



# ARCTIC AND WESTERN ALASKA AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN, 2018.1 PUBLIC REVIEW

September 5, 2019

# PUBLIC REVIEW WEBINAR AGENDA

- Introduction
- Alaska's Oil Discharge and Hazardous Substance Release Response Framework
- Version 2018.1 Arctic and Western Alaska Area Contingency Plan
- Purpose of the plan and challenges
- References and Tools
- Overview of public review process
- Question & Answer Session

# INTRODUCTION

- Introductions: Agency Planners and Webinar Participants
- AWA Area:
  - State and Federal Partners
  - AWA ACP areal extent
  - Area Committee Participation
- Annual review of plan (It's never finished)
- Next version June 2020

# ALASKA'S RESPONSE FRAMEWORK FOR OIL DISCHARGES AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES

- Evolution of Alaska's response plans
  - Unified Plan (*Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases*)
  - 10 Subarea Contingency Plans

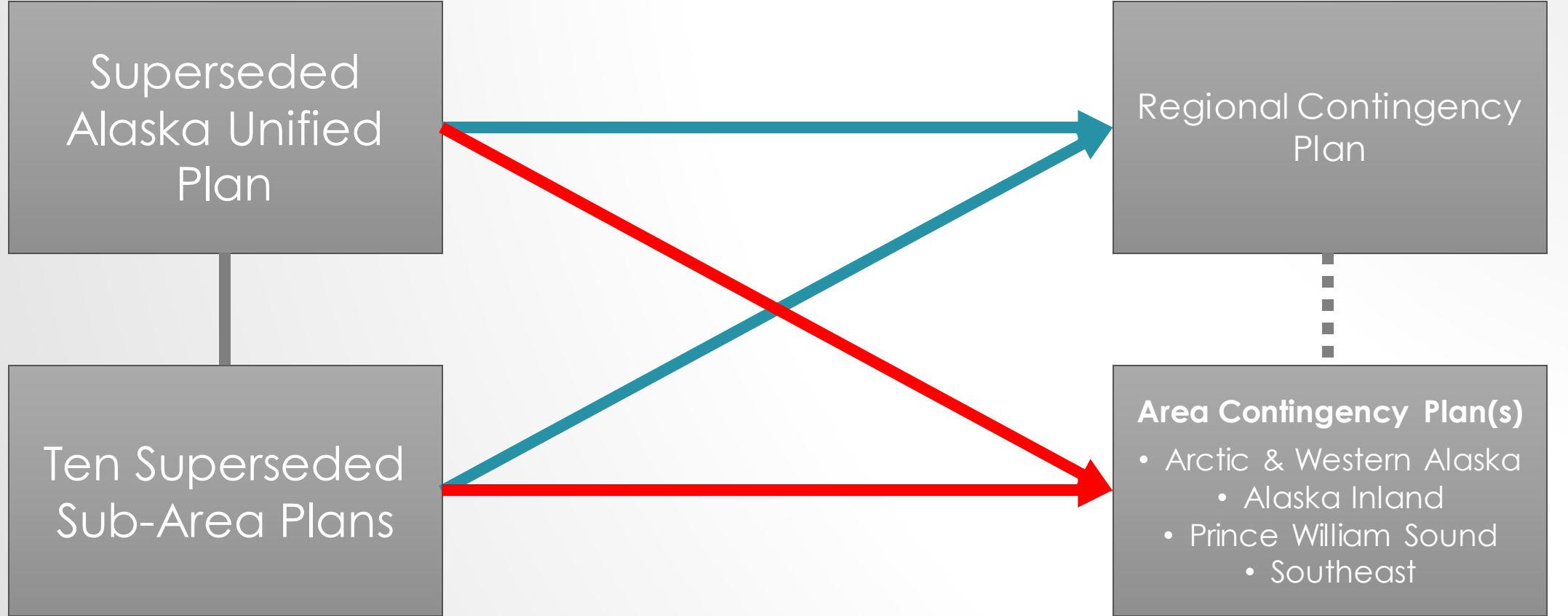


# ALASKA'S RESPONSE FRAMEWORK FOR OIL DISCHARGES AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES

- 4 Area Contingency Plans
  - Arctic & Western Alaska
  - Inland
  - Prince William Sound
  - Southeast
- 10 Geographic Zones
- 1 Regional Contingency Plan
  - General Policy/Authorities
  - Dispersants
  - *In situ* Burning



# AREA PLANNING TRANSITION DIAGRAM



Joint agency plans managed as one

Response Operational Information

Response Planning Information for Area Planners

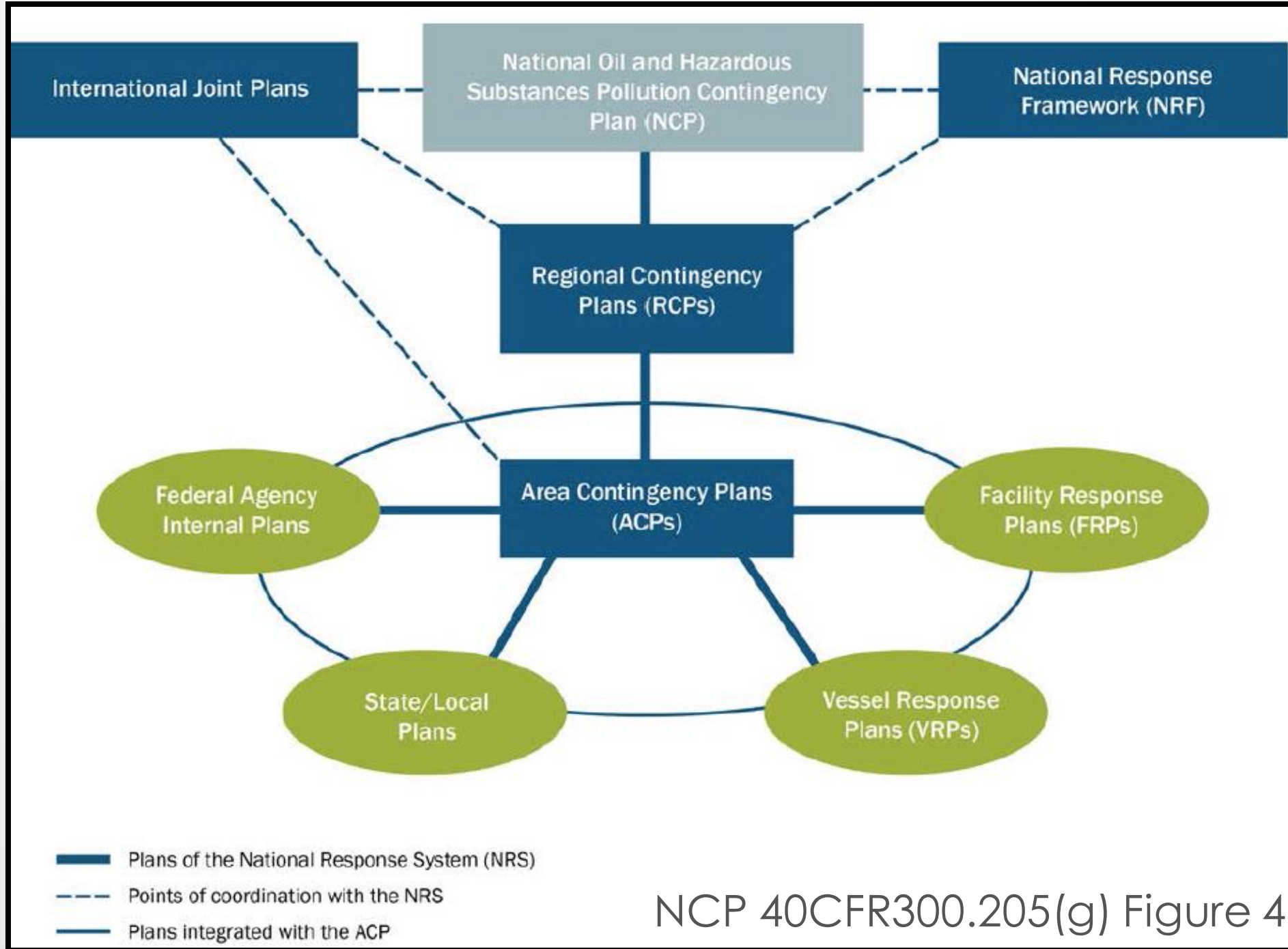
Plans are managed independently, but coordinated planning efforts continue

# ALASKA'S RESPONSE FRAMEWORK FOR OIL DISCHARGES AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES

- [September 2018 Alaska's Regional Contingency Plan](#) and [four \(4\) Area Contingency Plans](#)
- The RCP and ACPs meet requirements of the NCP and ADEC Statute, with additional guidance provided in:
  - USCG MER-MAN
  - EPA C Plan Handbook
  - State of Alaska Statutes (AS)46.04.200, AS 46.04.210, and Administrative Order No.170



# NCP FAMILY OF PLANS: ALASKA'S RESPONSE PLANS



NCP 40CFR300.205(g) Figure 4



# PURPOSE OF THE AREA PLANS AND CHALLENGES

- Responder-friendly & operationally-focused
- Modernized for web-based resources and mobile access
- Optimizing available planning resources
- Sustainable plan management
  - Efficient hyperlink management
  - Focused efforts by statewide or area-sponsored subcommittees or workgroups
- Future Goal: ADA-Accessibility of Plan and websites;
- HTML plan format

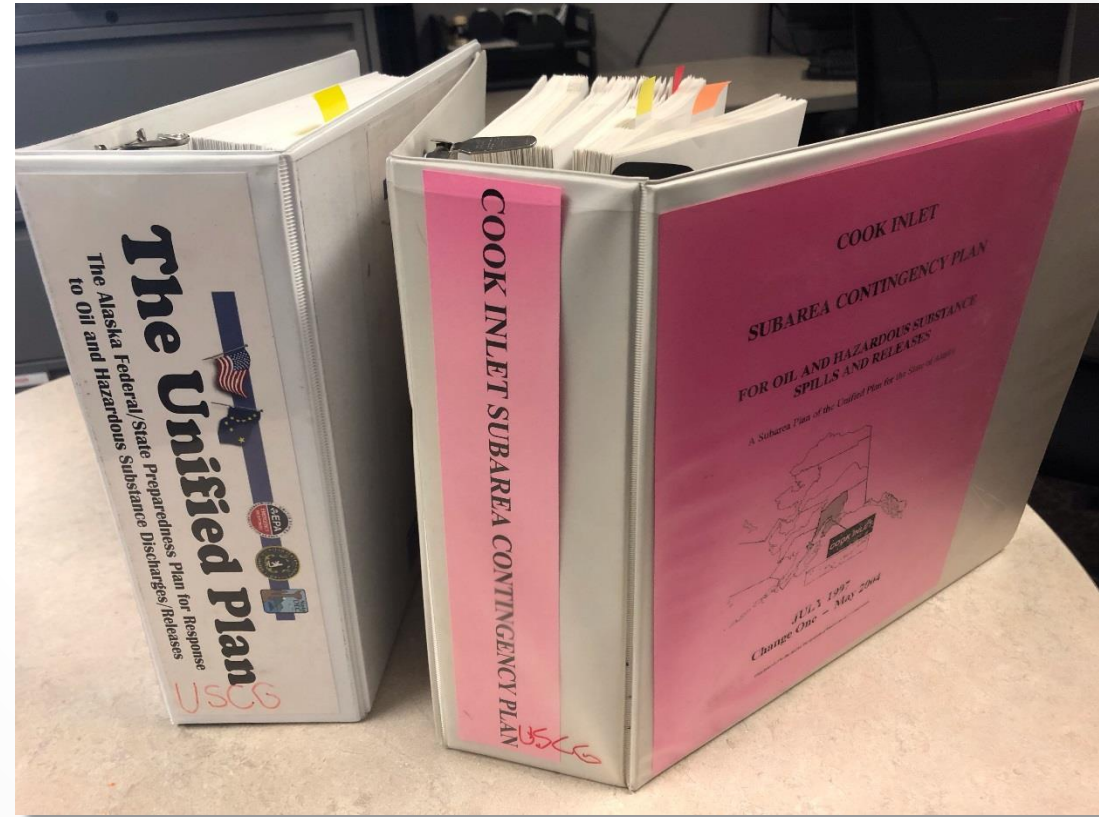


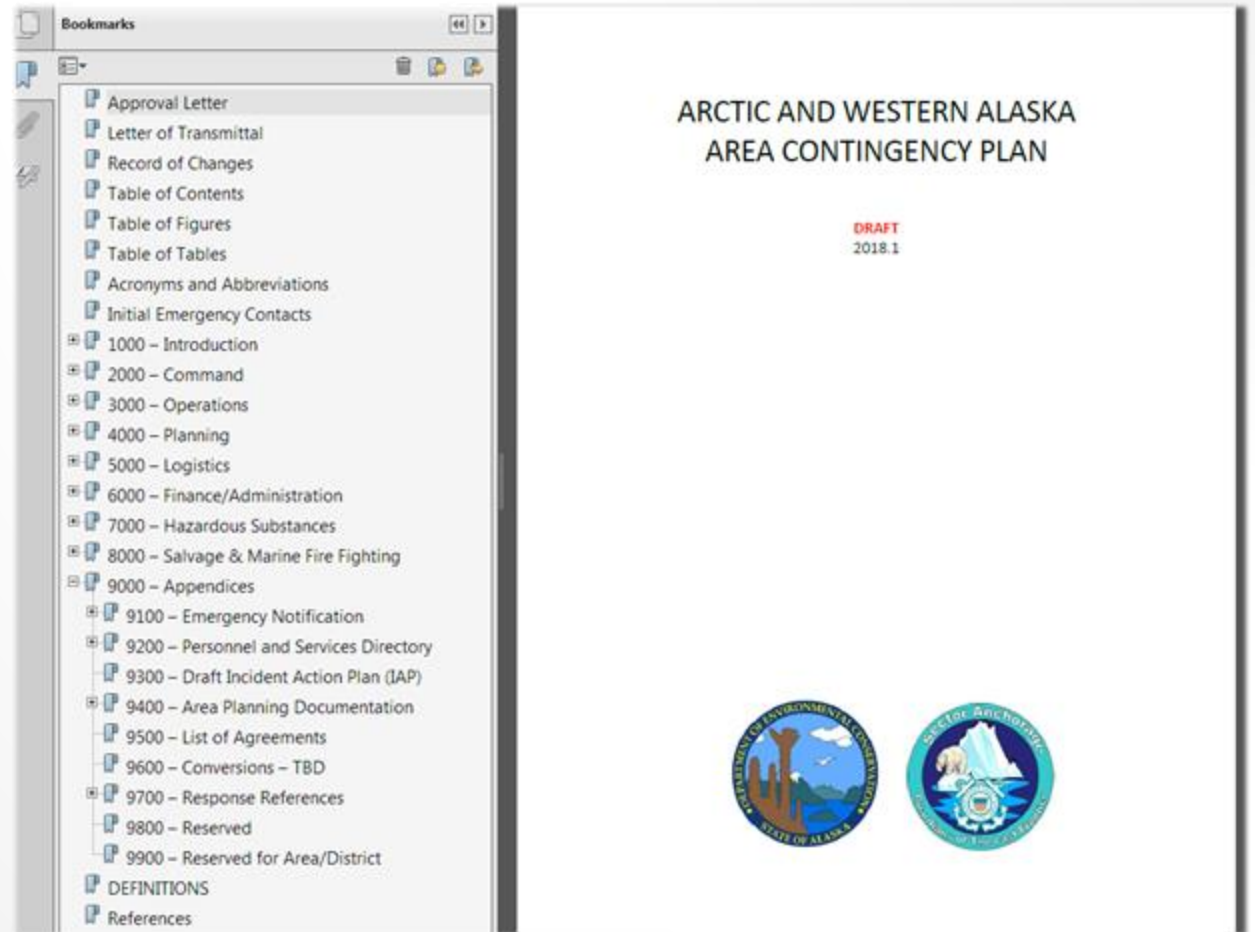
Image of superseded Unified Plan & Cook Inlet Subarea Plan  
(Not shown: There are a total of 7 superseded subarea plans within the AWA Area)

# PURPOSE OF THE PLAN AND CHALLENGES VERSION 2018.1 OF THE AWA ACP

- Collaborative work to assure statewide federal/state alignment (as applicable) for all ACPs
- Regional policy/operational concepts recommended for permanent relocation to AK RCP
- Plan reviewed to ensure consistency, correct grammar and tense, remove repetitive language and concepts, improve readability, and ensure technical accuracy
- Focused plan content on position-specific operational guidance
  - Utilize web-based external references in place of ACP narrative, which was often redundant language from the source document
  - ~400 pages of stagnant and out-of-date community contact information replaced by DCRA's Alaska Community Database, which is annually updated

# VERSION 2018.1 OF THE ARCTIC AND WESTERN ALASKA AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN

- ACP Organization mirrors ICS structure supporting Response Operations
- Chapter & Section layout consistent with USCG-required format
- [Draft - Version 2018.1 of the AWA ACP](#)



# REFERENCES AND TOOLS WEBPAGE

- Centralized location for ACP references and tools
  - Optimizes the use of hyperlinks used by 4 different ACPs
  - Allows single location for frequent update and maintenance of information and hyperlinks
  - Information on the References and Tools Page is not owned by any one Area Committee or ACP signatory agency
- AC-owned documents and resources are maintained on each Area's webpage

# ADEC WEBPAGES

- [Regional and Area Contingency Plans](#)
- [Public Review Page for AWA ACP Version 2018.1](#)
- [AWA ACP webpage](#)
  - Maps of Area
  - "AC-owned" documents
    - Risk Assessments, Marine Firefighting and Salvage Plans, Committee and Subcommittee Charters
- [Area Plan References and Tools](#)
- Additional ADEC Informative Links
  - [Industry plans](#)
  - [DEC Disaster Response Plan](#)
  - [NCP](#)

# PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

- [AWA ACP Public Review Page](#)
- [Public Review Period](#)
  - August 23, 2019 to 5:00 p.m. September 24, 2019
  - Responses to written questions, submitted by Sept 14th, will be posted weekly.
- [Public Comment Instructions](#)
  - Be substantive and specific with recommendations
- Comments must be written
  - [Comment Matrix](#)
  - All discussions during the webinar will NOT be considered as public comments for purposes of changes to the AWA ACP.
- Submit comment matrix to: [decsparplanning@alaska.gov](mailto:decsparplanning@alaska.gov)



# PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

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## ARCTIC & WESTERN ALASKA AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN (AWA ACP) PUBLIC REVIEW

*The public review period is from August 23 to September 24, 2019.*

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Coast Guard are seeking public input into Version 2018.1 of the Area Contingency Plan for the Arctic and Western Alaska Area. This AWA ACP serves as a primary guidance during a response to an oil discharge or hazardous substance release. The AWA ACP describes the strategies of a coordinated federal, state, tribal, and local response to a discharge, or substantial threat of discharge of oil and/or a release of a hazardous substance from a vessel or on/offshore facility operating within Alaska's AWA area boundaries.

### DOCUMENTS AND LINKS

- Arctic and Western Alaska Area Contingency Plan, Version 2018.1 (PDF 2M)  
Draft plan for public review
- Draft AWA ACP, 2018.1 Public Review Supplemental (PDF 102K)  
General overview and concepts for the revised AWA ACP
- Notice of Public Comment Period  
State of Alaska public notice identifying how and when to comment
- How to Comment Instructions (PDF 16K) | Comment Matrix (XLS 16K)  
Form providing stakeholders with a template for commenting on the subject document
- Arctic & Western Alaska Area webpage  
Webpage providing a brief overview of the Area as well as links to supplemental documents and detailed maps
- Flyer - September 5, 2019 Webinar Instructions  
ADEC is hosting a webinar to provide an overview of changes to the ACP. The webinar is scheduled for September 5, 2019 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Agency Response to Comment on the AWA ACP Version 2018 (PDF 228K)  
Agency responses to comments received during the AWA ACP, Version 2018 public review

### For More Information

Contact DEC: [decsparplanning@alaska.gov](mailto:decsparplanning@alaska.gov)

### RESPONSE PLAN LINKS

- REGIONAL AND AREA PLANS
- PUBLIC REVIEW
- SUPERSEDED PLANS
- BACKGROUND INFORMATION
- NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN
- ALASKA REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM
- DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN

### AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN LINKS

- REFERENCES AND TOOLS
- ARCTIC & WESTERN ALASKA
- ALASKA INLAND
- PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND
- SOUTHEAST ALASKA

## Notice of Public Comment Period for Proposed Revision of the Arctic and Western Alaska Area Contingency Plan

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Coast Guard are seeking public input on the proposed revision of the AWA ACP Version 2018.1. The revised AWA ACP Version 2018.1 represents a coordinated and cooperative effort by government agency planners to provide information applicable to a pollution incident response within the Western Alaska Captain of the Port Zone. The public review period is from August 23 to September 24, 2019.

The plan is available for review on the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's website at:

<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/public-review/>.

You may comment on the draft plan by submitting written comments to: Clara Crosby, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, and by electronic mail at [decsparplanning@alaska.gov](mailto:decsparplanning@alaska.gov). Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by access this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. The comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on September 24, 2019. Written comments received are public record subject to public inspection.

A webinar is scheduled on September 5, 2019 to provide an overview of changes to the ACP. The webinar will be held on 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A one page flyer, with instructions on participating in the webinar will be available at <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/public-review/awa-acp-review/>. Any discussions during the webinar will NOT be considered as public comments for purposes of changes to the AWA ACP.

You may also submit written questions relevant to the proposed AWA ACP revision to DEC by electronic mail at [decsparplanning@alaska.gov](mailto:decsparplanning@alaska.gov) or by sending the questions to Clara Crosby, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. The written questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Environmental Conservation will aggregate its response to similar questions and make the questions and response available at <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/public-review/awa-acp-review/>. The Department of Environmental Conservation may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Theresa Zimmerman at (907) 465-6171 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 prior to September 6, 2019 to ensure that necessary accommodations can be provided.

After the public comment period ends, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Coast Guard will either adopt the proposed changes without further notice, or decide to take no action.

[Leave a Comment](#)



# PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Comment Matrix Instructions	
This form provides stakeholders with a template for commenting on the draft version of the AWA ACP. For comments to be efficiently considered, reviewers are to consolidate their comments into the matrix provided. To ensure your comments are addressed, we ask that you do the following:	
1	Complete the information on the Comments Matrix including Name(s) and Organization. Organizations with multiple commenters may submit forms for each commenter or consolidate one matrix for the organization. If desired, contact information may be submitted in the event that clarification is needed by agencies during the comment resolution phase.
2	Use the Excel form provided in the "Comment Matrix" Tab of this workbook. The use of the form provides multiple agencies the ability to consider and address comments received in an efficient and timely manner.
3	Enter each comment on a separate row providing all of the requested information. Requested information includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Numbered Comment</li> <li>▪ Name</li> <li>▪ Organization</li> <li>▪ Section #</li> <li>▪ Page #</li> <li>▪ Line #</li> <li>▪ Specific Wording Change or Comment</li> <li>▪ Rationale for Recommended Change</li> </ul> If there is a reference or supporting documentation, please cite it.
4	Be specific and clear about what you want to be considered for change in the existing text. Reviewers are encouraged to submit comments and proposed language revisions that begin with an action verb.
5	Provide a rationale for the recommended change; be clear about why it should be changed.
6	Email your completed comment matrix to <a href="mailto:decsparplanning@alaska.gov">decsparplanning@alaska.gov</a>

# PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

No.	Point of Contact	Organization/ Commenter	Section #	Page #	Line #	Specific Wording Change	Rationale for Recommended Change
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PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD DATES:

August 23 to September 24, 2019

AWA AREA COMMITTEE MEETING:

November 19, 2019

Atwood Conference Room

Anchorage, AK