

## **SUMMARY OF KETCHIKAN PUBLIC MEETING**

**February 6, 2002**

### **Meeting Time and Location**

Public hearing conducted February 6, 2002, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the University of Alaska Southeast, Ketchikan campus library.

### **Publicity and Promotion**

- In weeks leading up to public meeting, contact made and input obtained from local offices of the US Forest Service and Alaska Dept of Fish and Game.
- Public notice published in local paper, *Ketchikan Daily News*, February 2/3 & February 5.
- News article describing the public hearing and GRS process appeared in February 5 edition of *Ketchikan Daily News*.
- Cheryl Fultz, GRS Work Group co-chair, interviewed by local public radio station on February 5.
- Announcements on both local radio stations on February 5 and 6.
- Local conservation groups contacted and advised of meeting.

### **Feedback**

Three people, two local Oil Spill Co-op members and a member of the Ketchikan Borough Assembly, attended the meeting. After listening to an overview of the GRS process and receiving a handout that described the process and listed the candidate sites, the attendees provided the following comments:

1. Consider the shorelines impacted by the spill from the M/V Lee Wang Zingh; including Bond Bay. A review of the sites impacted by this spill would provide an indication of the *probability* of spill impacts. Note: Contractors and SEAPRO will research and report findings at the March GRS meeting.
2. Consider Point Baker. This area is frequented by whales and is a site of important fishing.
3. Black Sands Beach, Gravina Island, is a high use subsistence and recreation area.
4. Consider California Head. This area is frequented by whales and is a site of important fishing.
5. Duke Island southwest shoreline is a primary urchin fishery area and has a number of biologically diverse wave-cut platforms and inter-tidal areas.
6. The west side of Gravina island is an active geoduck fishery.
7. Tree point, near Lincoln Channel, is an important to commercial gillnetters.
8. Seal lion haul outs in Southeast Alaska that should be considered include White Sisters (north of Sitka) and Tatoosh Island, near Betton Island.