Government Response to Derelict and Abandoned Vessels

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Case Study: MV Raven

• 68’ wood hulled tug built in 1916, for use in Alaska
• Sold for $1.00 in summer of 2013
• Sank at it’s dock in Bethel Island, 6 months later
• USCG federalizes operation and spends $150,000 to remove fuel and failed attempt to raise the vessel
• Sits underwater until early 2016, and is removed with Boating and Waterways funds for another $48,500
Background of the Problem

- Financial crisis of 2007-08
- Over last 5-7 years, increase in neglected and abandoned vessels in San Francisco Bay and Delta areas
- Best of intentions, worst of execution
- Substance abuse as it relates to ADV problem
Observations

- No regular and preventative maintenance
- Cheaper and easier to simply abandon in place, or cut lines to allow problem to float away
- If not immediately identified, vessel can move, shift, and settle in the mud
- And they can persist for years
Solutions and Actions

• First, we aren’t sure there is a solid solution to the problem
• The problem exists in every county in the State
• However, not every county is currently able to work at reducing the problem
Solutions and Actions

- Increased funding to deal with removal and disposal
- Recent changes and proposed, future changes to laws and regulations
- Support from Assembly members and other higher profile individuals
You're Outta Here!!!

Derelict

Abandoned
Division of Boating and Waterways Funding

SAVE
Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange

AWAF
Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund

VTIP
Vessel Turn-In Program
The Lien Process

- Lien Process
- Abandoned/ Derelict Vessel
- Lien Sale
- Fails to pay fees
- No maintenance
Oakland Estuary Cleanup Project

CalRecycle is leading a multimillion-dollar cleanup project to remove abandoned and sunken vessels, marine debris, and other navigational hazards from more than 25 locations in the Oakland Estuary.

- Jack London Square
- Estuary Park
- Coast Guard Island
- Union Point Park
- Abandoned vessels
- Two sunken vessels, two barges, marine debris
- Dilapidated dock, marine debris, three sunken vessels
- Abandoned vessel and marine debris
- Marine debris at public fishing pier
- Abandoned vessels and some sunken vessels
- San Leandro Bay

- fuel and oil spills
- navigational hazards
- marine batteries
- lead paint
- asbestos
- hazardous wastes
- neighborhood safety
Partnerships

• Maintain open lines of communication
• Many different authorities and jurisdictions require prior coordination
Thank You

Questions??

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