

Workgroup Meeting of the Kodiak Subarea PPOR Workgroup

August 8, 2006

National Parks Service, Alaska Headquarters

240 W.5th Ave.

Anchorage, Alaska

Attendees:

Michael Caldwell, USCG, MSD Kodiak

David Griffith, ADNDR

Dale Gardner, ADEC

Vinnie Catalano, CIRCAC

John Kwietniak, Tesoro Alaska

Steve Howell, CIRCAC

Bud Rice, NPS

Mark Janes, Nuka Research

On Teleconference:

Mary Jacobs, CIRCAC

Tim Robertson, Nuka Research

Duane Dvorak, KIB

Bud Rice of the NPS opened the meeting and familiarized the group with the facility and led the introductions of members present.

Co-chair of the workgroup, John Kwietniak gave the opening comments for the meeting. He noted the importance of having information available to decision-makers and that the Potential Places of Refuge (PPOR) plans will lead to better decision-making during a crisis. He noted that the process has been a good demonstration of cooperation between the principal players.

Tim Robertson reviewed the project to date. He noted that the identification of PPOR sites was accomplished with input from the South West Pilots Association (SWAPA) and other individuals with firsthand knowledge of the waters around Kodiak. This process led to 96 sites being identified. These were separated into 11 areas that were developed into PPOR plans. The sites were researched for pertinent information that will be available to future decision-makers. The information was placed in the Site Assessment Matrix (SAM) and in the PPOR plans, where it is displayed graphically and in informational tables. The aerial photos for the plans are in the process of being captured and will be included as they become available.

Mr. Robertson stated the goal of the meeting is to review the PPOR products that have been produced, provide necessary edits in the content and format of the document and, if appropriate, grant approval for submission of the PPOR plans to the Kodiak Subarea Committee for inclusion in the Subarea Contingency Plan (SCP). He listed the products that need review and approval prior to submission.

The products are:

- The text that will introduce the PPOR in the SCP
- The Index Map
- The Site Assessment Matrix and Key
- The PPOR Plans - charts, tables and photos
- The Subarea Risk Assessment Maps

Mr. Robertson led the group in a review of the products that have been developed for the subarea.

- The group began with a short synopsis of the Introductory Text, which was not provided in the meeting packet but is available on the web. The current text was taken from the PWSPPOR and adjusted for the Kodiak Subarea. The group members present agreed to review the text on the web and submit any changes to Mark Janes, by September 25th.
- The Risk Maps were reviewed next; the group offered additions and changes to the maps. These were captured and will be included in the final update.
- The SAM and Index Map were also reviewed. Minor changes in language were offered for the SAM, and the Index Map was approved.
- The 11 PPOR plans were reviewed individually and edits captured.

Decisions regarding content in the PPOR:

- The group decided not to include grounding sites in the Kodiak PPOR plans. The PWSPPOR included this information because the PWS Marine Fire Fighting Plan (MFFP) had noted these sites. The Kodiak MFFP did specify some grounding sites, but the group felt that it would not be able to produce an-adequate listing of sites. Also noted, the decision to ground a vessel would need to be made quickly, the choices would be limited, and in all likelihood, the decision would be made by individuals onboard the stricken vessel.
- The workgroup discussed the issue of whether to designate in the PPOR plans levels of concern over cultural resources or historical properties. One of the federal agencies has objected to any such designations, expressing concern that publishing the information may lead inadvertently to exploitation of the sites. But other federal and state agencies have noted that the geographic response strategies, which are much more geographically specific, currently contain such designations, and the information would prove helpful to those using the PPOR plans. The issue had been discussed at the previous KPPOR meeting and the co-chairs were tasked with writing a letter to the Alaska Regional Response Team requesting a resolution to this issue. The ARRT will meet next Monday. The group agreed that the direction from the ARRT will lead the decision regarding the inclusion of the data. Bud Rice offered NPS expertise after the decision by ARRT.
- The group discussed the interplay of the PPOR Plans, the Geographic Response Strategies and the Geographic Response Information Network (GRIN) in responding to oil spills and marine emergencies. The GRIN is a tool being developed that will provide detailed information regarding resources and infrastructure in local communities, which could assist responders in an emergency.

All edits in content and format collected from this meeting and received from the review of the products on the web will be included in the final draft. This draft will be posted on the web site early in September for a final review by the workgroup.

The workgroup members agreed that after the final plans are posted on the web for public and workgroup review for two weeks, and if no significant changes are offered, the Kodiak

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PPOR Plans will be considered approved by the workgroup and forwarded to the Subarea Committee for approval and inclusion in the Change One to the Kodiak SCP.

Action Items:

- Nuka Research will contact the SWPA to insure that they have reviewed the documents and approve of them.
- Nuka Research will adjust the Risk Maps, SAM and the PPOR plans to capture the information and edits collected in the meeting and will research additional information as directed.
- Nuka Research will send an email notification to all workgroup members regarding the review of the Introductory Text and the progress made during this meeting.
- Nuka Research will post all products to the web and the workgroup will be notified in late August for review and early December regarding the completion of the project or need for additional meetings
- ADEC will follow up on any decisions made at the ARRT meeting on whether PPOR plans should designate levels of concern for cultural resources.