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MEETING SUMMARY
PWS GRS WORKGROUP
USDA Forest Service, Anchorage, AK
February 18, 2003

Attendees:

John Kwietniak, Tesoro, co-chair	Tom Lakosh
John Kotula, ADEC, co-chair	Ed Thompson, BP Shipping
Tim Robertson, TLR	Dale Garner, ADEC
Dan Logan, USFS	Paul Richie, QTE
Kim Stewart, ADEC	Bob Heavlin, AK Chadux Corp.
Ken Holbrook, USFS	Joe Banta, PWSRCAC
Tracy Coffey, SeaRiver	Catherine Berg, USFWS
Brandon Ridgnour, USCG	Doug Mutter, DOI
Kurt Hallier, Polar Tankers	Mark Delozier, SERVS
Gay Dunham, APSC	Mark Fink, ADFG
Kristina O'Conner, Polar Tankers	Karen Hays, ATC
Tom Colby, ATC	Sam Means, ADNR
Sharon Merchant, APSC	Rick Dunn, SeaRiver
Chris Wooley, Chumis	Mark Janes, TLR

John Kotula opened the meeting and John Kwietniak reviewed the agenda.

Tim Robertson reviewed the draft PWS GRS document and solicited any additional edits or changes for the final document.

- The Passive Recovery Marine Mammals tactic was reviewed and additional input was solicited. The tactic will be left as written.
- The need for additional photographs for the GRS sites will be followed up by John Kwietniak with the Coast Guard. If the Coast Guard cannot assist, the RPG will arrange for an aircraft, TLR will provide a photographer.
- Changes were noted in language, formatting of the site selection matrix and that the matrix should indicate areas selected due to local public concern. Additional resources were identified and are to be noted in the tactics tables and on the matrix.

The floor was opened for public input.

Tom Lakosh, unaffiliated public interest, commented on the project being a noble first attempt but viewed the plans as not meeting state or federal regulations. He would like to see the inclusion of strategies that are time dependent, the deployment of equipment that would be pre-deployed at the sites, use of running lines for boom deployment and focusing strategies on the keystone species for protection. He also noted that the current response equipment in place is not Best Available Technology.

Sharon Merchant, APCS, speaking as a citizen of Valdez, views the project as progressive and important for the protection of the region.

Chris Wooley noted that he has received excellent feedback in regards to the plans and process from his contacts in the region.

The PWS GRS document was unanimously approved by the Work Group with the condition that the changes noted above be made before the document was passed to the Subarea Committee.

Items discussed and action taken:

- The Work Group, decided not to incorporate the Copper River Delta and Flats (CRDF) Plan into the PWS GRS document at this time, because the CRDF is not part of the governing MOA. However, the Work Group agreed that the area is critical for protection and should be incorporated into the PWS GRS. The resource management agencies will begin development of a site selection matrix for the Delta.
- The Work Group agreed to begin development of the next 15 GRSs from sites selected from the four original zones. The tactics group will survey each GRS site. The site deployment schedule will remain at the previously agreed upon 4 sites per year. If the tactics group is not able to fully complete 5 GRS within the year as stated in the MOA, the Work Group agreed that the conditions of the MOA would still be met.
- The Work Group selected the following sites as priority for testing in 2003: Storey Island, Little Axel Lind Island, Canoe Passage, Ziakoff Bay. Jack Bay was selected as an alternative site of Jack Bay if one of the others is not deployable due to weather conditions. Mark Delozier will produce a schedule for the testing and surveying.

- The Work Group agreed to include the sites deployed during the 2002 F/V Windy Bay spill in the next version of the GRS document. PWS RCAC will fund the development of these sites. The Windy Bay spill GRS will not be counted as one of the 15 GRS to be developed under the MOA. The resource management agencies agreed to review the sites to establish the resources at risk.
- The Work Group agreed to include the Cordova Harbor spill plan in the next version of the document. The plan will be revised with the harbormaster to fit the current format. The Cordova Harbor will not be counted as one of the 15 GRS to be developed under the MOA.
- No decision was made on including the site-specific protection plans that have been developed by APSC and the RPG for the PWS Tanker Plan and VMT Plan. APSC and the RPG will discuss this issue and report back to the Work Group at their next meeting.

The Work Group selected 15 new sites for GRS development. Tactic Committee will begin work on these sites. PWS RCAC will conduct a public input process for these sites. The natural resource management agencies will review the sites and provide specific locations for resources at risk. The 15 new sites are:

NE Zone-Sawmill Bay	Windy Bay
Olsen Bay	SW Zone-Point Erlington
Upper Sheep Bay	Stockdale Harbor
NW Zone-Fairmont Island	Eshamy Bay
Lone Island	McCleod Harbor
Point Pellew	Bay of Isles-South Arm
South Bay	Bay of Isles-West Arm
SE Zone-Makaka Creek	

The next meeting for the PWS Work Group was scheduled for June 24, 2003 at the BP Energy Center. The next Tactic meeting is scheduled for May 20 at the PWS RCAC conference room in Anchorage.