

**Teleconference of the Kodiak GRS Resource Agencies Subcommittee
April 21, 2005
9AM**

Attendees:

Dale Gardner- ADEC
Joe Banta- PWSRCAC
Terry Bryant-CIRCAC
Doug Mutter-DOI
Clarke Cox-ADNR
Wayne Biessel-Alaska State Parks

Bud Rice-NPS
Mark Fink-ADF&G
Marla Carter-ADF&G
Mark Janes- Nuka Research
Tim Robertson- Nuka Research

Tim Robertson opened the teleconference and explained the purpose of the conference is to establish a timeline for input on the selection of sites from all the resource agencies with interests in the Subarea.

Dale Gardner gave a review of [work group meeting](#) of the March 14 and of the Potential Places of Refuge Subcommittee teleconference that occurred April 20. Key issues addressed by the work group were the decision to break the subarea into 5 zones to make them more manageable. The [North and West zones](#) were chosen as priority with 20 sites to be developed. The PPOR teleconference gave additional information on risks in the region and will be modeled on the recent [Prince William Sound PPOR project](#).

A discussion ensued regarding the decision criteria for selection of these zones. Mr. Robertson explained that it was work group decision and that factors that entered into the decision included:

- Past GRS were primarily developed on the east side
- The area contains significant public resources
- The area was reduced to be efficient for the survey process
- Risks of oil spills are present
- The local input at work group meeting

There was interest regarding when the coast of the Alaska Peninsula would be addressed. This would be a work group decision, but Mr. Robertson foresees funding available for this year and probably the next year through the RCACs and it could be done during the next round of GRS development. But the ongoing development of GRS depends significantly on the participation and input from the RCACs, Tesoro, and the resource agencies. It was asked if the cost of survey was less could additional sites be completed. Mr. Robertson outlined the cost of developing a GRS for a specific site and indicated that a major cost to the project is the surveys and photography over-flights. With those reduced could be possible to include additional sites. Currently there is a possibility of

using the USFWS vessel, but that would depend on availability. Mr. Rice reported that the NPS vessel from Seward has done work in the area and with adequate lead time, maybe able to assist with surveys. If these vessels could not accommodate the survey a charter vessel would be contracted. Also offered was the possibility that the teams could be land based using skiffs to access the sites that are close together. This would be most feasible in the Shuyak Island area.

The group discussed the timeline for input from the resource agencies. Mr. Fink of ADF&G reported that they are entering the busy time of year with individuals preparing to go into the field and with resources being pulled into the ongoing response in Unalaska. He felt he could get some input into the process from staff. USFWS also is facing similar issues. It was agreed upon that the postponement of the workgroup meeting until early June would give adequate time to more thoroughly develop the site selection matrix ([SSM](#)) and to develop a set of recommended high priority sites. The group concurred on a June 2 meeting in Kodiak with a deadline of May 26 for input from the resource agencies on the selection of sites for GRS development.

The process of developing the SSM was discussed and edits were offered. It was requested that a link be provided on the project web page to: (1) the ESI maps that were used in the development of the SSM and (2) the Kodiak Subarea Plan. It was also noted that “recreational use” has not been included in the SSM. The agencies were requested to review the SSM and provide input to get a complete picture of the potential GRS sites.

Action items developed from the teleconference:

- State and Federal Resource Agencies – provide inputs into the site selection matrix by May 26 and come to the meeting on June 2 prepared to make recommendations on High Priority sites.
- Nuka Research – reschedule the workgroup meeting for June 2, 2005 in Kodiak.
- Nuka Research – place links on the project web page to the [ESI maps](#) used in SSM development and the [Kodiak Subarea Plan](#).
- Nuka Research – update the SSM with the additional information provided and review the key to ensure that it is complete.
- Nuka Research – prepare a summary of this meeting, emailed to all teleconference participants for input and then posted on the web site.
- ADEC and PWSRCAC – request APSC/SERVS to put the GRD on the web for better access.