

RRT10 Meeting

March 11, 2026

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Virtual

Sign-in sheets can be viewed [here](#).

Welcome, Opening Comments

The RRT Co-Chairs made opening remarks and welcomed everyone to the meeting. They acknowledged funding uncertainty and travel restrictions affecting federal agencies and thanked everyone for their flexibility. USCG confirmed that response activities remain fully authorized and emphasized the importance of maintaining progress on the plan restructuring. Co-Chairs also thanked Oregon DEQ for hosting and supporting in-person participation for the Area and Regional Leadership meeting to discuss promulgation of the plans.

Agency Roundtable Updates

Members of RRT agencies gave an agency update, sharing various topics of mutual interest, successes, challenges, and updates to staffing or procedures.

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) (Sarah Hardisty)

- New staff supporting Borwnfields work.
- Spill trailer maintenance and planning.
- Appreciation for SCAT training and ACP engagement.

Department of Agriculture (USFS) (Karen Bower)

- A department reorganization is planned because of recent staff departures.
- Karen Bower is currently serving as the acting RRT representative.

Department of Defense (DOD/NAVY) (Sarah Benovic)

- Staffing and funding uncertainties persist, impacting the ability to fill vacant positions.
- The agency is actively working on the 2027 Integrated Contingency Plan update.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (Rhonda Kaetzel)

- A new Acting Administrator and CDC Director, Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, has been appointed.
- Rhonda currently serves as the sole RRT representative for the agency.
- Commander Kevin Dunn has recently joined the team.

Department of Interior (DOI) (Allison Hall)

- The team has been reviewing Geographic Response Plans (GRPs) as they are released and appreciates the significant effort invested in their development.
- Staffing capacity is currently limited to full-time employees.

Department of Labor (OSHA) (Mike Potter)

- OSHA has a new politically appointed Assistant Secretary, David Keeling, who assumed the role in October.

- The agency is hiring. Hiring will occur in phases, beginning with field inspectors, followed by support staff.
- Staffing levels are beginning to recover, with plans to regain approximately 10% of staff after a 30% reduction over the past year.

Department of Transportation (DOT) (Ky Nichols)

- PHMSA has hired a new Administrator, Paul Roberti.
- The Associate Administrator position remains vacant, with an announcement expected soon; Linda Daugherty is currently serving in the role.
- Four vacancies are currently open within the Accident Investigation Division.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Lori Muller)

- Limited hiring; planner/RRT coordinator position expected to post in Q3.
- Calvin Terada is now the Region 10 Deputy Regional Administrator and Dan Opolski is Superfund Emergency Management Division (SEMD) Division Director.
- Subpart J product application deadline extended to June 2026.
- Clean Water Act Hazardous Substance FRP Rule implementation delayed to 2030.

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) (Dean Ehlert)

- Experienced some turnover among Environmental Liaisons (ELs) and regional office staff; vacant positions have been filled.
- Planning to prioritize training for ELs to maintain response and coordination capabilities.
- Increased concern about wildfire risk for the upcoming year, following a mild and dry season in Idaho.
- State agencies, including Idaho DEQ, are facing general fund cutbacks. While no layoffs have occurred, budget constraints are impacting day-to-day operations.

Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) (Sarah Cerda)

- Regional Response Team 1 (Kootenai County / Post Falls) has determined it can no longer support the state HAZMAT program.
- The state is currently coordinating with Spokane Fire Department to assume coverage for the five northern counties.
- Twin Falls has been added as an additional Regional Response Team.
- The State HAZMAT Plan is being updated to reflect the revised regional team structure.
- Once plan updates are finalized, pocket guides will be printed and distributed to first responders.

Makah Tribe (Natalie Lowell)

- Ongoing derelict vessel removal through the NOAA Marine Debris grant.
- Planning a new barging facility.
- Continued participation in drills and partnership with Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (Aaron Maggied)

- The National Weather Service expects staffing changes that may affect the region.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) (Wes Risher)

- Introduced new Land Quality Administrator, Jen Parrott.
- Partnering with Oregon State University and will have an intern to assist with coastal and high-hazard rail GRP work.
- SCAT training completed with NOAA support and was well received.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) (Gillis Garrett)

- No update to report.

Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) (Rich Hosmer)

- No update to report.

United States Coast Guard District Northwest (Brian Meier)

- Upcoming NRT in-person meeting has been postponed due to Coast Guard funding status; rescheduling planned once funded.
- Updated SMART Protocols were approved in January and are available on the NRT website.
- ACPs scheduled for National Review Panel review in 2026.
- Coast Guard Headquarters has launched a GIS/GRP Task Force. Sectors will have an opportunity to provide input on GRP/GRS processes and procedures. Partners are encouraged to support sectors in providing feedback, as outcomes may influence national policy.
- New incident management platform (“Pratus”) anticipated to allow document sharing and collaboration with partners.
- CANUSPAC draft annex nearing signature; exercise planned for September.

USCG Sector Columbia River (Tony Migliorini)

- Held a successful Area Committee meeting on March 10th, with positive progress reported on ACP restructuring.
- Response capabilities remain fully operational despite the funding lapse. Travel restrictions are limiting in-person participation in meetings and exercises during the lapse.

USCG Sector Puget Sound (Mark McDonald)

- Actively supported response coordination during the December flooding event in Washington, working with both FEMA and State EOCs.
- The next Area Committee meeting is scheduled for May. Planned focus on a case review of the Tug Dominion response, highlighting significant multi-agency coordination.

Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) (Matt Bissell)

- Contingency plan rulemaking underway (WAC 173-182 / 173-186).
- Multiple responder positions open.
- Oil spill response equipment grant cycle opening soon.

Washington Emergency Management Division (Susan Forsythe)

- Upcoming LEPC–TEPC Conference is scheduled for April 14–16 in Tumwater, WA. Open to all participants; attendance is welcome even for individual sessions.

- Washington CERC has launched “EPCRA Coffee Chats” to provide LEPCs with informal time for questions and discussion. Sessions begin with a focused topic to guide conversation. The upcoming Coffee Chat topic will be battery energy storage system installations.
- The agency is actively preparing for World Cup–related activities in Washington.

The following agencies were not in attendance:

- Cowlitz
- FEMA
- Department of State (DOS)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
- Yakama Nation

Subcommittee Report Outs**Region-Wide Planning Committee (RWPC)**

- The mission of the RWPC is to ensure coordination and consistency across the region and plans.
- RCP rewrite ongoing; target finalization by October.
- Tools and checklists migrating from plan to website under the Tools & Resources page and the Library.

GRP Subcommittee

- Focus on policy consistency, public comment processes, and accessibility.
- Continued collaboration with Tribal Engagement Subcommittee.
- Upcoming meetings to address publishing standards and future priorities.

Tribal Engagement Subcommittee

- Hosted topical “coffee hours” (Tribal Coordination Specialist, GRPs).
- Updating large tribal contact list.
- Planning future Tribal engagement training and HAZWOPER-focused sessions for tribal SMEs.

Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force

- Major accomplishments include developing the responder training curriculum, field testing of whale deterrence tools, and successful staging during Tug Dominion response.
- Remaining gaps include sustainable funding for recurring training.
- Task force formally concluding; work to continue through existing response organizations.

Exercise Subcommittee

- Charter approved by leadership.
- Mission: test regional plans, RRT processes, and tools.
- Seeking members. Please contact Matt Bissel if interested.
- Initial involvement planned for April 30 industry exercise.

Area Committee Report Outs

Sector Columbia River

- ACP restructuring coordinated with Puget Sound.
- All tribal comments have been reviewed, with appreciation expressed to the Makah, Cowlitz, and CTCLUSI Tribes for detailed input. Approximately 98 tribal comments received, with ~80% adjudicated to date.
- Recent Area Committee Meeting (March 10) was attended by approximately 40 participants.
- Case Study Highlights included the Portland General Derailment and the CFV Fortress.
- Sector Columbia River Tsunami Seminar scheduled for April 20–30.
- Received three new Skydio X10 UAS systems, significantly enhancing aerial surveillance and spill detection capabilities.

Sector Puget Sound

- ACP restructuring ~70–80% through tribal comments.
- Annex drafting underway.
- Next Area Committee Meeting will be May 14, 2026.
- Notable incidents include Tug Mollusk and P/C Sea Bear.
- Expanded UAS capabilities.
- FIFA World Cup 2026 maritime planning underway.

Northwest Inland

- The next Area Committee meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2026, in Portland, OR.
- Ongoing membership outreach efforts.
- ACP writing is in progress with projected completion in 2026.
- Case Study Highlights included Auburn Way Gasoline Discharge and the Priest Rapids Turbine Oil Spill.

Responding to Tsunami Events

- A recent tsunami warning (triggered by a major earthquake near Russia), though non-damaging, reinforced the need to strengthen coordination with Northwest Area Committees.
- The Pacific Northwest is highly vulnerable to earthquakes and tsunamis, with multiple fault lines across Washington and Oregon. There is a 10–15% probability of a magnitude 9 Cascadia earthquake within 50 years.
- Washington has 42 LEPCs, supported by the CERC. The CERC meets four times per year (two in person, two virtual) and is supported by multiple state agencies. LEPCs support EPCRA compliance, hazardous materials planning, and all-hazards preparedness, especially in smaller communities.
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- LEPCs provide access to Tier II hazardous materials reports, which identify facilities storing reportable quantities of hazardous substances. Tier II data can support planning and risk assessment, particularly when overlaid with hazard zones. Facilities are legally required under EPCRA to coordinate with LEPCs for planning, though compliance can be challenging due to limited resources.

RRT Member Spotlight: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

- Presented by PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety – Accident Investigation Division, which focuses on identifying root and contributing causes of pipeline incidents to inform national safety improvements.
- PHMSA is not a primary response agency, but supports incidents as a technical advisor within ICS, typically once sites are safe.
- Primary mission is to determine direct, root, and contributing causes (e.g., corrosion, inadequate maintenance, human factors, manufacturing defects).
- Discussed recent and historic incidents, including a high-profile Olympic Pipeline diesel release, which resulted in significant scrutiny and cost.
- Emphasized that aging infrastructure and preventive maintenance gaps are common contributing factors nationwide.
- Highlighted the National Pipeline Mapping System as a key tool for identifying pipeline ownership, regulatory authority, and emergency contacts.

Drills and Exercises Survey Result

- The region has long collected feedback on drills through the Winter Planning Summit and related efforts. Due to the shift away from in-person summits, a short virtual survey has been used for the past two years. The 2025 survey focused on evaluating drill effectiveness, identifying training needs, and informing improvements for the 2026 exercise season.
- Distributed to participants of the December 4 virtual Planning Summit and was shared via QR code and Constant Contact listserv.
- The 2025 survey (10 respondents) provided high-quality feedback from experienced participants, many of whom support multiple drills annually.
- Key strengths of drills include relationship-building, practicing ICS roles, and testing plans in realistic settings.
- Primary improvement areas identified were overly scripted scenarios, limited realism, missing stakeholders (tribes, SMEs, wildlife), and weak cross-section ICS communication.
- Priorities for 2026 exercises include alternative fuels and fire integration, multi-plan-holder scenarios, tribal coordination complexity, wildlife operations, and extending drills beyond "Day 1" activities.
- Next steps include using the new Drills & Exercises Subcommittee to improve outreach, transparency, participation, and incorporation of feedback into the 2026 exercise schedule.

Open Comment

- Allison Hall provided positive feedback on meeting planning efforts while noting that some RRT members were unaware of the in-person attendance option and requesting clearer, more inclusive communication for future meetings.

Closing Remarks

- Thanked presenters and partners for thoughtful contributions and strong attendance, emphasizing their importance to RRT 10's success.

- Reinforced the value of member engagement, noting that RRT 10 is stronger because of active participation.
- Encouraged follow-up questions and feedback on plans or initiatives, inviting members to reach out to the co-chairs via RRT coordinators or the general RRT email.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 29, 2026: Northwest Inland Area Committee Meeting (Portland, OR)

May 14, 2026: Sector Puget Sound Area Committee Meeting (Location TBD)

September 22: RRT10 Meeting (Boise, ID)

Regional Response Team 10 Meeting



March 11, 2026

MEETING PURPOSE AND “RULES”

- This is a business meeting of the **RRT**
- Items discussed that are the responsibility or content of the Area Committees will be **referred to appropriate Area Committee** and not included in the meeting discussion, except for how the RRT can provide support, if requested/needed
- As time allows, questions may be taken outside of agenda topics. Please type questions in the Chat box

MEETING SIGN-IN



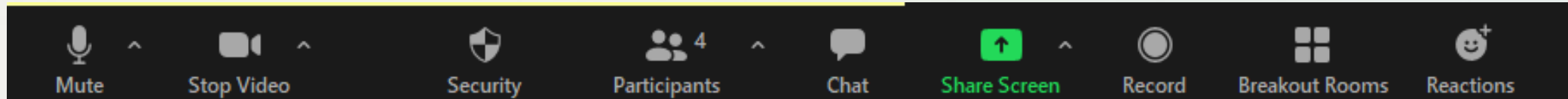
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ZOOM TIPS: RAISE HAND AND CHAT



**RRT Members & Representatives,
raise your hand to speak or enter
question/comment in chat.**

Chat

Find “Raise Hand”
Under Reactions

Please use “Everyone” Chat when asking or responding to questions or making general comments/requests during this meeting.

MORNING AGENDA

9:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

9:20 RRT MEMBER/AGENCY ROLL CALL & UPDATE

10:30-10:45 BREAK

10:45 SUBCOMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORT OUTS

11:15 AREA COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

11:45 LUNCH (UNTIL 1:15)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBER/AGENCY ROLL CALL

RRT Coordinators will facilitate RRT member/agency roll call. When called, please provide a brief update.

- CGD-NW
- EPA R10
- Makah Tribe
- Cowlitz
- CTCLUSI
- Yakama Nation
- WA Ecology
- ODEQ
- IOEM/IDEQ
- Dept of Defense
- Dept of Energy
- Dept of State
- Dept of Justice
- Dept of Health and Human Services
- Dept of Labor/OSHA
- Dept of Commerce/NOAA
- Dept of Interior
- Dept of Transportation
- Dept of Agriculture
- FEMA
- US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- General Services Administration

For other attendees, please sign in online using the QR code.



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Region Wide Planning Committee Report Out



Agenda

- Review RWPC Purpose and Membership
- Review 2026 Meeting Schedule
- RCP Restructure Project
- Progress Update: ACPs

Region Wide Planning Committee Purpose

- Ensure coordination of planning across area and regional levels.
- Ensure consistency between plans and promote awareness of projects, upcoming meetings, and working groups at every planning level.
- Hold Monthly RWPC Meetings
- Review ACP changes to ensure consistency among ACPs.
- Outreach: announcement emails
- Recommending and coordinating website updates
- Determine structure and draft RCP
- Create Regional Response Team agendas for RRT10 Co-Chairs

Overall: Interagency coordination of planning efforts

Region Wide Planning Committee Members

RRT10 Coordinators

- EPA: Tom Vroman
- USCG Northwest
District: Chelsey Stroud



Planners

- WA ECY
- IOEM
- IDEQ
- OR DEQ
- Makah
- CTCLUSI
- Cowlitz
- Sector Puget Sound AC
- Sector Columbia River AC
- NW Inland AC

2026 Meeting Schedule

Month	Meeting	Location
Monthly	Region-Wide Planning Committee	Virtual
March	Sector Columbia River Area Committee Meeting* Area and Regional Leadership Meeting* RRT10 Meeting*	Virtual
April	Northwest Inland Area Committee Meeting	Portland, OR
May	Sector Puget Sound Area Committee Meeting	TBD
September	Northwest Inland Area Committee Meeting* Area and Regional Leadership Meeting* RRT10 Meeting*	Boise, ID
October	Sector Columbia River Area Committee Meeting	TBD
November	Sector Puget Sound Area Committee Meeting	TBD
December	Joint Area Committees Meeting	TBD

Notes:

- * implies co-located meeting
- Additional Area Committee Meetings and RRT meetings may be held as desired
- Additional information can be found at:

www.rrt10nwac.com

Regional Contingency Plan

- Planner Centric
- Region-wide policy issues
- Updates: RWPC

Area Contingency Plan

- Responder Centric
- Area resources and procedures
- Updates: Area Committee

RCP Restructure Project

- RWPC worked through all sections of the NWACP.
- During these working sessions, we decided at what planning level the information is most appropriately captured. Sometimes it is area and regional, sometimes area only or regional only.
- The purpose is to add efficiency and consistency to the plans while ensuring response planning information is captured at the appropriate level (i.e. FOSC's direction or RRT's direction).
- The RWPC is now working on signing off on RCP content.

Progress Update: ACPs

- NW Inland, Sector Puget Sound (SPS), and Sector Columbia River (SCR) ACs are members to the RWPC. Their updates go hand in hand with the updates to the Regional Contingency Plan.
- USCG Headquarters set a deadline for implementation of the Coastal ACP architecture by October 1, 2026. ACPs are making continuous progress towards this goal.
- In all areas of planning, we are focusing on progress over perfection.
- Current focus is on meeting the demands of the framework. The intention is to turn towards content updates after the new framework requirements have been met.



Questions?

GRP Subcommittee Update March 2026

- Darcy Bird & Don Pettit
(Co-Chairs)
- Nora Haider



2024 GRP Workplan

Improve Inland GRP Planning

- Outstanding item: 1 to 2 pager describing tools available to planners for inland river modeling (Darcy coordinating with ODEQ)

Continue collaborating with the Tribal Engagement Subcommittee

Work through policy gaps for GRPs in the Pacific Northwest

- Competed & waiting for area/regional plan restructuring to suggest edits to GRP policy in the PNW

January Subcommittee Meeting- Policy Review & Informational

- **2026 Goal:** Information Sharing
- **Next Workplan:** Drafting after full adoption of plans

Meeting Summary

- Intro to GRPs in WA and OR
- OR Deschutes – Published, Next GRPs to open
- WA GRPs – currently open, soon to be published, and upcoming
- Document accessibility – WA & OR States have policies, complicated by GRP documents
- Next Meeting: TBD (Likely May – Planning in April)



Region X Regional Response Team Subcommittee/Task Force Report Outs :

Tribal Engagement Subcommittee March 11, 2026

Co-Chairs:

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Key Events and Activities

- 12/9/25 Tribal Coordination Specialist Coffee Hour
- 2/19/26 Geographic Response Plan Coffee Hour
- Initiated contact list update

Looking Ahead

- Continue to schedule Coffee Hour sessions focused on special topics
- Planning a discussion on the criteria associated with the Tribal Coordination Specialist position
- Identify opportunities to hold trainings/workshops in connection with RRT/AC meetings

Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force

Montana McLeod (she/hers)
Oil Spill Team Section Manager

03/11/2026



SRKW Task Force Goals

Goals – 2023

1. Create curriculum & train responders before spill
2. Research efficacy and alternative methods of deterrence tools
3. Identify tiered level of responders, with NOAA-approved whale experts
4. Identify sustainable funding source
5. Identify opportunities to have USCG fill geographic gaps



Credit: WDFW. Killer whale deterrence vessel-based training safety briefing.

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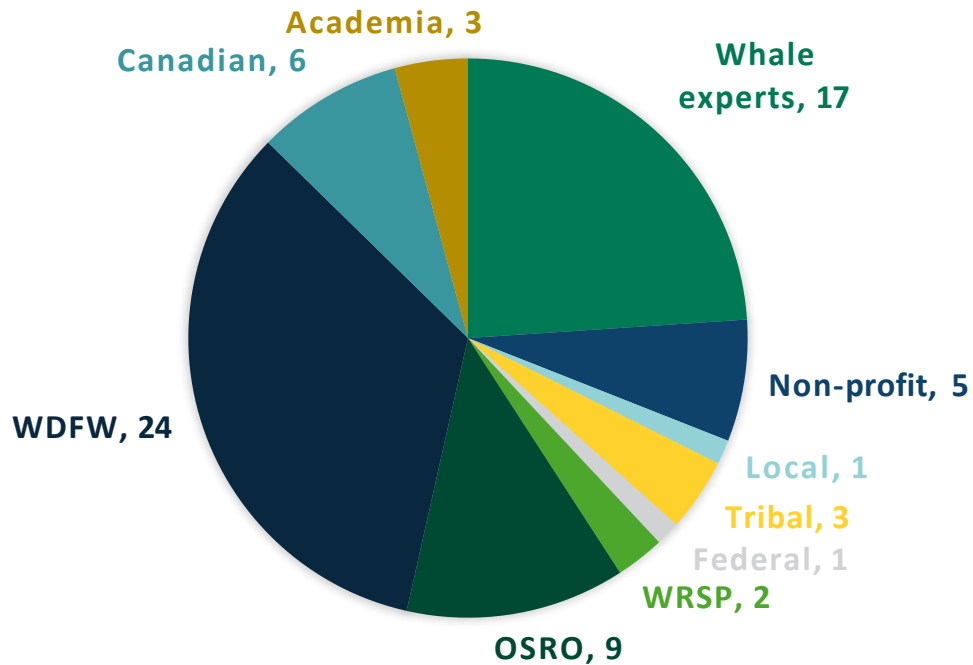
Actions – 2024 & 2025

1. Completed; *work in-progress*
2. Research of oikomi pipe variations and underwater speaker
3. Identified and deployed whale experts for Tug Dominion Spill
4. NFWF not relisted. *Ongoing*
5. USCG conversations continue – USCG requested staging of killer whale deterrence for Tug Dominion Spill

NFWF Trainings & Research

NFWF Killer Whale Conservation Grant funded a virtual training and four vessel-based trainings, in addition to research of oikomi variations and alternative tools.

PARTICIPANTS BY ORGANIZATIONS



Credit: WDFW. Oikomi prototypes and variations in size and wall thickness.

Tested 86 variations
over three trials

Oikomi
specifications are
not restrictive

Tug Dominion Bremerton Spill 2025

- Two separate transient killer whale sightings near the incident
- Killer whale deterrence staging 11/14 – 11/ 21
 - NPFC funded operations
 - Subcontracted killer whale experts
- No whales within activation areas
- 40 participants, 10 vessels & 6 organizations

Thanks to NOAA, Cascadia Research Collective, Soundwatch, Focus Wildlife, Clean Harbors & WDFW



Killer whale deterrence vessel in formation for a drill at Tug Dominion Spill.

Final Report SRKW Task Force

Next steps:

- 1) Explore and acquire alternative, consistent funding for vessel-based trainings
- 2) Recruit and train new vessels
- 3) Integrate killer whale deterrence into industry drills



Credit: Whale Museum. Participants from Killer whale deterrence vessel-based training



Questions?

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Area Committee Reports



Sector Puget Sound Area Committee

**Report to RRT10
March 11, 2026**

**Michael Rushane, USCG SPS
Karen Denny, WA ECY**



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Area Committee Update

Notable Initiatives

- Tribal Government Comments
- Annex Drafts
- Restructure Workgroups continue

Area Committee Meeting

- May 14, 2026
- Tug Dominion Case Review
- Salvage and Marine Firefighting

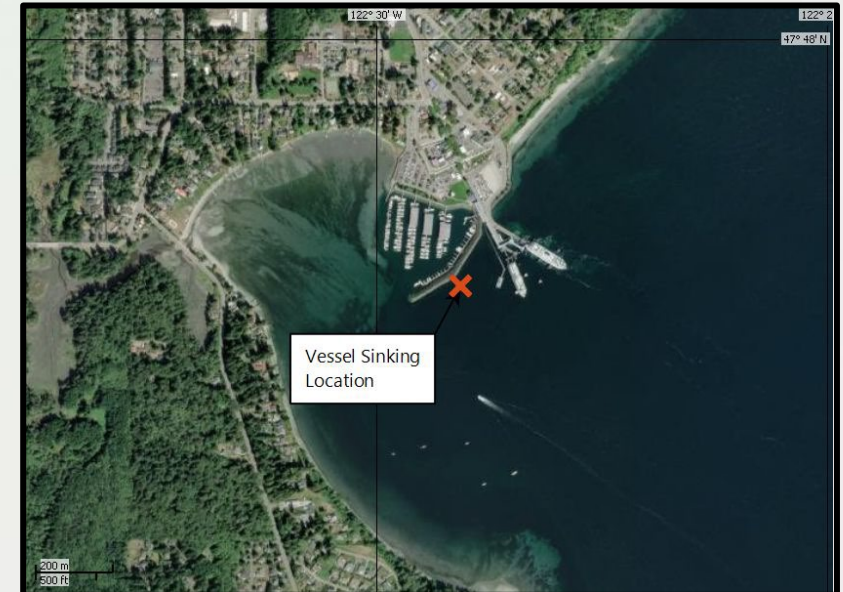
TUG MOLLUSK

Kingston Marina, November 6/7, 2025

- **Involved Agencies**
 - USCG IMD & SBS, GDS, Port of Kingston, WA DOE, WA DNR.
- **Response**
 - 2000 gallons capacity; 1200 reported on board.
 - Vessel's anchor broke. GDS & STA secured Vsl.
- **Recovery**
 - GDS recovered 1,560 gallons of diesel/oily waste.
- **Enforcement**
- **Conclusion**
 - WA Department of Natural Resources seized vessel.



November 2025: FOSCR phone



November 2025: NOAA satellite view

P/C SEA BEAR

Port of Allyn, December 16/17 2025

- **Involved Agencies**
 - SPS IMD, WA ECY, Global Diving and Salvage.
- **Response**
 - 400 Gallon capacity; Fully fueled.
 - Vessel sunk at pier, but due to extreme low tides, operations delayed until 17th.
- **Recovery**
 - 480 Gallons Oily-Water
 - 1 Cubic Yard Sorbent waste
- **Enforcement**
- **Conclusion**
 - Port of Allyn planned to raise vessel.



December 2025: SEA BEAR sunk at Port of Allyn



Special Announcements:

- SPS significantly expanded SR-UAS capabilities
- Contingency Plan Rulemaking
- T91 Evacuation Drill
 - March 5, 2026
 - LNG Bunkering Exercise
- FIFA 2026



Needs Requiring RRT10 Support

- RRT10 Permitting Policy
- Pollution Response contact list for Tribes

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Sector Columbia River Area Committee



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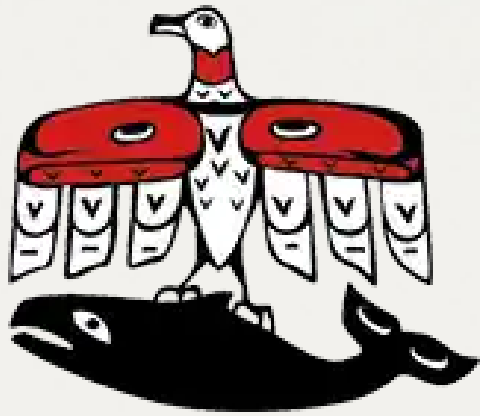


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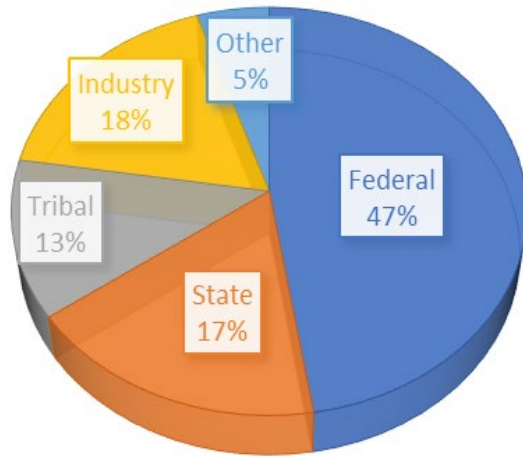


Area Committee Update

Notable Initiatives

- The area contingency plan (ACP) restructuring continues simultaneously with the RCP project.
- ACP draft has been reviewed by Tribal Organizations. Comments provided by Makah, Cowlitz, CTCLUSI are being adjudicated by SPS and SCR WGs.
- Area Committee meeting hosted by Sector Columbia River – Date and location is TBD

MARCH 2026 SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

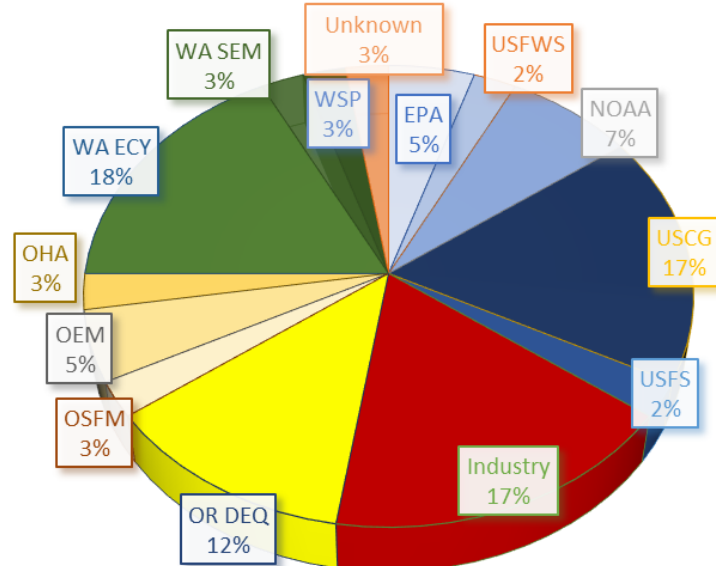


Area Committee and Contingency Plan Update

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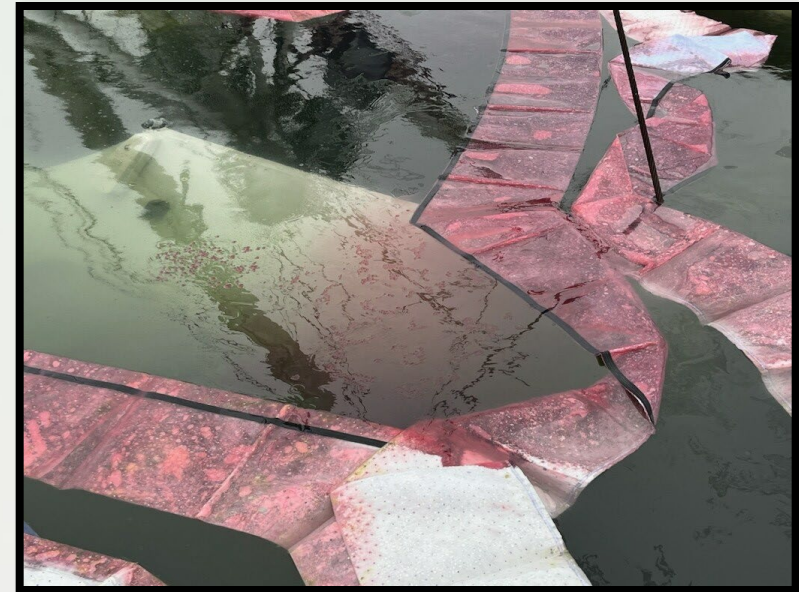
- March 10th meeting attendance: 40 attendees
- Presentation on Alternative Fuel Response Operations and Salvage and Marine Firefighting Planning Standards

SCR AC MEETING ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN



CFV FORTRESS

- Westport Marina, Grays Harbor 12JAN26
- USCG
- Response Actions Summary:
 - **12JAN26** - 63ft CFV FORTRESS sank in its slip next to another CFV. The listing of the vessel caused masts to tangle with nearby CFV RESOLUTION's rigging. Vessel reported to have 2500gal fuel tank. VSL owner worked with insurance to hire OSRO.
 - *This incident occurred concurrently with TEXAS LADY, including same insurance company.*
 - **13JAN26**- Aft tanks emptied.
 - **15JAN26** – Fuel oil begins discharging, requiring additional dives and plugging additional holes discovered.
 - **17JAN26** - Removed 1900 gals of oily water and 75gals of fuel.
- Enforcement Actions-
 - Enforcement for discharge pending.
- Next Steps
 - Boom remained around vessel until salvage could be coordinated.



Portland General Derailment

- Olalla Slough, Toledo OR, 20JAN26
- USCG/EPA
- Response Actions Summary:
 - 20JAN26 - Train crossing at the Olalla Slough in Toledo OR, derailed causing several locomotives being off the tracks on the bridge over the slough, with a potential of 3000 gals per locomotive.
 - There was a minor discharge from a damaged fuel line on the locomotive which was hanging off the bridge.
 - USCG responded due to proximity to EPA and USCG boundary with potential to impact the coastal zone.
 - Upon arrival on scene IMD team worked with the RP, and OSRO, and determined that with ongoing recovery operations impact to the coastal zone was mitigated and coordinated a warm handoff to EPA OSC for further monitoring and case management.
- Enforcement Actions-
 - OSC handed to EPA including enforcement.
- Next Steps
 - N/A





FEMA Region 10 Training & Exercise Quarterly Compendium

January 2026



FEMA

Special Announcements:

- **Upcoming Exercises:**
 - April 20 - 30, 2026 - Sector Columbia River Tsunami Seminar
 - April 9, 2026 - Shell Pipeline Company LP WCD
 - April 30, 2026 - BP Pipelines NW Pipelines District WCD
 - May 13, 2026 - BNSF Railway Company WCD



Needs Requiring RRT10 Support

- Continued engagement through ACP restructuring process.
- Guidance needed on interpretation of NWACP language regarding In Situ Burning (Section 4617.1 in 2020 NWACP) – email sent to RRT coordinators on 3/3/2026.

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NW Inland Area Committee Report

Report to NW Regional Response Team

March 11, 2026

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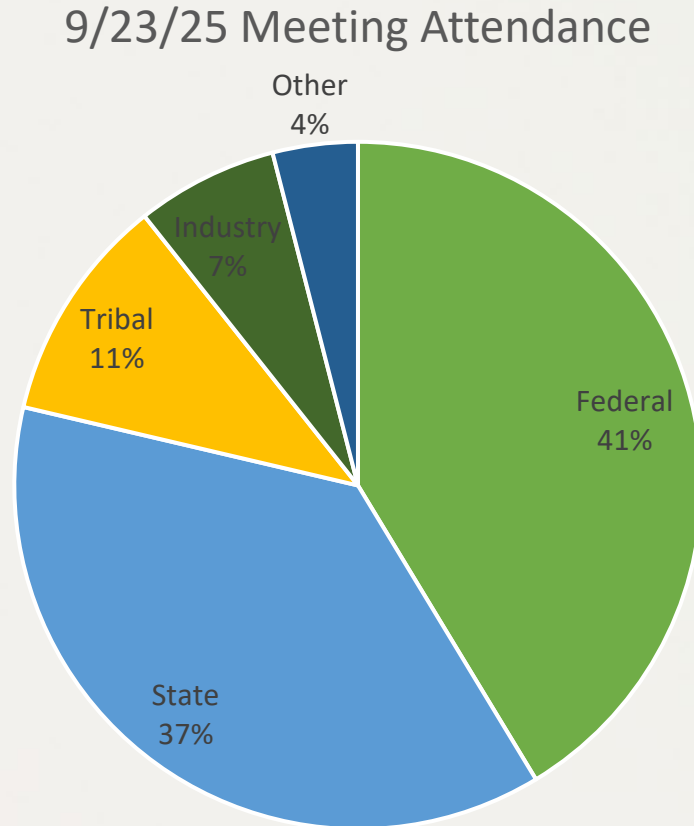
Area Committee Update



Notable Initiatives

- Next AC Meeting April 29th in Portland, Oregon
- Conducting membership outreach
- Steering Committee review of NWIACP is in progress

Area Committee and Contingency Plan Update



- **Administrative:**
 - Draft Inland Area Contingency Plan in progress
 - Steering Committee has reviewed through Section 3150
 - Goal of completion in 2026
- **Plan Updates:**
 - Revisions will be made using the Sponsorship Model and will align with Coastal ACPs where possible

Auburn Way Gasoline Discharge

- December 10, 2025 in Auburn, WA
- A 10,000-gallon UST was compromised during a flood event.
- Discharged approx. 1,800 of supreme gasoline.
- Conducted community air monitoring for VOCs and benzene.
- Highlighted the disparity of benzene action levels (ACGISH TLV 0.02 ppm and AEGL 9ppm) and associated public communications issues



Priest Rapids Turbine Oil Spill

- Mattawa, WA; 12/3/25
- Grant County PUD, Yakama Nation, Graymar Environmental, Ecology
- Response Actions Summary:
 - GCPUD reported release of turbine oil as result of reservoir being overfilled. 250-gallon potential.
 - GCPUD Contracted Graymar.
 - Yakama Nation and Ecology responded to scene
 - Sheen observed from Priest Rapids Dam to McNary Dam ~
 - Multiple GRPs deployed.
- Investigation Underway
- Enforcement Pending



Priest Rapids Turbine Oil Spill

- Release determined to be approximately 83-gallons.
- Sheen spread and quickly became unrecoverable.
- However, roughly 100-miles of Columbia River impacted with visible sheen.
- Protection of resources like drinking water intakes.
- Multiple boat-ops crews for deployment of GRPs and monitoring sheen.
- Ecology used aerial drones in combination with boat to survey sheen.
- Graymar collected data from boat and drone ops and created graphical representation of data.
- Allowed for efficient use of resources over vast distances.
- Highly cooperative relationship between partners.



Geo-spatial Data Reference Map Produced by Graymar



Special Announcements:

Next Area Committee Meeting:

- April 29, 2026, in Portland, OR

Upcoming Capacity Building:

- Lithium-ion Battery Training
 - March 12 in Tri-Cities Area, WA
- Air Monitoring Training at WA Ecology (open to other agencies)
 - April 14 in Shoreline, WA
 - April 16 in Lacey, WA
- Idaho Hazmat Week May 4-9
- Pasco Area Deployment Drill, date TBD
- Inland SCAT Class in Idaho, date TBD

Visit the Northwest Area Committee Exercise Schedule at <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/naces/>

If you'd like to get involved in oil spill drills, reach out to listed Coordinator



Needs Requiring RRT10 Support

- None

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AREA COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT:

Sector Puget Sound	• RRT10 Permitting Policy • Pollution Response contact list for Tribes
Sector Columbia River	• Continued engagement through ACP restructuring process. • Guidance needed on interpretation of NWACP language regarding In Situ Burning (Section 4617.1 in 2020 NWACP) – email sent to RRT coordinators on 3/3/2026.
Northwest Inland	• None



Please don't forget to
SIGN IN

LUNCH

Meeting will restart at 1:15 PM.

If you want to offer an open comment, sign up in “Chat” or the sign-up sheet located in the room.

Must sign up by the end of this lunch break.

WELCOME BACK

Meeting Sign-In



<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/zRuqNhZ>

AFTERNOON AGENDA

1:15 RESPONDING TO TSUNAMI EVENTS

1:45 RRT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PHMSA

2:15 - 2:30 BREAK

2:30 DRILLS AND EXERCISES SURVEY RESULTS

2:45 OPEN COMMENTS

3:15 FINAL COMMENTS & CLOSING REMARKS



RESPONDING TO TSUNAMI EVENTS



RRT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PHMSA



DRILLS AND EXERCISES SURVEY RESULTS



Drills and Exercises 2025 Survey

- Analysis
- Next steps
- 2026 Exercise Schedule

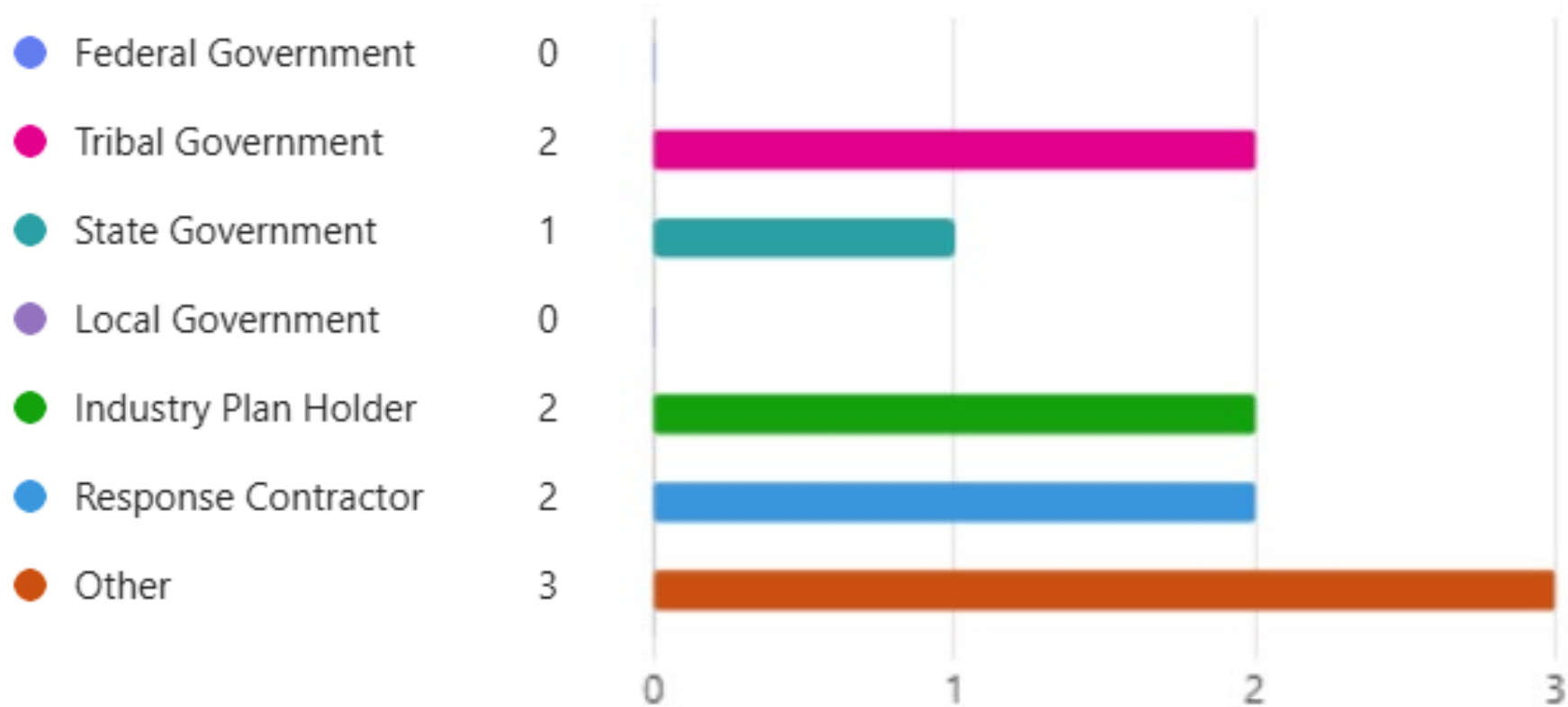




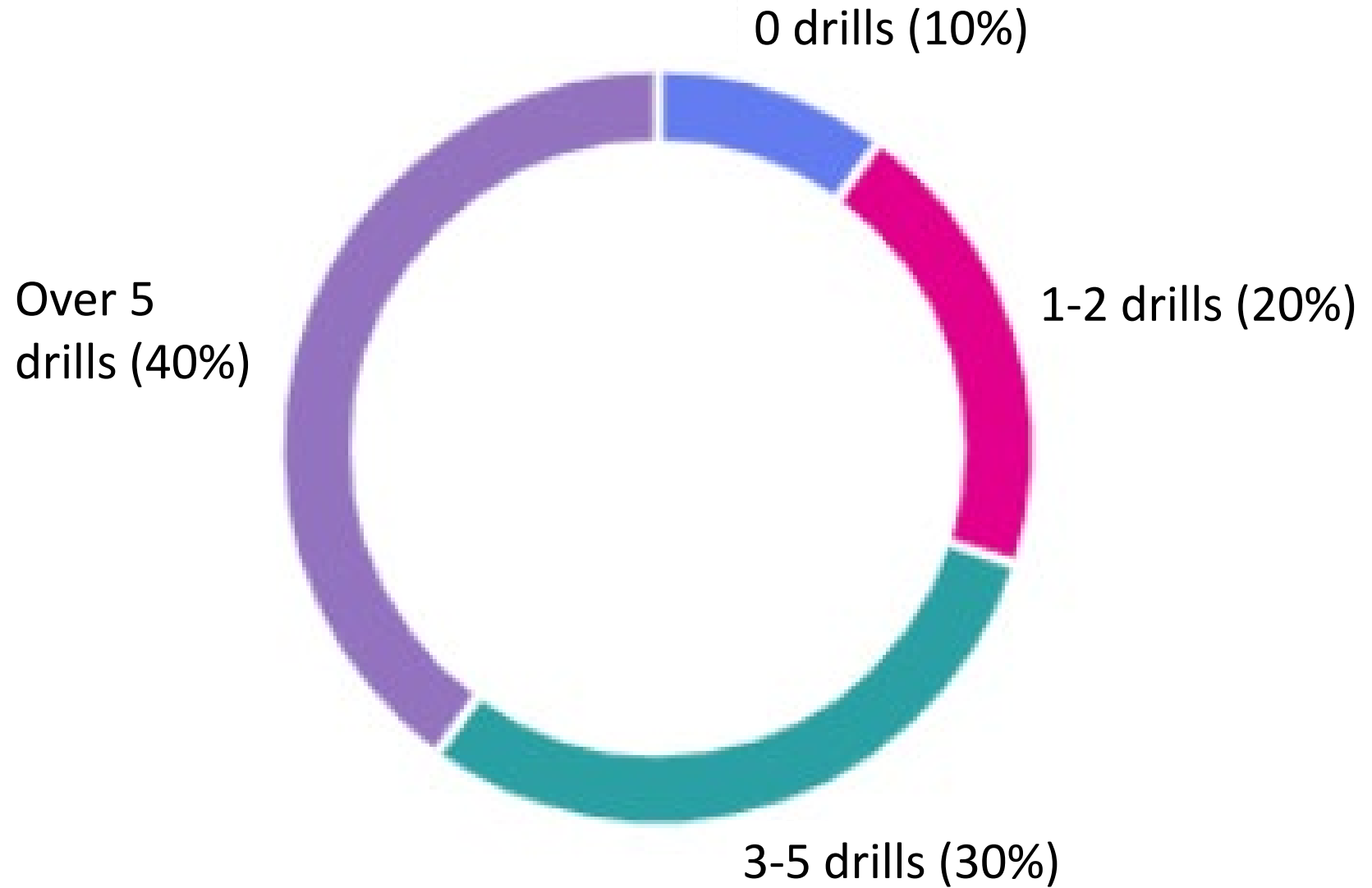
Survey Methodology

- **What:** Seven survey questions
- **Who:** Northwest Regional spill response community
- **When:** December 04, 2025 (annual planning summit)
- **Where:** online (Teams Form)
- **Why:** to gather feedback on drill effectiveness, training needs, and ideas for 2026 drills.

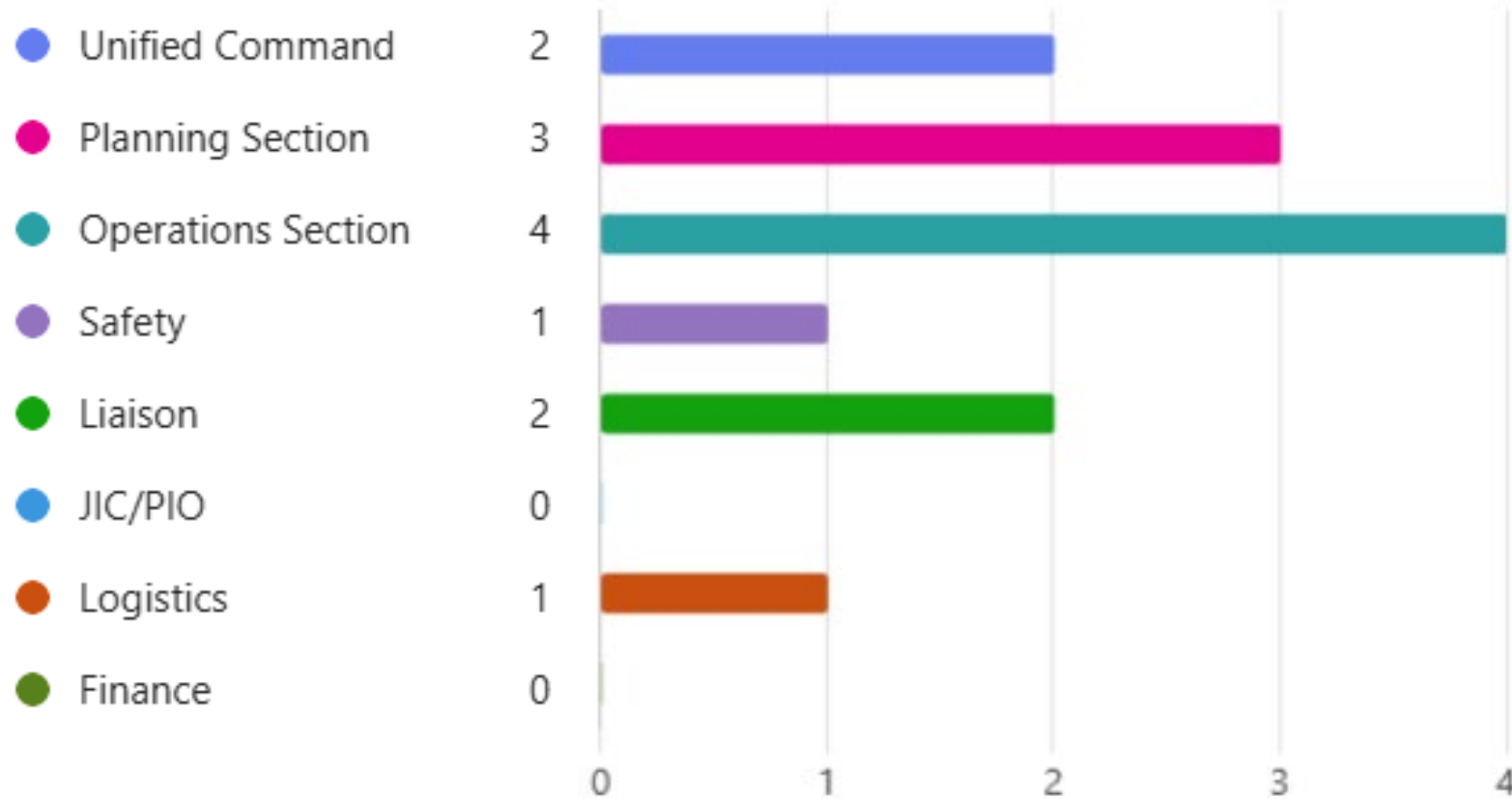
Survey Participation (10 respondents)



Survey Participation (drills per year)



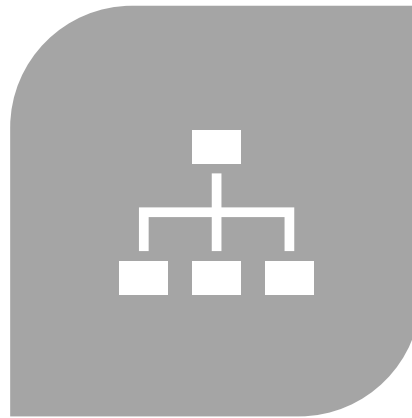
Survey Participation (ICS positions)



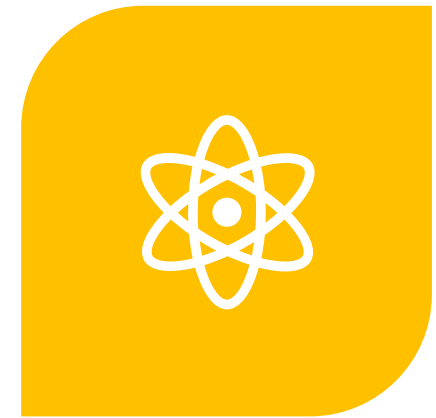
Q1. What do you find most beneficial about participating in drills?



RELATIONSHIPS (6)



PRACTICING ICS (5)



TESTING PLANS (1)

Q2. What aspects of drills do you find least effective or in need of improvement?

- Stringent drill requirements lead to very scripted drills
- Drill scenarios do not reflect current risk trends
- Injects do not simulate realistic decision-making or solution development.
- Not having the right people present
- Not seeking input from subject matter experts in drill design
- Communication between ICS sections

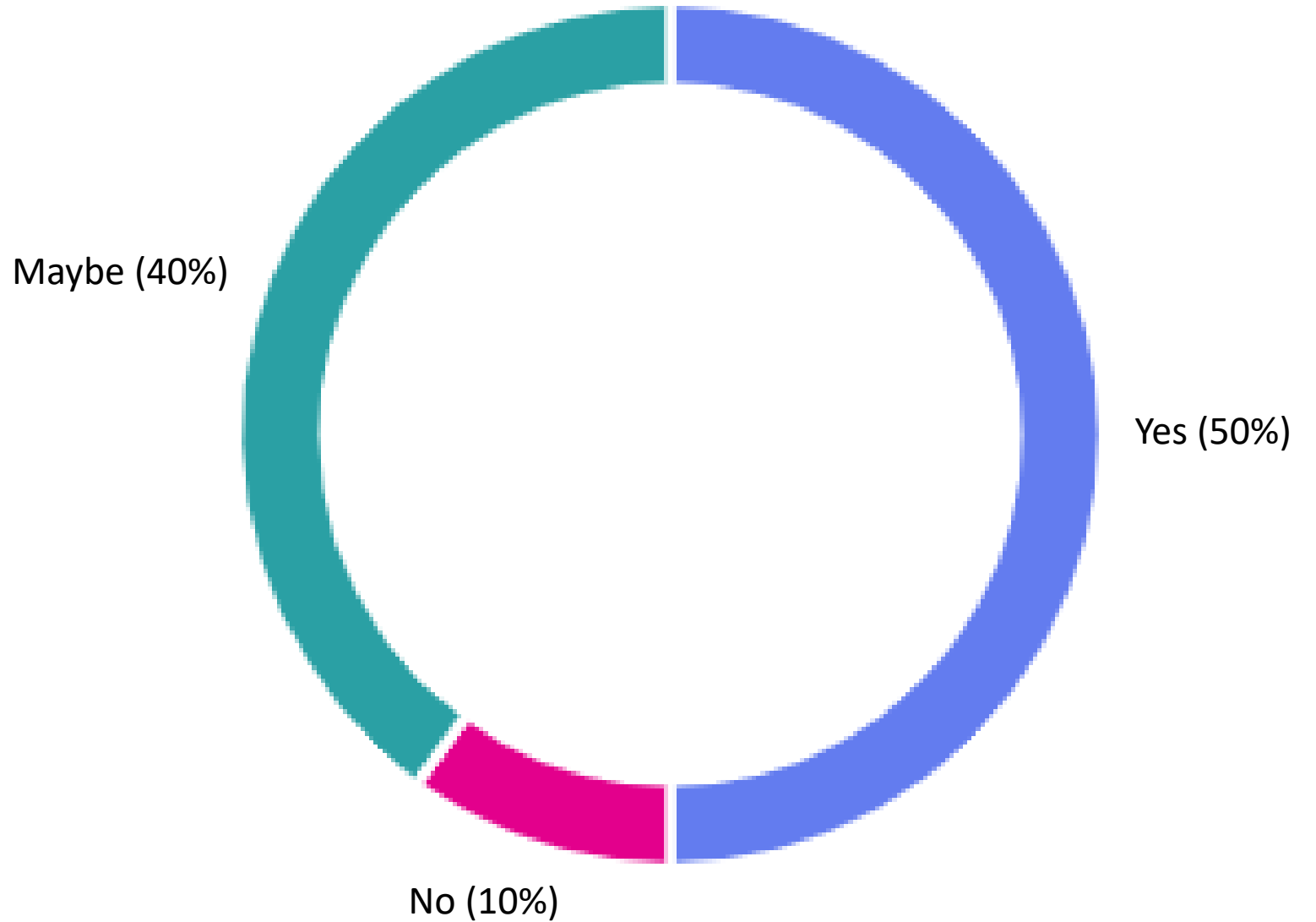
Q3. Who is missing from drills? Who should we make a greater effort to invite?

- Tribes
- Local governments and emergency managers
- Local community organizations
- Non-RP plan holders
- Subject matter experts
- Wildlife professionals

Q4. What would you like to see exercised in 2026?

- Integration of fire response and other hazmat releases into the oil response framework
- Multi plan holder tabletops
- Test GRSs that have not been deployed yet
- Response scenarios with complex (multiple) Tribal participation
- The Liaison manual with emphasis on Tribal Coordination Specialist
- Go beyond day one activities. Test plans within an IAP
- Wildlife operations

Q5. Do you have the interest and capacity to participate in position-specific ICS training before WCD drills?



Q6. What is your greatest barrier to participating in drills?

- Time and other work obligations
- Travel and related costs
- Getting the invite

Q7. Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for improving our drills?

- More transparency around the region's drill program
- Sharing info on drill evaluations more broadly
- A sign-up tool for interested persons to get drill invites

Next Steps

Drills and Exercises
Subcommittee to
review results

Identify solutions,
actions, and
mitigations

Incorporate
actions into 2026
drill season

2026 WCD Drill Schedule

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/naces/#>

- Shell Pipeline – Seattle, WA (4/9)
- BP Pipelines – Portland, OR (4/30)
- BNSF – Steilacoom, WA (5/13)
- TransMontaigne – Portland, OR (5/20)
- MFSA – Vancouver, WA (5/28)
- HF Sinclair – Boise, ID (9/18)
- Andeavor – Richland, WA (9/30)
- TLP – Seattle, WA (10/21)
- Trans Mountain – Whatcom, WA (10/29)
- Centerline – Seattle, WA (11/4)
- Maxum – Seattle, WA (11/19)



OPEN COMMENTS



NEXT MEETING

September 22, 2026
Boise, ID



FINAL COMMENTS & CLOSING REMARKS

