**Arctic and Western Alaska Geographic Response Strategy Subcommittee**

Date – 22 JAN 2025, 0900

Location – 1901 Bragaw St., Rm 290, University of Alaska Anchorage

1. Introductions and sign-ins
2. Subcommittee overview
3. 2024 Accomplishments
   1. 55 GRS Tier 2 validations, 173 PPS Tier 2 validations, Tier 1 validation form competed, Data QC’d and able to support field work, field map ready for phased implementation and release, GRS data viewable in Arctic ERMA
4. 2025 Goals:
   1. GRS training for various audiences
   2. Define schedule/requirements for review of proposals (who/how)
   3. Review GRS updates from Tier 1 and 2
   4. Begin ranking system for GRS sites
   5. Conduct field validations
   6. Input backlog
   7. Print to PDF function
   8. Comment: different regions and Alaska Native groups might have input
      1. A: intent not to be burdensome, but not also not exclusive
5. Planned Tier 2 Validations: Kachemak Bay/Gulf Coast, Unalaska/Akutan, Western Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Point Hope to Point Lay, Adak, Cold Bay
6. GRS (PDFs) to GIS Project
   1. Leads into GRS trainings using Field Maps: 30-31 Jan at UAA; another in April
7. Contact info shared, conclusion
8. Training in April, location TBD, probably UAA
   1. Jan training will be very basic, should April be less basic, focus on Field Maps?
   2. Q: What type of GPS equipment being used?
      1. A: Often just GPS air, precision (by ~1 m) should not be critical
9. Qs/Comments: Tier 1 validation form—how to others plug into that/contribute?
   1. No issues with sharing, might require coding
   2. Is this USCG work, RPI, DEC, AWA Area Committee?
   3. Timeline? Start with current plans, but would be nice to ID high-need areas
   4. Can USCG and DEC coordinate that list? A request could be made to either
   5. Is this publicly available? Can request? (Email Travis)
   6. GIS version is available on DEC site and Arctic ERMA (login only), full data sets
      1. Includes proposed updates
      2. How would a viewer know what’s been updated, etc. (color coding?)
         1. Publicly available info should be current (public won’t see proposed; it needs to be noted or color-coded for those that do)

Attendees:

In-Person:

USCG: CDR JoEllen Arons, LT Josh Gross, LT Travis Dopp; Gina Winters, Shawn Hay

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