



Tackling Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

*Update On Actions and
Program Development*

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DSL Photo: Jacob Taylor

Oregon's Hazardous Vessel Problem





Action Timeline

Spring 2023

\$18.8 Million Initial Funding

- *Monsanto settlement via HB 5029*

Program Direction

- *HB 2914*
- *State Land Board*

Spring 2024

Program Framework Established

Needs Identified – Funding, Legislation

Summer 2023 - Spring 2024

Vessel Removals

Partner and Community Engagement

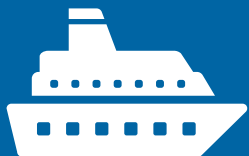
Staffing the ADV Program



Removal of the FV Tiffany

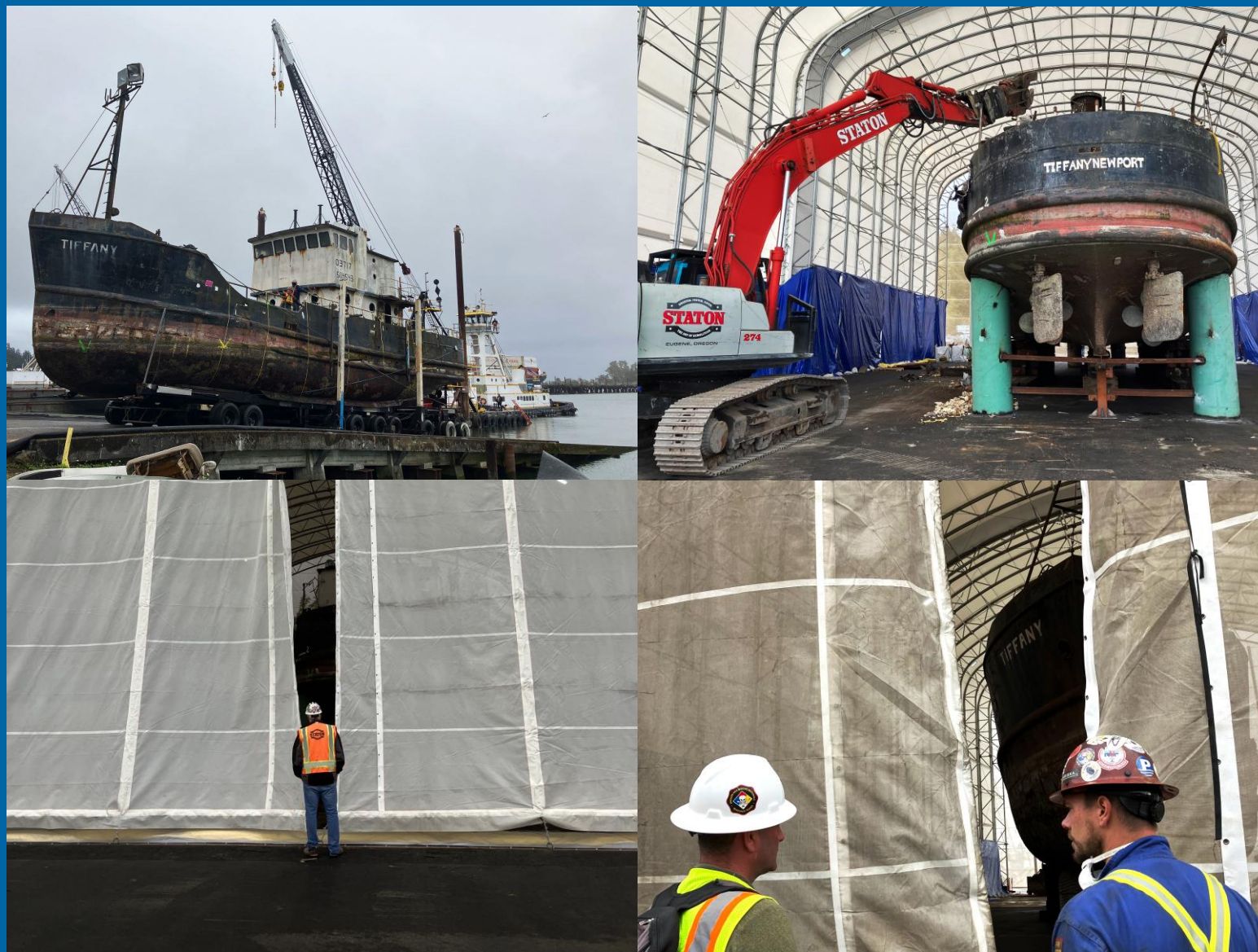
The first cleanup with the new funding is underway with removal of the FV Tiffany, an 86-foot former fishing vessel, from the Columbia River.

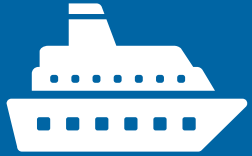
- The 200-ton former fishing vessel built in 1939 became a hazard when it sank and spilled fuel into the Columbia River near Rainier. The U.S. Coast Guard responded, cleaning up the fuel and refloating the vessel. DSL began monitoring the vessel while also seeking resources for removal.
- Abandoned and derelict vessels like the FV Tiffany often contain harmful quantities of oil, lubricant, and other toxic substances in the materials.
- Some samples taken from the FV Tiffany contained high levels of PCBs and lead which pose a threat to the aquatic environment and potentially even human health.



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Partner and Community Engagement

Collaboration is essential for ongoing work to remove vessels and develop Oregon's abandoned and derelict vessel program.

Convened in September 2023, an **ADV Workgroup** is providing input on key elements of a statewide ADV program. We're meeting at least monthly through April 2024.

The 20+ workgroup members bring a wide variety of perspectives and expertise, including ports, marinas, waterway recreation, environmental protection, vessel salvage, and local government.



*State agency
partners*



Staffing the ADV Program



Josh Mulhollem,
Waterways Stewardship
Manager

**Waterways
Stewardship Project
Manager**

Recruitment underway

**Outreach and
Compliance
Specialist**

*Recruitment complete,
to be announced*

**Purchase / Contract
Specialist**

Recruitment underway



What's Next

February 2024: DSL will report to the Legislature on progress

Spring 2024: DSL will present the proposed ADV program framework to the State Land Board for consideration

The ADV program framework will include:

- Prevention
- Response and enforcement
- Education and outreach
- Potential long-term funding needs and sources

Staff will also present recommendations for action in the 2025 Legislative Session.



Thank You!

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