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MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHERN COOK INLET ZONE GRS WORKGROUP
MARCH 6, 2003
Anchorage, Alaska

Attendees:	Doug Lentsch
John Kwietniak-co-chair	Sam Means
Dale Gardner-co-chair	Bruce Metcalfe
Catherine Berg	Mike Munger
John Brown	Doug Mutter
Derek Burrill	Bev Nieman
Laurie Butler	Tim Robertson
Carol Comptom	Buzz Rome
Mark Fink	Robert Scott
Christopher Friese	Sean Stash
John Hellen	Jim Tallman
Mark Janes	Bruce Vergason
John LeClair	John Whitney

John Kwietniak of Tesoro Alaska opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda and discussed recent history of GRS in AK.

The meeting was opened for public comment. None was given at this time.

An overview of the GRS process was given by Tim Robertson, the workgroup contractor for the project.

Dale Gardner of ADEC presented a synopsis of spill events in Cook Inlet from 1995-2002 and discussed with the group current and projected risks for future spills.

- Pipelines
- Barges loaded with oil
- Large cruise ships projected to visit Anchorage
- Ships with bunker fuel
- Railroad

John Whitney of NOAA presented an overview of currents, winds and ice that would impact a response in this area.

- Ice conditions exist on average from November 24 – April 18 and typically armour the beaches
- Tides are extreme and occur 2x daily
- Tidal excursion (the distance water travels in each tide cycle) can be as extreme as 20 miles
- Currents and eddies in the area are very strong
- The area is very dynamic with significant rips, winds, currents, and shallow waters

Doug Mutter, DOI, led the group in a review and revisions of the Draft Site Selection Matrix. The designation of “Areas of Major Concern” was discussed. No known endangered species habitat was noted in this area. Each proposed site was reviewed and additional resources were noted to aid in the selection of GRS sites. With the additional information, the group designated 15 sites as high priority and should be consideration by the Tactics Group. To allow for inclusion of additional information from resource agencies and the public, the remaining 5 sites (the project is contracted for 20) were not selected at this time.

Site No.	Name
1	Three Mile Creek
2	Beluga River
3	Theodore River
4	Lewis River
5	Ivan River
6	Susitna River Delta
7	Little Susitna River
9	Goose Bay/Creek
10	Fish Creek
25	Campbell Creek
26	Rabbit Creek
27	Little Rabbit Creek
28	Potters Marsh
31	Bird Creek
44	Chickaloon River

The Tactics group was selected and consists of John Kwietniak-Tesoro, Doug Lentsch and/or Buzz Rome-CISPRI, Dale Gardner-ADEC, a Chadux representative and Coast Guard representative will be available, Tim Robertson-TLR.

Further discussions covered:

- the process within the Tactics Group, the value of the site surveys and quality aerial photographs.
- Chadux will facilitate the survey with one of their vessels.

Steve Howell of CIRCAC will be mounting a campaign to inform the public of the selected sites and get additional information for the final selections.

The first Tactics Group meeting was set for May 21.

The next Work Group meeting will be on July 1, 2003 in Anchorage.