

Central Kitsap Community Council

December 1, 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members:

Jim Aho, Mark Hughes, Monica Downen, Renee Overath, Doug Newell, Amy Lawrence, Steve Fabry, David Emmons, Angie Sell, Levi Holmes, Jeremy Stitt

Commissioner: Commissioner Wolfe absent for December 2021 meeting

Presenters: Troy Wood, Program Manager, Derelict Vessel Removal Program, Aquatic Resources Division, Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Caleb Reese Port of Silverdale Commissioner

County Staff (in attendance non-presenter): Katharine Shaffer, Policy Analyst

Meeting called to order at 5:01PM PST

Motion to approve minutes and agenda as presented.

Motioned by Steve Fabry

Seconded: Jeremy Stitt

Motion carried.

Commissioner Wolfe update: No update.

Presentation from Troy Wood, Program Manager, Derelict Vessel Removal Program, Aquatic Resources Division, Washington State Department of Natural Resources:

The Derelict Vessel Removal Program is small part of the Dept of Natural Resources. We work closely with the rest of our agency, the Department of Ecology, US Coast Guard and other agencies to try to address problems presented by the abandoned and derelict vessels in our waters.

What is the DNR's Derelict Vessel Removal Program?

The Derelict Vessel Removal Program has three main responsibilities associated with removing vessels up to 200 feet long.

1. Remove and dispose of derelict or abandoned vessels found in Washington State's waters. DNR removes vessels on a priority basis with those in danger of sinking or posing a threat to human health or safety highest on the list.
2. Manage program operations

- ▶ Reimburse authorized public entities up to 90 percent of the cost of vessel removal and disposal. The remaining 10 percent can be in in-kind services such as personnel time and equipment use provided by the public entity.

- ▶ Manage the Derelict Vessel Removal Account

- ▶ Provide guidance and assistance to authorized public entities and the public.

3. Maintain the derelict vessel inventory database that holds information on all of the vessels reported since the program began in 2002.

The owner of a vessel is financially liable for removal.

The Derelict Vessel Act provides statewide authority for removal and disposal of vessels that meet certain criteria. DNR can remove the vessels, as can WDFW, State Parks, and cities, counties and public ports. There is a seizure process, which takes from about 30 days to two months to complete for each vessel. The statute provides authority for emergency actions if a vessel is in immediate danger of sinking, breaking up, blocking navigation or poses an imminent threat to human health and safety if the owner isn't immediately identifiable or available.

The Derelict Vessel Removal Account is funded by recreational vessel registration. The account can be used for reimbursing public agencies up to 90% of removal and disposal costs. Private marinas are not eligible unless they are working through their local government.

Discussion with Council and Port of Silverdale Commissioner, Caleb Reese

Meeting adjourned at 5:52PM.