

MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA GRS STEERING & OPERATIONS/TACTICS COMMITTEE

November 12, 2002

The GRS Steering and Operations/Tactics Committee, hereafter called the Committee, met in the ADEC Juneau offices from 9:30 to 3:00 pm November 12, 2002.

The following individuals attended:

Cheryl Fultz (SEAPRO) co-chair
Dale Gardner, ADEC
LT Darwin Jensen (USCG)
Lester Leatherberry (ADEC) co-chair
Deb Rudis (US F&W)
Lewis Sharman (GBNP)
Dave Eley (contractor)

Proceedings

The Committee members accomplished the following:

1. Reviewed the status of site testing. Cheryl Fultz reported that the site tests to date have been accomplished well under budget. Given that there would likely be money remaining in the test site portion of the budget, the Committee discussed options for the best use of this money. Options include testing more sites or using the money to visit and evaluate the 30 sites not scheduled under the contract for visit and evaluation. The Committee agreed that priority should be given to the testing of as many remote sites as possible. Ms. Fultz agreed to produce a list of additional test sites using a projected budget of \$25,000. Any remaining funds (~\$5000) could be used to visit sites. The Steering Committee members will submit sites to Ms. Fultz for consideration.
2. Bob Matson, State On-Scene Coordinator for Southeast Alaska, briefed the Committee on his recent visit to Angoon/Mitchell Bay. He noted that because of high currents during flood and ebb tides, the strategies developed by the Committee will only work during slack tide and will require high horsepower work boats and dedicated crews to tend the boom. **The contractor will note this on the tactics map. Angoon/Mitchell Bay was nominated as an additional test site.**
3. Reviewed the maps and tactics of the third and final set of 20 sites of the 60 selected sites. Approved the maps and tactics, subject to needed edits and changes as identified during the review. The edited sites will be posted on the GRS web site.

➤ *Note: The Committee suggested that specialized response equipment available in the area of the site be identified in the “special considerations” tactics column. For example, the SEAPRO response barges, if available in Yakutat between May 10 and October 15, should be noted on the tactics matrix for Monti Bay, Situk River, etc.*

➤ *Note: All maps and tactics can be reviewed and edited as new information becomes available. All maps/tactics will be posted on the Committee’s web-site in mid-December. The first final-draft complete project will be available on the Committee’s web-site in mid-January.*

4. Reviewed the following timeline for project completion:

mid-December	Edits for 3 rd group posted on the web-site. Cheryl Fultz (SEAPRO) provides a list of additional sites for testing.
January 15, 2003	First draft-final complete project (general strategies and specific site tactics) posted on web-site.
February 4-5	The Committee meets to review first draft-final project.
March 15	Second draft-final project posted.
May 15	Southeast Alaska Sensitive Areas Working Group meets to review and comment on draft-final project.
June 1	All required aerial photos, surveys, site tests complete.
June 2	(week of) The Committee meets to approve final project.
June 15	Completed project posted on ADEC GRS web-site.

Note: The list of the 60 sites selected, and the status of sites visited and tested can be found at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/dspar/perp/grs/selection.htm>