



PUGET SOUND MARINE FIREFIGHTING COMMISSION

Fire Departments

Anacortes
Bainbridge Island
Bellingham
Bremerton π
Edmonds
Everett π
Olympia
Port Angeles
Seattle π
Tacoma π

Foss Maritime

Inlandboatmen's Union

Marine Response Alliance

NPFVOA
Vessel Safety Program π

Olympic College

Pacific Merchant
Shipping Association π

Washington State Ferries

Washington State
Department of Ecology

Washington State
Maritime Cooperative

Western States
Petroleum Association π

ADVISORY PANEL

DHS FEMA OSHA

Public Member at Large

Recreational Boaters Association

State Fire Marshals Office

U.S. Coast Guard

Washington Public Ports
Association

Commission Members Present:

Noah Katka
Gilbert Barthe
Andy Collins
Michael Lingrey

Seattle Fire Department
Tacoma Fire Department

Everett Fire Department

Others Present:

Chris Ritter
James Collins
Joel McKeen
Noah Katka
Michael Lingrey
Patrick Gallagher
Pete Brummel
Russ Read
Tim Lupher
David Michaelson
Andrew Dalrymple
Brian Kirk

Sara Zeman

Admin: Marine Exchange

The May 2024 Meeting of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission was called to order by Chief Andy Collins at 1004.

Introductions followed.

Chief Collins began the meeting with a welcome and overview of the agenda.

Guest Speaker, Bill Burket, Port of Virginia:

Bill Burket reported on the Port of Virginia marine firefighting program highlighting the need for the correct staff and industry support. Their annual firefighting school and marine firefighting incident command classes were also discussed which facilitate the learning of new processes and sharing of knowledge.

A discussion was held on the various ways to make use of industry contributions, different kinds of funding options, and what organization tactics could be used to facilitate training.

Guest Speaker, Patrick Gallagher, Marine Exchange of Puget Sound:

Patrick Gallagher reported on the most recent Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee meeting that featured a marine firefighting presentation and the Merchant Exchanges infrastructure for marine firefighting. He also discussed ways the Marine Exchange of Puget Sound could help facilitate connections, locate funding, and raise awareness.

STAKEHOLDER UPDATES & GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Pete Brummel reported that East Jefferson is sharing a certified Boat Handlers course this summer. For more information, please reach out to him.

Joel McKeen reported that the after-action plan for the recent ferry fire is being put together and anyone interested in takeaways from that incident can reach out to him.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 1114. The next Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission Meeting will take place on August 13, 2024.

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Sara Zeman
Recorder