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# USCG Marine Environmental Protection Industry Training

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**Port of Tacoma Commission Meeting**
**Date: January 17, 2024**

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People. Partnership. Performance.

# USCG Industry Training

- USCG Program
  - Competitive selection process
  - Akin to free internship
  - Active-duty members work in related field
  - Members are selected for 1-year or 6-month programs
  - In conjunction with Permanent Change of Station
  - Service obligation upon completion

# Robert Simcox

- 22 Years of Service
- Stationed in various locations on the East Coast, Gulf Coast and Great Lakes
- Specialize in Environmental Response, Emergency Management, Vessel and Waterfront Facility Inspections
- Recent change of station from Detroit, MI
- Conducting Industry Training with the Port of Tacoma and Resolve Marine
- Report to USCG District 13, Seattle WA in summer of ‘24

# Habitat & Permitting

Beavers are Relentless!

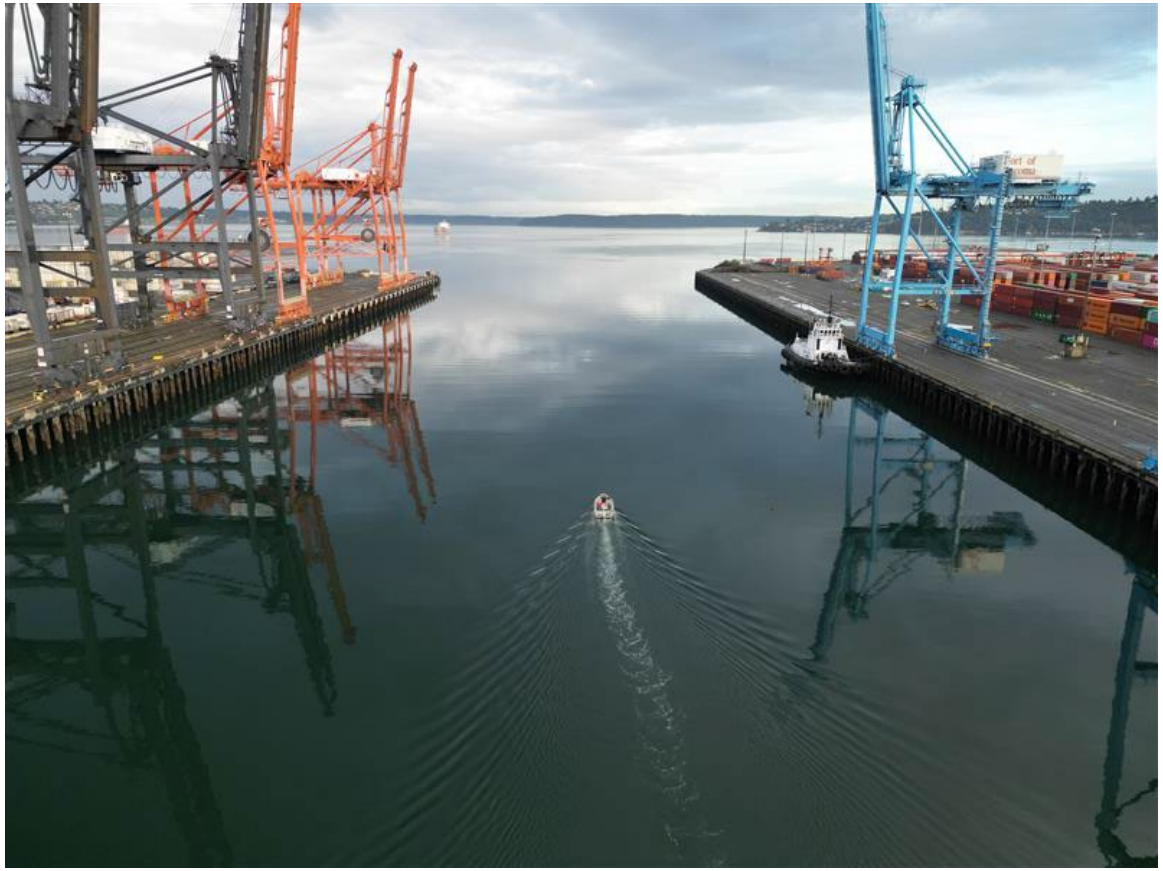
Battling invasive Bull Frog tadpoles

# Habitat & Permitting cont.

Lower Wapato Year 0 Site Visit

Hunting Vineyard Snails

# Water Quality



UAS survey of waterfront property

Derelict barge removal

# Community Outreach

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4th graders at Puyallup Historical Hatchery

# Contingency Preparedness

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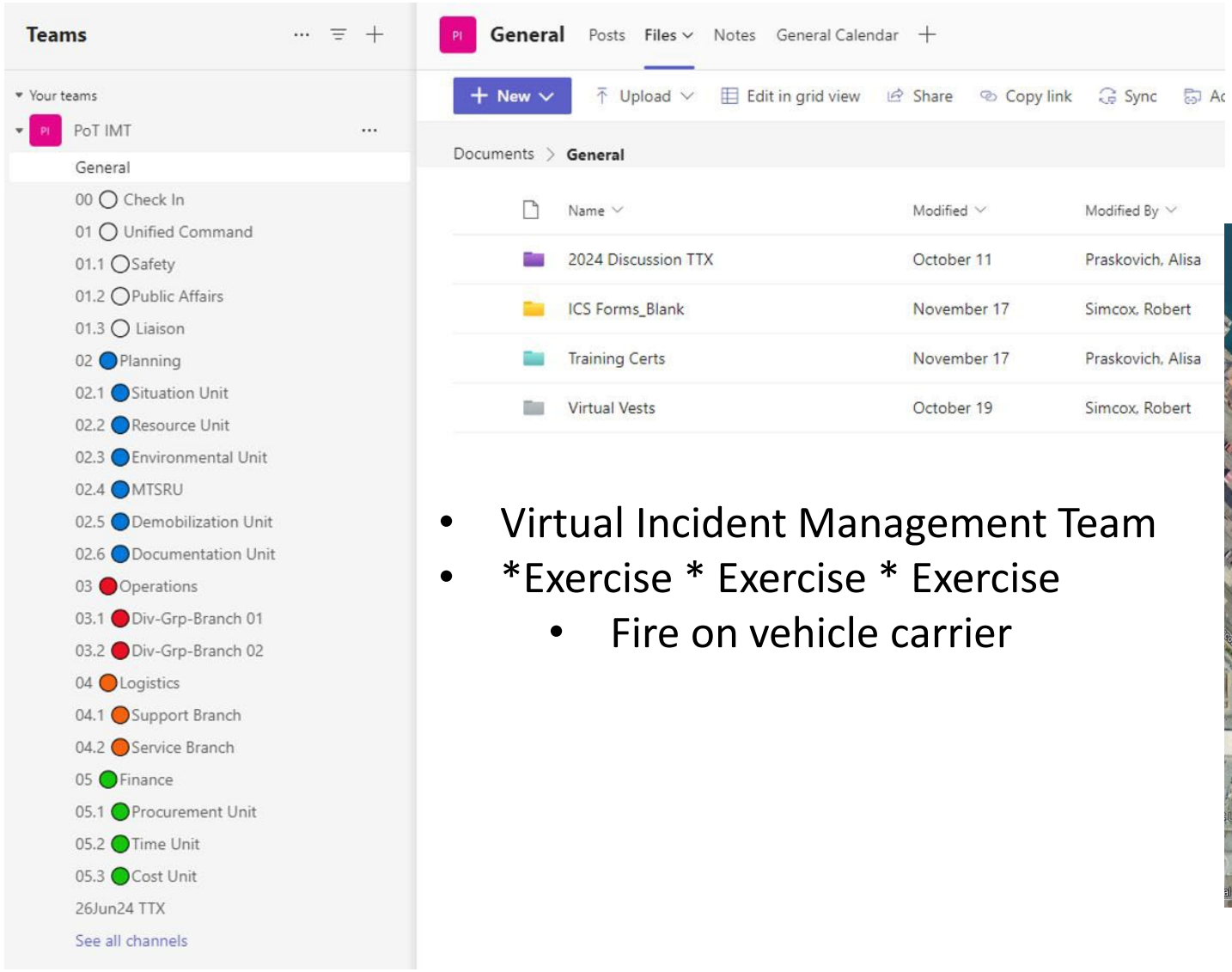

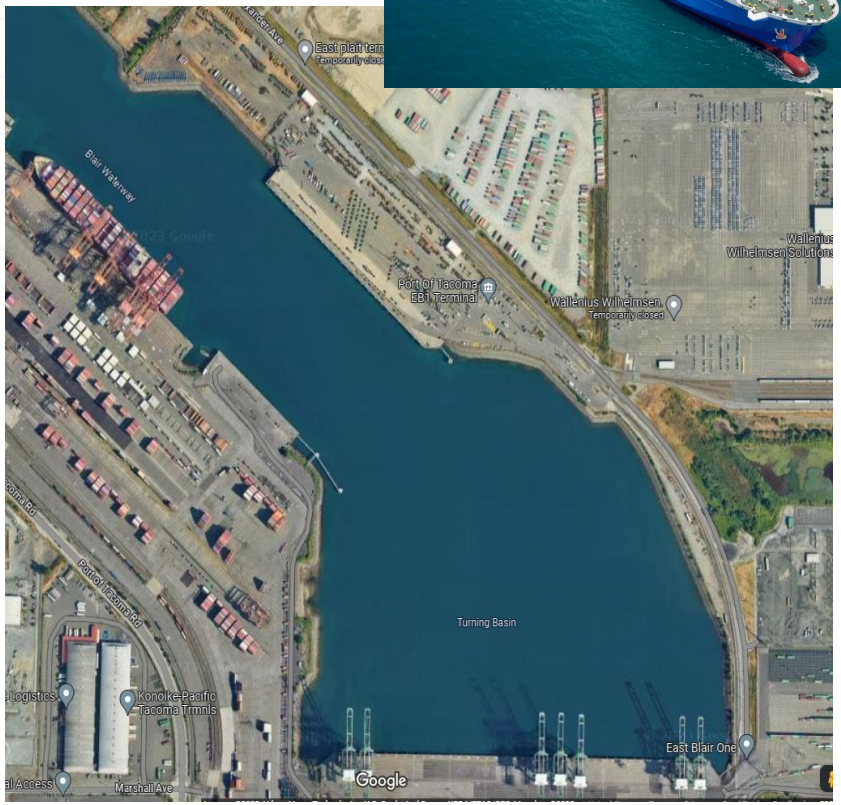


- Virtual Incident Management Team
- *Exercise * Exercise * Exercise
  - Fire on vehicle carrier

# Recommendations

- Continue initiative to plan and prepare for all-hazards contingencies and adopt a cycle of training and exercising.
- Ensure  notification system alerts employees and key stakeholders of important messaging to enhance public safety.
- Establish a story board and observation deck at Lower Wapato Habitat Site.
- Purchase a new Port of Tacoma work/response boat.

# Where to from here?

- Thank you for welcoming me on the Team!
- Remainder of my Industry Training
  - Resolve Marine, Tacoma, WA
  - Continued support for June 2024 Table-Top Exercise
- USCG District 13, Seattle, WA – June 2024
- Whole Community
  - Within and external to the Port
  - Continued relationships

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