

Summary Notes¹
Pacific States/BC Oil Spill Task Force
Summer Quarter Coordinating Committee Meeting
July 24, 2003
Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii

Attending: Curtis Martin, HDOH; Stan Norman, WDOE; Scott Schaefer, CAL/OSPR; Heather Taylor, BC/MWLAP; CAPT Joe Saboe and LCDR Paul Albertson, USCG Office of Response; CAPT Rob Lorigan, USCG Pacific Area; and Jean Cameron, PS/BC OSTF.

The meeting convened at 0800.

- The Coordinating Committee members briefly described the oil spill programs administered by their agencies as background for CAPT Saboe and CAPT Lorigan. Jean and the Committee reviewed remaining tasks under the West Coast Offshore Vessel Traffic Risk Management project, inquired re: the status of the salvage/firefighting regulations, and explained the Task Force's concerns regarding MSRC mergers with west coast coops as well as our interest in non-tank vessel contingency plans. Jean noted that API's Spills Advisory Group meetings will offer opportunities for her to interface with CAPT Saboe and that the Coordinating Committee also tries to meet with all Pacific Area Marine Safety Officers once/year. They also briefly discussed steps necessary to launch the Places of Refuge project.
- The Committee then discussed the Annual Meeting and Roundtable events, noting the following:
 - We should recognize any prior Legacy Award winners in the audience.
 - The luncheon was a nice addition to our Annual Meeting agenda, and the Committee liked having a luncheon speaker. Jean noted that she'll have to take registrations in the future in order to plan luncheon numbers more closely, although her estimate was accurate this time.
 - The Coordinating Committee also liked hosting a 2-day event. In the case of Hawaii, it made the travel easier for our audience to justify.
 - Larry Lau prepared a list of comments and suggestions which Jean shared with the Coordinating Committee and will incorporate into planning for next year. He noted that PowerPoint presentations were a nice addition to both the jurisdictional reports and the Task Force's reports. He also recommended that speakers be evaluated by the audience.
 - The PowerPoint for the Legacy Award presentations was a nice touch.The Committee discussed the possibility of changing future annual meetings to a different month than July, but no decision was made at this meeting.
- Jean asked if there were any further jurisdictional updates or questions re: the reports given at the Annual Meeting. Stan noted that Sause Brothers will be doing an NPREP drill in September that will incorporate a Places of Refuge element.
- The Coordinating Committee then discussed the following topics:
 - The National Response Corporation has executed a new BOA with the USCG Pacific Area Command.

¹ NOTE: This is a meeting summary and is not intended as a verbatim record of all presentations or comments made during the meeting.

- The American Salvage Association is sponsoring a National Maritime Salvage Conference on Sept. 9-11. Jean explained that she'd be attending the CANUSDIX drill on those dates. Coordinating Committee members expressed concerns that the ASA conference was primarily focused on security issues.
- They discussed a letter from Jerry McMahon of the American Waterways Operators Pacific Region commenting on the Task Force's responses to comments submitted by John Crawford of Foss Maritime on the Recommended Contingency Planning Elements. Our comment focused on AWO's failure to investigate non-conformities with their Responsible Carrier Program (RCP) standards. AWO's reply explained that compliance with the RCP is verified through an independent auditor certified by AWO and that confidentiality between member companies and their auditors is a critical element of the program. "AWO's role is not to...enforce ongoing compliance with the AWO RCP as one would expect a regulatory agency to do," stated the letter from Mr. McMahon.
- Jean explained to the Committee that she would be attending a Navigation Safety Advisory Council meeting in Baltimore on August 11-13th and API's Spills Advisory Group meeting in Washington DC the following week. She proposed to stay on the East Coast between the two meetings and advised them that she probably would not get the draft summary notes from the Annual Meeting, the Roundtable, and the Coordinating Committee meeting done until her return.
- The Committee then reviewed dates and locations for their 2003-2004 Coordinating Committee quarterly meetings. Pending approval by ADEC and ODEQ, who were not present, the following dates were set:
 - Fall Coordinating Committee meeting: October 1-2 in Portland.
 - The Winter Coordinating Committee meeting will be January 22-23 in California. Scott is to determine a location. The Spring meeting is to be in Alaska, so the Committee agreed to set the date at the Fall meeting when ADEC is present.
- Please note that the final expense report for August 2002 through June 2003 was presented to the Task Force Members and Coordinating Committee at the Briefing Session on July 21st. A balance of \$10, 275.06 showed, since it was only an 11 month year due to contract management changes. \$2,085 will be transferred to the WA DOE by ODEQ towards the 2003-2005 budgets.
- Also please note that during the Briefing Session the Task Force members discussed the issue of using the Task Force budget to pay for travel for speakers or member agency representatives. They agreed to the following policies:
 - Speaker or Legacy Award winner travel costs will be covered on an ad-hoc basis to be initiated by their request. The Executive Coordinator will forward that request to the Coordinating Committee with information on the status of the budget and the Coordinating Committee will make case-by-case decisions.
 - Travel expenses for representatives of the Task Force member agencies to attend Task Force or Coordinating Committee meetings or Task Force sponsored project workgroup meetings are inherent in the costs of "membership" and not to be covered by the Task Force budget.

The meeting adjourned at 1200.