

MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA GRS STEERING COMMITTEE

March 12, 14 & 15, 2002

The GRS Steering Committee met in the ADEC Juneau offices from 0930-1700 March 12, 0930-1700 March 14, 0830-1100 March 15, 2002.

The following individuals attended:

Lester Leatherberry (ADEC) co-chair
Dale Gardner, ADEC
LT Darwin Jensen (USCG)
Ric Janelle (USCG)
Maya Serphim (Glacier Bay National Park) (March 12)
Doug Mutter (DOI) (March 12)
Cheryl Fultz (SEAPRO) co-chair (March 12, 14)
Deb Rudis (US F&W)
Tim Robertson (contractor)
Dave Eley (contractor)

Proceedings

Steering committee members accomplished the following:

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

1. Reviewed GRS maps for the 20 sites selected at the December 2002 steering committee meeting. Approved the 20 maps, subject to edits and minor suggestions for improvement noted. The edited sites will be posted on the GRS web site.
2. Directed the contractors to initiate an outreach effort to encourage public review of the maps posted on the web-site. Guidance from local reviewers familiar with the sites might include areas of exceptional currents, hidden reefs, particular habitats and concentrations of wildlife.
3. Began work on the strategies and tactics for the next 20 sites.

Thursday, March 14, 2002

1. Reviewed the updates and changes to the site selection list made by the Southeast Alaska Sensitive Area Work on March 13 (**Attachment A** to this meeting summary). Significant changes included the removal of Disenchantment Bay, Katzeihin River and Spanish Island. These sites cannot be protected using

- traditional GRS oil spill strategies and tactics. This does not mean there will be no response for these sites in the event of an oil spill.
2. Completed draft tactics for the next 20 priority sites (group 2). Group 2 sites are listed in the revised site selection list (**Attachment A**).

Friday, March 15, 2002

1. The Steering Committee reviewed a proposal from SEAPRO for site testing. The Committee agreed that the following test schedule would meet the requirements of the contract:
 - Sandy Cove and Pirate Cove (Sitka); tentatively scheduled for April 2002.
 - Bartlett Cove (Glacier Bay National Park). In May and conjunction with annual US coast Guard and National Park Service refresher training.
 - Keku Island (Kake). Fall 2002.
 - West Auke Bay and Mendenhall River delta (Juneau); during regularly scheduled training for Juneau.
 - Monti Bay (Yakutat) During regularly scheduled training for Yakutat.
 - Rudyard Bay (Misty Fjords National Park); dependent upon permitting requirements.

Collectively, these sites offer several advantages. Two are remote sites requiring tests of logistics. Sites near communities allow maximum participation of the Steering Committee, Sensitive Areas Work Group, stakeholders and other interested persons. Each site requires different strategies and tactics that can be applied to the other sites. They maximize training for the SEAPRO responder pool.

It was agreed that the tests would include fixed boom and anchoring systems deployment; review of passive recovery techniques.

2. Agreed on a list of sites that would require a site visit. Sites selected for surveys are designated in the revised site selection list (**Attachment A**). A draft site survey form developed by the contractor was reviewed and several suggestions for improvements were made and incorporated.
3. Discussed options for aerial photography including use of the Civil Air Patrol.