



PUGET SOUND MARINE FIREFIGHTING COMMISSION

Fire Departments

Anacortes
Bainbridge Island
Bellingham
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Olympia
Port Angeles
Seattle π
Tacoma π

Foss Maritime

Inlandboatmen's Union

Marine Response Alliance

NPFVOA
Vessel Safety Program π

Olympic College

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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

Present:

Noah Katka
AC Carrera
Randy Anderson
Serge Avramenko
Barthe Gilbert
Chris Ritter
David Michaelson
John Fu
Michael Lingrey
Colin Millan
Patrick Gallagher
Aaron Patterson
Sara Thompson
Todd Duke
Russ Read
Brian Kirk
Kyle Higgins

Seattle Fire Department

Sara Zeman

Admin: Marine Exchange

The September 2025 Meeting of the Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission was called to order by Noah Katka at 1003.

Introductions followed.

CAPT Noah Katka began the meeting with a welcome and overview of the agenda.

Federal Fire Department, Naval Base Everett

Assistant Chief Carrera reported on his position, current concerns, and the new recurring monthly onboard training every third Wednesday of the month. Other departments were invited to take part in these training courses if circumstances allow. Best practices and common terminology were also reviewed.

IAFF Shipboard FF Curriculum Update

Aaron Patterson reviewed the curriculum and its ongoing testing. The testing has shown that the information is good, but the application still needs more refining and practice.

South Sound Fire Boat Coordination Plan

Chief Barthe Gilbert provided an update on the evolving plan created in 2013. The plan connects agencies for joint responses during emergencies.

STAKEHOLDER UPDATES & GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Upcoming training: November 18 & 19 regional marine ff course held in Tacoma/Seattle (two-day course)
- Patrick Gallagher shared that the National Harbor Safety Conference will be held in Seattle, March 24 & 25, 2026. Marine Firefighting is confirmed on the topics list, and a local representative for the national panel was requested.

CLOSING REMARKS:

No comments.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 1044. The next Puget Sound Marine Firefighting Commission Meeting will take place on November 14, 2025.

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Sara Zeman
Recorder