

**DRAFT**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**SOUTHWEST COOK INLET ZONE GRS WORKGROUP**  
**MARCH 4, 2003**  
**Homer, Alaska**

**Attendees:**

John Kwietniak-co-chair	Sam Means
Dale Gardner-co-chair	Bill Morse
Catherine Berg	Mike Munger
Mark Fink	Doug Mutter
Gary Folley	Tim Robertson
Don Combs	Buzz Rome
Bob Heavlin	Jim Tallman
Steve Howell	John Whitney
Mark Janes	Jeanne Walter
Doug Lentsch	

John Kwietniak of Tesoro Alaska opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

An overview of the GRS process was deemed unnecessary as all present were familiar with GRS.

There was no public comment.

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.

- Drilling and production platforms
- Oil pipelines
- Oil tankers with local product and NSC from PWS
- Fishing vessels and tenders
- Large cruise ships that visit Homer and projected to visit Anchorage
- Ships passing to ports in Cook Inlet
- Oil entering the zone from a spill in Prince William Sound

John Whitney of NOAA presented an overview of currents and winds in Cook Inlet that impact this zone.

- Kamishak Bay tends to act as a catchment area for much of the flotsam that enters Cook Inlet from all areas.

- Movement in Cook Inlet tends to be from east to west
- There are numerous keeper beaches in the zone
- 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. 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.

<b>Site No.</b>	<b>Name</b>
2	Sukoi Bay
5	Douglas River-North
7	Akumwarvik Bay/Kamishak River
8	Horseshoe Cove/Pinkidulia Cove
10	McNeil Cove
12	Amakdedulia Cove
14	Chenik
16	Bruin Bay
17	Augustine Island-West
18	Sunday Creek
19	Head of Ursa Cove
21	South Head/North Head
24	Iniskin River
27	Oil Bay
28	Dry Bay

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

A discussion ensued regarding the communication of the tactic groups decisions to the work group. Mark Fink, ADFG, expressed the opinion that for future development of GRSs, ensuring the resources are adequately protected, and accountability, the Tactic Group should present additional information on its decision making process. Other resource agency personnel in the group are currently satisfied with the process. To address these concerns, it was agreed upon by the group that the Tactics Group meetings

would be available for attendance by resource agencies. It was noted that in the Seward Zone the inclusion of a National Park Ranger was of great value in the development of strategies.

Further discussions covered:

- the process within the Tactics Group, the value of the site surveys and quality aerial photographs.
- CISPRI may be able to facilitate the survey with one of their vessels. The scheduling of the trip will be communicated to the group as soon as possible.
- possibility of testing the developed GRS through cooperative efforts through the industry.

Steve Howell 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 22.

The next Work Group meeting will be on June 30, 2003 in Homer.