

MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA SENSITIVE AREAS WORKING GROUP

March 13, 2002

The Southeast Alaska Sensitive Areas Working Group (SEAK SAWG) met in the ADEC Juneau offices from 0930-1700 on March 13, 2002.

The following individuals were in attendance:

Lester Leatherberry (ADEC)
Dale Gardner, ADEC
Mark McCallum (Tongass National Forest)
LT Darwin Jensen (USCG)
Ric Janelle (USCG)
LaVern Beier (ADF&G/Wildlife)
Doug Sanvik (DNR)
Doug Mutter (DOI) chair
Cheryl Fultz (SEAPRO)
Catherine Berg (US FWS)
Deb Rudis (US FWS)
Jerry Madden (United SE Alaska Gillnetters)
Dave Eley (contractor)

Proceedings

The Work Group members accomplished the following:

1. Received the report of the contractor on public outreach. Summaries of the four public meetings can be reviewed at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/dspar/perp/grs/feedback.htm#meeting>

The contractor reported that no one called in during the advertised March 5 teleconference. The Work Group agreed that the efforts of the contractor to gather input from local communities, organizations and stakeholders were adequate and acceptable.

2. Based on public input, developed a list of 68 priority-one sites, of which 60 will be developed for GRS maps. These priority one sites are designated in the site selection matrix (**Attachment A**).
3. Reviewed GRS maps for the 20 sites that were selected at the December 2002 steering committee meeting. The Work Group made several helpful suggestions for improving the strategies and tactics. The Work Group directed the GRS Steering Committee to remove Disenchantment Bay, and Katzeihin River as

priority one sites. These sites cannot be protected using traditional GRS oil spill strategies and tactics. This does not mean there will be no response for these sites in the event of an oil spill.

4. Reviewed the second set of 20 sites selected for GRS map development. Directed the Steering Committee to:
 - Request input from Metlakatla Indian Community regarding the value of Tamgas Harbor as a GRS priority one site.
 - Remove Spanish Island as a priority one site. This site cannot be protected using traditional GRS oil spill strategies and tactics. This does not mean there will be no response for this site in the event of an oil spill.
 - Divide Pybus Bay into two separate GRS sites.
 - Divide Berners Bay into two GRS sites, Berners Bay North and Point Bridget.