



SB 795

**ABANDONED AND
DERELICT VESSELS**

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
January 30, 2025**

Oregon's Abandoned & Derelict Vessels Program

Addressing current
threats to waterways

Working
collaboratively for
proactive solutions



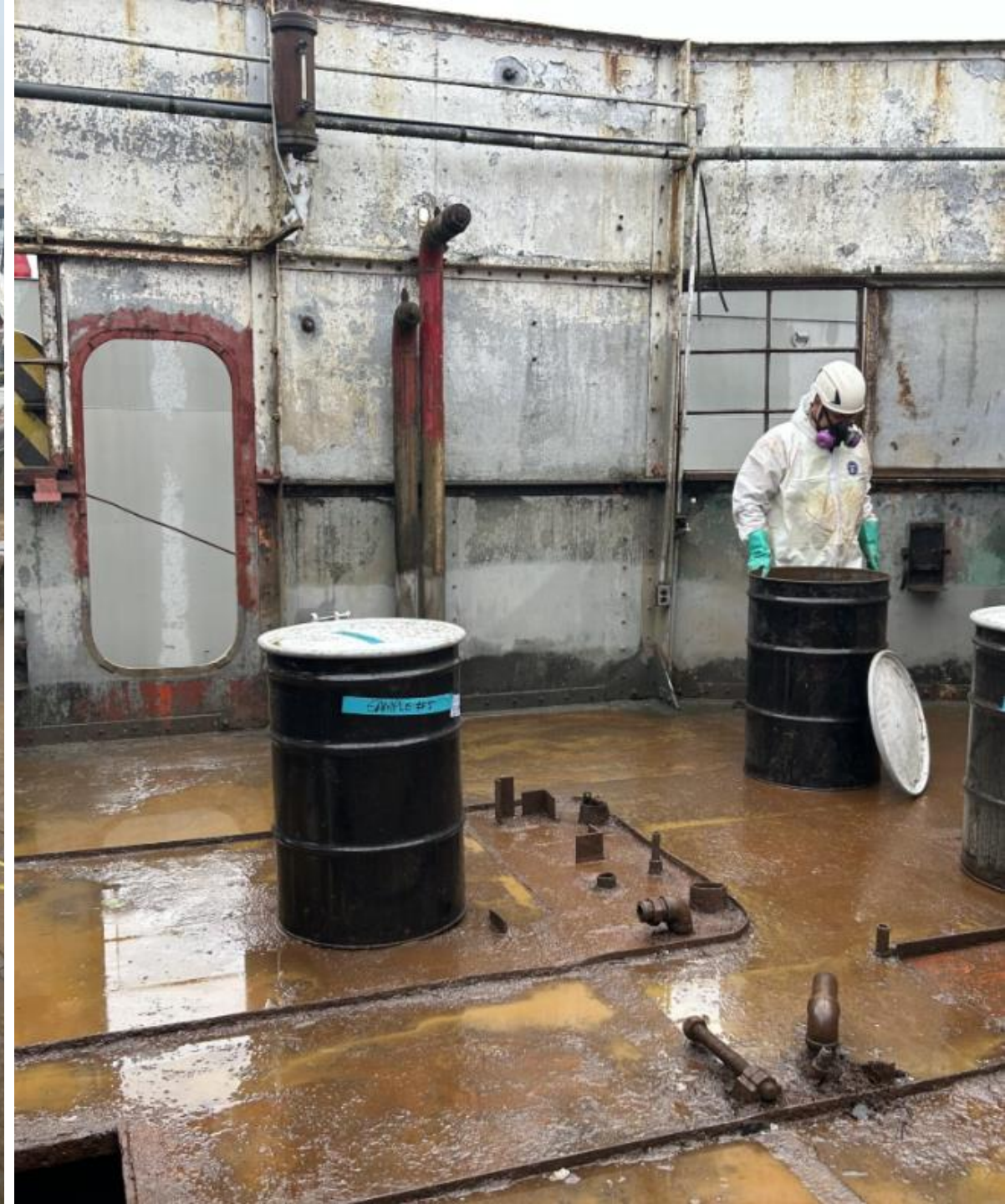
REMOVED: DECEMBER 2024

THE DREDGE

HERB ANDERSON

COLUMBIA RIVER NEAR RAINIER





REMOVED: OCTOBER 2024

NINE SUNKEN BOATS

COLUMBIA RIVER NEAR ST. HELENS





Barriers to Program Effectiveness

- **Incomplete, unclear statutory definitions result in delays or increased costs**
 - *For example – the same notice, seizure, and storage requirements apply to boats that have been sunken for decades*
- **Unfeasible statutory requirements**
 - *For example – personal property on sunken boats must be sorted, cataloged, and made available for retrieval in the exact same manner as boats that are afloat*

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More Timely, Cost-Effective Removal of Hazardous Vessels

- Updates incomplete or unclear definitions
- Clarifies when vessels may be addressed as marine debris
- Allows personal property on a vessel to be stored and disposed of in the same manner as the vessel
- Lessens required storage time for seized vessels, eliminates duplicative notice requirements



THANK YOU

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