KC DCD Code Compliance), Thomas Jury, (KPHD), Ellen Ross-Cardoso (Port of Keyport)

**Needs?:**



# Focus Group- Public & Partner Resources

**Purpose:** Develop and compile resources for the public and partners to be shared on Kitsap County ADV Webpage

**Goal:** Prevent ADVs through public education, improve complex process for partners by developing resources/guidance and compiling in one place.

**Lead:** Kitsap County DCD

**Potential Members:** Brittany Gordon (KC DCD), Daria Etchings (KC DCD), Troy Wood (DNR), Tami Griffey (KC DCD Code Compliance), Steve Todd (Suquamish Tribe)

**Needs:** Ports Rep, Law Enforcement Rep

**\*\*Resources to include SOPs, decision tool, habitat assessment guidance, training materials, public outreach resources, and existing resources from DNR**

# Additional Focus Group Needs

- **Enforcement Focus Group**

- Develop additional solutions to improve enforcement/compliance
- Consider needed changes to code/policy
- Identify potential funding streams for marine LE units

- **Funding Focus Group**

- Identify potential funding streams to cover up-front costs for APEs
- Identify potential funding streams to improve DNR funds
  - Legislation, grants, revolving loan fund
- Support funding DNR and ADV legislation

# 2025 Meeting Plan

**2024 Meeting Schedule - December 11, 2024**

## **2025 Meeting Schedule (Tentative)**

- Quarterly TAG meetings- in person/hybrid- Kitsap County Commissioners' Chambers
  - March 12, 2025
  - June 11, 2025
  - September 10, 2025
  - December 10, 2025
- Focus Group meetings- primarily virtual (unless in-person specifically needed)
  - Frequency as-needed, anticipated to be monthly for each group.



# Thank you!



## **Program Webpage:**

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

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