



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:

James Collins

Seattle Fire Department

Others Present:

Dan Smiley
Brian Smith
Trish Jantzen
Kelly Snoden
Brett Collett
Chris Anderson
Mollie Sundvik
David Michaelson
Gilbert Barthe
Eric Wilmarth
Todd Duke
Hsing-Yen-Fu
Russ Reed
Christopher Perry
Aaron Patterson
Chris DeCapua
Michael Lingrey
Brian Kirk
Patrick Gallagher

Sara Zeman

Admin: Marine Exchange

The February 2025 Meeting of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission was called to order by Andy Collins at 1002.

Introductions followed.

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

Washington State Fire Training Academy Marine Program Update

Brian Smith provided updates on the restarting of the WA State Fire Training Academy Marine Program. Mollie Sundvik reported that re-using old materials and converting to a hybrid model are being worked on right now along with securing new materials and necessary updates.

Fireboat Zone Coordination Planning

Chris Perry with the Tacoma Fire Department, reported that the planning is moving along. Many agencies in the region are responding to marine firefighting incidents, but a standard process for coordinating those responses is being organized.

Russ Reed also added that the All Hazards Class is being updated, and Trish Jantzen shared that the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Plan from the Northwest Area Contingency Plan is being updated and moving to a new plan location.

USCG National Marine Firefighting Task Force Update

Ish Looney reported that the updates are ongoing though Puget Sound participation is low. Looney will share the meeting schedule for those who are interested in attending and filling that gap.

Marine Exchange Update

Patrick Gallagher shared that vessel monitoring fees will be changing in the summer, and new funding options for the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee and Puget Sound Marine Firefighting are being explored. Gallagher also provided updates on the likely hosting of the National Harbor Safety Convention in Seattle during 2026.

IAFF/NTSB Workgroup Update

Aaron Patterson with the Seattle Fire Department reported that the workgroup met in DC last fall and was able to review and add to the incident report. The workgroup has since wrapped up and transitioned to organizing national training that has been grant-funded.

US Navy Marine Firefighting Drills Funding Update

Andy Collins with the Seattle Fire Department reported that the City of Seattle and the US Navy have been in contact about this funding and it should be finalized soon.

The Upcoming Trainings Below Were Reviewed by Attendees:

- Port of Tacoma Marine Firefighting Strength, Weakness, Opportunities & threat (SWOT) Assessment (June 10-11, 2025)
 - POC: Alisa Praskovich apraskovich@portoftacoma.com
- Washington State Maritime Cooperative Marine Firefighting TTX (June 4, 2025)
 - POC: Dan Smiley dansmiley@wsmcoop.org

STAKEHOLDER UPDATES & GOOD OF THE ORDER:

BC Collins shared the meeting dates for 2025

- February 11, 2025
- May 20, 2025
- September 9, 2025
- November 14, 2025

CLOSING REMARKS:

No comments.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 1100. The next Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission Meeting will take place on May 20, 2025.

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Sara Zeman
Recorder