E. Neah Bay Emergency Response Towing Vessel (ERTV)

Contents

The information below is provided for reference by NRC Plan Covered Vessels, owners, agents and demise charterers, regarding the availability and potential use of the ERTV to support responses to vessel emergencies, including spills or threatened spills from Covered Vessels. Lists of other service providers are located in Appendix D. Additional information is also available in the NWACP, Annex 5000 Area Contact List Links.

E.1 The ERTV

As of July 1, 2010, the maritime industry of Washington, represented by the ERTV Compliance Group, in association and agreement with Washington State Vessel Oil Spill Response Contingency Plan holders, has chartered and arranged to fund a year round Emergency Response Towing Vessel (ERTV) located in Neah Bay, Washington. The ERTV was contracted to comply with the requirements of Washington State Engrossed Substituted Senate Bill 5344 (the Act), passed during Washington State's 2009 legislative session.

The ERTV is contracted for oil spill response contingency plan citation and for use during vessel emergencies by owners or operators of vessels transiting to or from a Washington port through the Strait of Juan de Fuca, except for transits extending no further west than Race Rocks light. The Marine Exchange of Puget Sound (Marex) as agent for the ERTV Compliance Group tracks and assesses fees from all applicable vessels transiting the Strait of Juan de Fuca to or from a Washington port, other than ports on the Columbia River.

As defined in the Act, a vessel emergency means a substantial threat of pollution originating from a covered vessel, including loss or serious degradation of propulsion, steering, means of navigation, primary electrical generating capability, and sea keeping capability. The ERTV is available to respond to vessels with vessel emergencies in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and off the western coast of Washington State from Cape Flattery light in Clallam County, Washington south to Cape Disappointment light in Pacific County, Washington. The ERTV may also be contracted for by other vessels.

E.2 Notifications and Dispatch

Decisions to dispatch the ERTV in response to a vessel emergency shall be made by the Covered Vessel or representative, and/or the government agencies with authority to order ERTV assistance. In the event of a decision to dispatch the ERTV, the Covered Vessel owner, operator or demise charterer, or the government agency that dispatched the ERTV will contract directly with the ERTV owner in a form mutually agreeable to both parties. The party contracting for the ERTV shall be responsible for all of the ERTV costs, including its hire, fuel and lube oil, from the time of dispatch of the ERTV until its return to its station.

E.3 Provisions for State Use of the ERTV

Ecology may contract with the ERTV operator in order to respond to a potentially emerging maritime casualty or as a precautionary measure during severe storms. Ecology may dispatch the ERTV upon contracting with the ERTV operator. Ecology shall pay all costs for such deployment from the time of the ERTV's dispatch until its return to its station.

E.4 Drills

Ecology may determine the adequacy of the ERTV through practice drills that test compliance. Such practice drills may be no-notice drills. The ERTV may be also be used in NRC Plan drills as needed to meet Ecology drill requirements. Drills will emphasize the ERTV's ability to respond to vessel emergencies. Drill credit can be obtained during a single deployment by following Ecology's guidelines for scheduling and participating in drills. An actual deployment provides an opportunity for requesting drill credit.

E.5 ERTV Use Report

Whenever the ERTV is deployed at the request of the vessel's owner or operator during a vessel emergency, the requesting vessel owner, operator or demise charterer shall submit a written report to Ecology as soon as practicable regarding the emergency response system deployment, including photographic documentation (if the situation allows for safely taking photos and/or video). The report shall provide a detailed description of the incident necessitating a response and the actions taken to render assistance.

E.6 ERTV Information to NRC Plan Covered Vessels

Additional background information about the capabilities of the ERTV and further guidance on the process and procedures to contract and activate the ERTV is available on the Marine Exchange of Puget Sound website at:

http://marexps.com/supporting/ertv

The NRC Plan Notification Placard and Field Document contain the following information:

> An Emergency Response Towing Vessel (ERTV) is stationed at Neah Bay available to be hired by vessels experiencing a vessel emergency while in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and off the western coast of Washington State from Cape Flattery Light south to Cape Disappointment Light.
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> **For ERTV Call 206-281 3810 or 800-562-2856**

E.7 Specific ERTV Information

See specification information sheet for the Tug Jeffery Foss as follows:

FOSS

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High Performance Class

Conventional Twin Screw Class Specifications

Specifications

VSL Type	High Performance Class	Propeller	104" x 106" 3 bl. Skewed nickel alum. bronze
Service	Harbor & Ocean Service Puget Sound	Rated HP	4,300
Classification	ABS LL	Max ME RPM	900
Vessel Names	JEFFREY FOSS – O/N: 526844	Bollard Pull	141,000 lbs
Year Built	1970, rebuilt 1999	Configuration	twin engine, twin screw, Nautican nozzle
Builder	McDermott Shipyard, Morgan City, LA	ME [#,Type]	2 GM EMD 12-645-E7
Hail Port	Seattle, Washington	AUX 1	Caterpillar 33094B, 105 KW, 208/110V AC
		AUX 2	Caterpillar 33094B, 105 KW, 208/110V AC
Registered GT	177	AUX 3	Caterpillar D-330, Tow Cat
Registered NT	120		
Reg. Length	112.2ft	# Accom.	6 persons
Reg. Breadth	31.0 ft	Anch Gear	2,500# w/8 shotes of 1-3/8" High Strength
Reg. Depth	13.5 ft	Tow Winch	Markey TDSD-32 double drum
Length Overall	120.0 ft	Tow Wire 1	2,200 x 2" IWRC
		Tow Wire 2	2,200 x 2" IWRC
Max Height	54.0 ft	Deck Crane	2,000# Daybrook Crane
Fuel	8 / 70,000 gal		
Lube	1,700 gal	**Additional**	
Hydraulic	1,50 gal	MSD	Red Fox RFP200
Water	2/3,000 gal	Fire Pump	Peabody-Barnes, 3", 7.5HP Electric, 200 GPM