

MEETING OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND GRS WORKGROUP

**June 24, 2003
BP Energy Center
Anchorage, Alaska**

Attendees

John Kwietniak, Tesoro, co-chair
John Kotula, ADEC, co-chair
Tim Robertson, TLR
Kim Stewart, ADEC
Ken Holbrook, USFS
Gay Dunham, APSC
Kristina O'Conner, Polar Tankers
Gail Colby, APSC
Chris Wooley, Chumis
Tom Lakosh, public

Dale Garner, ADEC
Paul Richie, QTE
Linda Robinson, PWSRCAC
Catherine Berg, USFWS
Doug Mutter, DOI
Mark Fink, ADFG
Sam Means, ADNR
Mary Goolie, EPA
Mark Janes, TLR

Summary

John Kotula opened the meeting and John Kwietniak reviewed the agenda and the summary of the 2/18/03 Workgroup meeting.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Tom Lakosh, unaffiliated public interest, stated that he feels the GRS strategies are done in isolations and are not designed to meet volume and flow consideration and are lacking in adequate anchoring systems. He recommends the inclusion of local knowledge from fishermen and residents in the planning and design. He states that a slide show on the web for public access of the tested sites would assist in the public's understanding of the process and would be helpful for responders.

Linda Robinson of PWSRCAC reviewed the public input received on the 15 preliminarily selected sites. Additional sites were nominated by the public, but these sites were covered by APSC planning. Other comments were positive on the process and the necessity of GRS project.

Tim Robertson reviewed the work of the Tactics Committee. The Tactics Committee will be conducting site surveys and photography July 13-17. The site survey plans were reviewed for the group. ADF&G asked that a resource agency representative be included on the survey, if space is available, to insure the protection of resources in the designs.

The group reviewed the site selection matrix. Additional sensitive resources were added to the matrix for some sites.

The floor was opened for public comment on the selected sites. Tom Lakosh reported that many sites will require the addition of new technology and offered his assistance in designing the strategies. He will review future designs on the web and return comments.

Alternate sites were identified for consideration if it is determined by the Tactics Committee that a selected site is not appropriate for a GRS. The alternate sites are: Gull Island, Double Bay and Galena Bay. The Workgroup then approved the 15 sites selected for the next phase of the PWS GRS project.

The approved sites are:

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

Additional items discussed and actions taken:

- The resource management agencies will continue to development information for the site selection matrix for the Copper River Delta Flats Zone. The sites currently selected are not expected to change but additional resources are present which are not currently listed in the matrix. The Workgroup decided that these sites would be addressed after the completion of the current 15 strategies.
- The inclusion of site-specific plans in the Valdez Marine Terminal and PWS Tanker C-plans was approved by the APSC and the RPG and will be included in the GRS document. These will not count toward the 15 GRS required under the current MOA.
- The group discussed current proposed DEC regulations that may effect the development of GRS plans. The group decided that it was not appropriate for the group to comment at this time as the regulations are still being developed by DEC.

The Co-Chairs will call the next Workgroup meeting after the Tactics Committee completes draft strategies for the 15 selected sites.