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Re: SB2 Repairs to M/V Salvage Chief

A golden opportunity is before the Legislature, to be remembered in history, as the body who realized the value of a resource like the Salvage Chief.

In one form or fashion I have been associated with the Salvage Chief for over twenty-five years. First as the Emergency Manager in Clatsop County, later as a member of the Oregon Disaster Medical Team, and now as the Director of Emergency Management in Kitsap County in Washington State.

The ability of the Salvage Chief to clear waterways of any obstruction can't be disputed. The economic dependency of the Pacific Northwest on an open Columbia River is likewise a solid fact.

I've slept on the Salvage Chief as part of a medical exercise to evaluate its suitability for a floating medical platform post Cascadia. The ship's ability to make power, potable water, support emergency communications and land rotary aircraft proved this is possible.

I currently am a Board member of the Cascadia Coastal Coalition, a non-profit whose mission is to promote disaster readiness, response, recovery and resilience in support of Pacific Northwest coastal communities.

The potential of this vessel and trained crew members to change the outcomes of Oregonian's lives in a catastrophic disaster is nothing short of amazing. I urge you to greatly support this bill to Ready the Chief.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. I can be reached at jglarum@kitsap.gov or by phone at 360-900-8556.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Glarum".

Jan Glarum
Director