

Meeting Summary
**Southeast Alaska Subarea Potential Places
of Refuge (PPOR) Workgroup**

November 5, 2009
Ted Ferry Civic Center
Ketchikan, Alaska

Attendees:

Capt. Donald Charles, SEAPA
Steve Corporon, City of Ketchikan
Bob Fultz, ADEC
Cheryl Fultz, SEAPRO
Kathy Hamblett, USCG
Larry Iwamoto, ADEC
Capt. David Jancauskas, AMHS
Mark Janes, Nuka Research
John Kimmel, Cruise Line Agencies of
Alaska

Jim Pomplan, SEAPRO/Borough of
Ketchikan
Scot Tiernan, ADEC
Dave Timmerman, City of Ketchikan
By Teleconference:
Catherine Berg, USFWS
Doug Mutter, DOI
Dave McMahan, ADNR
Josh Slater, NOAA

Proceedings:

Mark Janes opened the meeting with introductions. He outlined the purpose of the Southeast Alaska Potential Places of Refuge (PPOR) workgroup meeting to include:

- Review the documents from Phase 1 of the project.
- Initiating Phase 2.
- Confirm sites previously nominated in Response Zones 1,3 & 4
- Identify additional sites in Response Zones 2 & 9
- Discuss aerial photographs

Larry Iwamoto, of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), gave a presentation outlining the history of PPORs and described the Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT) Potential Places of Refuge Guidelines. He reviewed the 10-step decision-making process that the ARRT created for PPOR decisions. He emphasized that it is used in the Incident Command System (ICS), but that the USCG Captain of the Port exercises ultimate authority during a crisis and has the option and duty to make decisions requiring immediate action.

Mark Janes gave an overview of the Subarea Contingency Plan (SCP) and the documents that comprise the PPOR section within the SCP. This section will be used in the event of an emergency with the 10-step decision-making process established in the Alaska Regional Response Team's (ARRT) guidelines. He gave a brief overview of the Potential Places of Refuge development process.

Mr. Janes reviewed the status of the project. He reviewed documents developed in Phase 1 of the project for Response Zones 5,6,7, & 8.

- The Introductory Section will preface the documents in the SCP
- Site Assessment Matrix
- Risk and Resources Maps
- Index Map
- Individual maps depicting the sites
- Informational tables that outline Site Considerations, Operational Characteristics, and Stakeholders for each area.

The documents are posted on the project website, <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/seakpor/home.htm> and are available for further review. Mr. Janes offered that if additional edits are needed for the PPORs developed in Phase 1, these edits could still be incorporated if sent to him during Phase 2 of the project.

The group reviewed the sites selected by the pilots in Phase 1 and offered local knowledge regarding these sites. Changes were made to common names and vessel classifications that will be included in the PPOR documents. Additional sites were identified in all the zones. Discussion was held regarding the practicality of harboring a stricken vessel in Zone 2. Many felt that the lack of response resources and the extreme nature of the environment made the area difficult to operate in. The group agreed that having the most obvious site noted for emergency stabilization would be appropriate. A similar discussion was held for Zone 9, with Yakutat the only possible place that may be able to offer response resources. Capt. Jancauskas brought up the concern that if the docks used by the AMHS are involved in a long term response this would have major repercussions for local communities. This information will be highlighted in the plans.

Following are the 62 sites identified as Potential Places of Refuge for Response Zones 1,2,3,4,&9 in SE Alaska, with the following classification criteria applied:

D= Deep Draft Vessel- up to and greater than 1000 ft. and requiring ½ mile swing room
 L= Light Draft Vessel- up to 450 ft. and requiring ½ mile swing room

Zone 1 PPOR

D-1-01 Mary Island	L-1-01 Metlakatla Ferry Dock
D-1-02 Metlakatla City Dock	L-1-02 Port of Ketchikan Berth 1-C & 1-D
D-1-03 Port Chester	L-1-03 Vallenar Bay
D-1-04 Nichols Passage	L-1-04 Hollis Ferry Dock
D-1-05 Port of Ketchikan Berth 1&2	L-1-05 Lyman Anchorage
D-1-06 Port of Ketchikan Berth 3	L-1-06 Union Bay
D-1-07 Ketchikan Berth 4	
D-1-08 AK Marine Lines-Ketchikan	

D-1-09 Ketchikan Ferry Terminal-1	
D-1-10 Ketchikan Ferry Terminal-2	
D-1-11 Alaska Ship & Drydock	
D-1-12 Ward Cove	
D-1-13 Ward Cove Packing Dock	
D-1-14 Ward Cove Mooring	
D-1-15 Pulp Mill Dock	
D-1-16 Tolstoi Bay Moorage	
D-1-17 Vixen Inlet	

Zone 2 PPOR

D-2-01 Alder Cove Anchorage	
D-2-02 Saltery Point Moorage	L-2-01 Craig City Dock
D-2-03 Klawock Mill Dock	L-2-02 Crab Bay Anchorage
D-2-04 Klawock AML Dock	L-2-03 Petro-Marine Dock
D-2-05 Affleck Canal	L-2-04 Warm Chuck Inlet
D-2-06 Shaken Bay Log Yard	

Zone 3 PPOR

D-3-01 Woronkofski Island Anchorage	L-3-01 Steamer Bay
D-3-02 St. John Harbor	L-3-02 Anita Bay
D-3-03 Baht Harbor	L-3-03 Salmon Bay
D-3-04 Wrangell Cruise Vessel Wharf	L-3-04 Wrangell Ferry Terminal
D-3-05 Holkum Bay Anchorage	L-3-05 Point Alexander Anchorage
	L-3-06 South Mitkof Ferry Terminal
	L-3-07 Scow Bay Anchorage
	L-3-08 Petersburg Ferry Dock
	L-3-09 Petersburg Fisheries Dock
	L-3-10 Farragut Bay

Zone 4 PPOR

D-4-01 Saginaw Bay	L-4-01 Calder Rocks
D-4-02 Keku Strait	L-4-02 Sumner Strait
D-4-03 Kake Anchorage	L-4-03 Kake Cargo Dock
	L-4-04 Kake Ferry Terminal
	L-4-05 Pybus Bay
	L-4-06 Gambier Bay

Zone 5 PPOR

D-9-01 Broken Oar Anchorage	L-9-01 Yakutat City Dock
D-9-02 Monti Bay Anchorage	L-9-02 Ocean Cape Dock
D-9-03 Point Riou Anchorage	

Mr. Janes then reviewed the project timeline for the completion of the project. The group agreed to review the draft plans produced by Nuka Research and submit edits and corrections. The workgroup will then review the edited plans and if there are no major issues that require the group's attention, the PPOR will be considered approved by the workgroup and forwarded to the Subarea Committee for review and eventual inclusion in the SCP.