

Meeting of the Aleutian Subarea GRS Workgroup

January 31, 2007
USFWS Service Center
1011 E. Tudor Rd.
Anchorage, Alaska

Attendees:

Dave Bash, King Cove -Teleconference

Joe Bereskin, Akutan

John Bauer, ADEC

Catherine Berg, USFWS

John Brown, ADEC

Mark DeVries, USCG

Rosanna Dickens, ADEC

Meredeth Gillman, USCG

Mary Goolie, USEPA

Paul Gronholdt, Sand Point, AEB

Eric Henry, ADEC

Larry Iwamoto, ADEC

Mark Janes, Nuka Research

Shannon Miller, ADNR

Steve Moreno, Alaska Marine Pilots

Doug Mutter, USDOJ

Leslie Pearson, ADEC

Tim Robertson, Nuka Research

Tammy Stromberg, Akutan

Walter Tague, Crowley Marine

David Zezula, NOAA

Tim Robertson opened the meeting and offered a brief introduction on Geographic Response Strategies and the workgroup process used to develop them. He outlined the previous work completed in the Aleutian Subarea during Phase One of the GRS project. The workgroup for the Aleutian Subarea has completed the following:

- An index of candidate sites throughout five zones in the subarea,
- A set of maps that display the risk factors and response resources,
- Identified High Priority Sites in three of the zones in the Subarea.

The project's scope has been limited to the Aleutian East B Zone. This change will allow the workgroup to address the zone's high risk of spills and to be able to fully maximize funds to address more sites in the area.

Mr. Robertson provided an overview of the meeting objectives. He noted that the primary objectives for the workgroup for this meeting are:

1. To review and edit the work completed during phase one of the project
2. Select ~20 sites as the "High Priority" sites that will be developed into geographic response strategies.

With the group, he began a review of the Aleutian East B Zone Site Selection Matrix and the seven High Priority Sites previously selected. The project has funding to develop 20 sites, although these sites would be developed without the benefit of a site survey and the aerial photography will be collected from other sources. The group discussed developing

fewer sites and having the Tactics Committee survey the sites. The consensus of the group was to identify the High Priority sites and continue to review the possibility of site surveys. The group also agreed that the sites and successful tactics deployed during the Selendang Ayu response should be collected and placed in the GRS format. The group then identified a total of 20 sites.

Site Name-
Ugamak/Aiktak Islands
Lost Harbor Surf Bay-Akun Is.
Akutan Harbor
Open Bight
Unalga/Baby Island
Buck/Mclver Bights-Kashega Bay
PumiceStone Bay *
Spray Cape/Skan Bay *
Mouth of Makushin Bay *
Head of Makushin Bay *
Volcano Bay/Cape Kovrizhka *
Cape Winslow/Reese Bay
Broad Bay
Nateekin Bay
Head of Captains Bay
Obernoi Pt Stream
Iliuliuk River
Hog Island
Summer Bay
Nikolski Bay

* Selendang Ayu Deployment

It was suggested that the Nelson Lagoon GRS be included in the review by the workgroup and tactics committee. This GRS was developed during a different process and would benefit from the attention of a full workgroup. The group concurred.

Mr. Robertson outlined the process that will occur in further developing identified sites:

- Each site will have a base map developed and resources will be identified on the map.
- The maps will be posted on the project website and the workgroup will be notified to review these to ensure that the resources are correctly identified.
- The maps will be used as reference by the tactics committee in developing the GRS.
- The plans developed by the tactics committee will be posted on the website and reviewed by the workgroup and the public.
- The workgroup will meet in Unalaska in May to offer edits to the strategies.
- If possible, tactic committee members will survey areas easily accessed from Unalaska.

- The workgroup will then decide on the need to reconvene after edits are offered at the Unalaska meeting

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Volunteers for the Tactics Committee were sought and will consist of:

- Alaska Chadux
- ADEC
- USCG
- Nuka Research

Mr. Robertson concluded the meeting by thanking the members present for their direction and input in the project.

Action Item:

- Nuka Research will incorporate all edits and information received from this meeting in the work products
- Nuka Research will develop the resource base maps, post all information to the website and notify the workgroup.
- ADF&G will review fisheries information.
- ADNR will review and provide land management designation for the selected sites.
- ADEC will provide information and data from the Selendang Ayu Spill.
- DOI will review the sites and coordinate with DNR to provide the cultural designations.
- All workgroup members will assist in identifying resources for photography and the site survey.