

MEETING OF THE NORTHERN COOK INLET GRS WORKGROUP

**July 1, 2003
BP Energy Center
Anchorage, Alaska**

Attendees

John Kwietniak-co-chair
Dale Gardner-co-chair
Catherine Berg
John Brown
Derek Burrill
Keith Darby
Mark Fink
Mary Goolie
Ken Holbrook

Steve Horn
Mark Janes
Tom Lakosh
Doug Lentsch
Sam Means
Bruce Metcalfe
Doug Mutter
Marc VanDongen
Tim Robertson

Summary

John Kwietniak of Tesoro Alaska opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda and summarized decisions reached during the past Work Group meeting.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Tom Lakosh, citizen of Anchorage and subsistence user, presented concerns that important resource areas were not selected for GRS in NCI. He pointed to Jim's Creek and the Eklutna River. His opinion is that the plans do not meet the requirements as set out in the regulations and that they do not cover extreme conditions that exist in Cook Inlet.

Steve Horn reported for Steve Howell of CIRCAC on the public input received. Fifty to sixty outreach contacts were made to various government, Native and military organizations in the area. Input was minimal, but all expressed support for the process.

Tim Robertson gave a summary of the preliminary tactics designed for each site by the Tactics Committee and the survey schedule.

The Site Selection Matrix was reviewed and additional resources were noted by the resource agencies. Marc VanDongen of the Mat-Su Port noted the lack of important sites in the Upper Knik Arm. The group discussed factors which lead to this decision during the previous meeting, i.e. the port of anchorage is seen as the major threat and the currents and tides are not able to push oil this far. A discussion ensued regarding the threat of the Alaska Railroad and inclusion of a strategies based on a spill into a river eventually impacting the Inlet.

Public comment was opened and Tom Lokosh said he would like to see a site added that would test the capabilities of responders to operate in currents and tides of Cook Inlet. He also does not see where icing conditions are addressed. He nominated Point Woronzof as

a candidate. He also supported the idea of protecting the resources threatened by the railroad

The floor was opened for the final site selection. The group decided to drop the Susitna River Delta due to its large size, large outflow and extensive mud flats that make operation difficult and dangerous. The Ivan River was removed due to the resemblance to the other rivers in its vicinity where the strategies can be transfer. The Kink River at the railroad, Spring Creek at the railroad, Rabbit Slough at the railroad and Eagle River were selected.

The need for an additional Workgroup meeting was discussed. After the sites are designed by the Tactics Group and posted on the web, the Workgroup will be asked to comment on the plans. At that time the co-chairs will call an additional meeting, if required.